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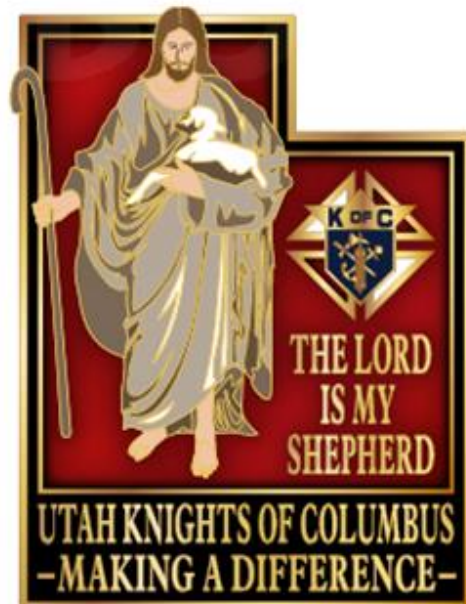


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Official Convention Greetings

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William I. Kelly
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Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Kelly:

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

This fraternal year is the first since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned — a singularly important milestone toward which Knights of Columbus worked tirelessly for fifty years. I am very proud that, in every country, Knights are in the vanguard of the pro-life movement, and our efforts to build a Culture of Life must continue into the future.

In the coming year, the Supreme Council will introduce several new initiatives focused on the spiritual formation of our members. I encourage all councils to participate in these initiatives, including the Cor Meeting — a new opportunity for prayer, formation and fraternity. While our charitable work remains essential to our mission as Knights, our Catholic faith is truly the heart of what makes us Knights of Columbus.

I am deeply grateful to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, council officers, and to each brother Knight who has worked so hard this past year. I am honored to serve alongside you as your Supreme Knight and look forward to working together in the days ahead.

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

Supreme Director John Appelbaum

April 3, 2023

William I. Kelly
State Deputy
Utah State Council
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Kelly:

On behalf of myself and on behalf of the Supreme Officers and Supreme Directors, it is my great honor to extend my warmest greetings to you, and to all of the brother Knights of the Utah State Council, as you gather for your Annual Convention in Ogden, Utah.

This gathering offers your State Council and their families an opportunity to reflect upon all of the good work that Knights throughout Utah have done over the past year, and to recommit themselves to the principles of our Great Order.

The Knights of Columbus continues to meet the needs of those in our communities and offers Catholic men the opportunity to live their Faith. May we continue to do all that we can to offer the great experience we have enjoyed to other Catholic men and their families.

I look forward to a great Convention, and to meeting as many of you as I can.

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May 3, 20223

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings of Christ's peace and love on the occasion of gthe 116th Annual State Convention of the Utah Knights of Columbus. The theme of this year's gathering, "The Lord is my Shepherd," expresses our hope in God as the world currently faces the impact of war, natural calamities, ecological degradation, political, and social and economic inequities. It calls for the renewal of our Catholic faith to find inspiration and strength in the presence of God in the Holy Eucharist.

Pope Francis in a recent message recognizing *the firm commitment of the Knights to contribute to the renewal of the Church's life and mission at this critizal moment in her history*. Our Holy Father added that *one of the urgent tasks facing the church at every level in the immediate future is that of restoring vibrant parish life, rebuilding the works of the apostolate, and reaching out pastorally to those who, for whatever reason, have yet to return to full participation in the Chuch's sacramental life*.

I commend the Knights for fostering devotion to our Lord's real presence in the Holy Eucharist and for encouraging the praiseworthy practice of Eucharistic Adoration. Throughout the country, we are celebrating this gift of the Holy Eucharist with special observances. In our diocese we will hold a Eucharistic Revival on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at the Sady Exposition Center, when Catholics throughtout Utah will witness as one Church family the importance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives.

Thank you for the many good works of the Knights that enriches our diocese. I pray that your fathering helps reinforce yhour faith in God, service to our Church and commitment to the founding values of the Fraternal Order. May God bless you with a grace-filled convention.

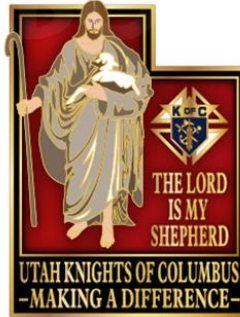
Sincerely in the Lord,

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



Knights of Columbus® Utah State Council

State Deputy William I. Kelly



My Brother Knights, Wives, Family and Friends,

Welcome all to the Utah Knight's 116th Annual State Convention. The State Team's intent for this convention is to streamline our mandatory business activities while providing attendees the opportunity to have fun and a memorable experience.

This purpose of this convention is threefold; assemble and pray as members of the Catholic Faith Community, effectively complete necessary business proceedings and to develop camaraderie with one another. To achieve these three objectives, many of you will note we have changed the sequence of events, venue layout, and added new activities. We made these adjustments based on Supreme Convention lessons learned, inputs from council members and the State Officer team. Of note, are the two social events, Cinco De Mayo Celebration and a Casino Night, to enhance entertainment outside the normal business routine.

I feel very blessed and humbled to be the leader of such a fine group of Catholic men. The Utah Knights have persevered over the last three years despite several challenges. Looking back, we have had a pandemic, earthquake, drought, high inflation, endless winter with many snow storms and we have still answered the call. This year's religious theme, "The Lord is My Shepard" has enabled us to overcome these challenges/obstacles and by following Him we were able to deliver our great works. Our state motto, "Make a Difference", supports this theme for our knights who daily live our Faith in Action and uphold our Catholic values.

Our state is well on track to obtain the Supreme's Circle of Honor Award for second year in a row. This would not be possible without your efforts supporting growth, programs, insurance, and youth safe environment. I am pleased to report that as of April 1st, our jurisdiction has attained 80% of our membership goal and Utah sits at number 34 in the Order. Twelve of our 34 councils are on track for Star Council recognition. This all came from your hard work and dedication, a noteworthy achievement of which every Utah Knight should be proud. Let's finish the last two months strong!

Thank you to all the Utah Knights, their wives and families who dedicated over \$60,000 in charitable contributions and numerous hours to continue providing support to our Church, Clergy, and our Utah Communities. I sincerely hope all who attend this year's convention will develop new friendships, kindle old ones, and enjoy an "Experience of a Life Time". When you have the opportunity this weekend, please thank Paul Tinker and Frank Carmona for their dedication for without their efforts this event would not have been possible.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Kelly

William "Bill" I. Kelly
Utah State Deputy

State Team Reports

William I. Kelly, State Deputy

Reflecting on this past year, I recognize all of the accomplishments that our State has made to continuing the good works of Blessed McGivney. For without the hard work from our Councils, Knights and Families, these achievements would not have been possible. The rubber meets the road at the council level, and the leadership of officers and programs chairs puts our Faith into Action. I am pleased to report that the Utah Knights will meet or exceed established Supreme goals for this Fraternal Year.

Frank Carmona has done a superb job promoting the growth of the knights this past year. His marketing materials have facilitated Knight awareness in our Parishes and have sustained steady growth month by month. The support of over 40% of our Councils and Parish Priests with local membership drives have enabled Utah to be on the verge of the Circle of Honor award for the second year in a row.

In membership, we started the year with 3123 members and as of April we have 3143. Year to date, we have 145 new members who joined us, well on track to attain the Supreme objective of 170 by fraternal year end. Active membership has decreased from 2670 to 2617 attributable to affiliate transfers of 59 members, and merger of Councils 15741 and 16006 into Council 602. In addition, we had 56 members who passed on to their final resting spot. Please pray for these men and their families.

Eight Councils have met growth goals and have qualified for the McGivney award. 13 councils are on pace to attain the same honor. 31 of 34 Councils have recruited a new member thanks to hard work and perseverance at the council/parish level. We currently have 70 members on the state's online roster, please reach out and invite these men to join your councils. Thanks to exemplification efforts of Bob Masse, 4th degree membership has increased by 40 members. The state has 4 active Round Tables located at St Annes (SLC), St Jude Maronite (SLC), St Lawrence (Heber), and St Christophers' (Kanab). We are optimistic that either St. Anns or St. Lawrence will become councils within the next year or two.

In Nov 2022, we welcomed Bill and Susana Mundy as our Benefits Team to provide service to our 34 councils and membership. Since joining our team, Bill has been on the road continuously with a myriad of appointments, servicing death benefits and helping us with Church drives. He has helped augment Supreme's and Nate Raso's benefits seminars to bring our councils to a 55.8% participation rate, qualifying 19 councils for the Founder's award. I strongly encourage Knights, Parish men and their spouses to participate in future seminars. There are 8 online seminars remaining, so please take 45 minutes from the comfort of your home to learn about the products that KofC membership has to offer.

In the area of programs, the state has been very busy in all facets of the Faith in Action programs. Under Bill McCauley's leadership and mentoring our programs are back on track to pre-Covid levels and have not missed a beat. Between Karl and Bill efforts, state calendars are updated at least monthly with a minimum 3-month outlook to facilitate the planning for the numerous activities within our state.

In the Faith sector, Jerry Hanten has been instrumental in overseeing several key state programs. Jerry organized state level devotionals, processions, and rosaries to meet the States Faith Formation goal. Key programs such as St Joseph Icon, Silver Rose, and the Chrism Mass were significantly supported this year. We conducted a statewide procession at the St Catherines of Siena (UofU) and a statewide devotional at St John the Baptist (Draper). We asked Joe Ligori (residing in Texas) to chair and reenergize our RSVP program that now has 16 councils and 2 assemblies supporting our 7 seminarians.

Doug Shane took the lead in Community this year. Our biggest achievement was the State Coats for Kids drive this year. Headed by Bob Masse and the generous contributions of our councils, Utah set a record for over \$55,000 in retail contributions and over 1,500 coats were provided to kids in need. From coffees and donuts, Lenten fish fries and blood drives, the Knights delivered quality service to our Parishes and local communities. Activities such as Knights on Bikes, Lagoon Day, Greek Festival, Special Olympics, Fisher House and veterans support and St Pats Parade provided Knight's visibility in our communities to actually "Make a Difference". For youth programs, Steve Gerichs provided key logistical support to the Soccer Challenge, Essay Contest, Poster contest, and Basketball Free Throw.

Ken Grace joined our team mid-year to support Family efforts. James Harris broke the ice by heading up the Diocesan Science Fair in Feb. Many councils have been involved with breakfasts, steak fries and dinners to foster Parish relationships in conjunction with prayer. This continues with a prime example of Lenten fish fries to attract families to Stations. This year, the State established a Family of the Month award to recognize outstanding contributors. Going forward, please remember that these families need not to be knights but members of the parish who are deeply involved in or contributed to a project.

Pat Schmitt has put forth a yeoman's effort to keep our State aware of the numerous Life/Profile activities that occur month to month. From seminars, prayer services, nocturnal adorations, and marches, Pat carries this torch inside him to promote Life Programs to our brotherhood and our Catholic Communities. A key program was Pat's support to the Supreme's new initiative Aid and Support After Pregnancy program. Here, 9 Utah Councils and 1 Assembly have contributed to a Pregnancy Resource Center that has "made a difference" in the lives of these new mothers. At convention, you will learn about the new Lamb of God Maternity Home in Ogden who will be seeking our support in the future.

For compliance, mandatory form submission sits at 100%. Cleanup is warranted for 7 councils who requires their recent semiannual audits. A recent push for the safe environment by Bill McCauley and our councils has moved our compliance rate to 20 of 34 councils. Yet one more report to submit, the SP7 Columbian Award application. I encourage all councils to turn these in early to obtain credit for all the good work you have done this year. In the future, please consider completing Form 10784 (Fraternal Program Report) after activity completion to make your SP7 form submission process easier. Thanks to Karl VanMaren for reminding us on all deliverables and administrative requirements.

The summer is gearing up to be very busy as we look forward to continuing our momentum into next year. Convocation (Jun 5), Corpus Christi Processionals (Jun 8), 4th Deg Exp (Jun 24), Ordination (Jun 30) Eucharistic revival (Jul 7), Golf Tournaments (Jul 29, Sep 14), Lagoon Day (Jul 30) and Carmelite Fair (Sep) are already on the docket. Mt Calvary Masses on Memorial, Independence and Labor Days combined with Icon and Pilgrim rotation support will keep our Faith Formation support goals on track,

In closing, I want to thank my State Team, Frank, Bill Mac, Stephen, Nick, Greg, Karl and Bob for your dedication and untiring support you provided this past year. Without your efforts the State would have not met Supreme objectives. Thanks to my 13 District Deputies who provided sound counsel and mentorship to council leaders. Your leadership and participation in council events motivated councils to towards successes and you made my job as State Deputy a lot easier. Lastly, thank you to my lovely wife Natalie who has stood by my side with me to make this year a great success for all Utah Knights.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly

SK William I. Kelly

Utah State Deputy

Father Erik Richtsteig, State Chaplain

No report available by the publication deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

Father Erik Richtsteig

SK Father Erik Richtsteig

Utah State Chaplain

Ryan Graveley, State Secretary

As the Utah State Secretary, I deposited checks as I got them and created receipts for them. I created warrants as the State Deputy requested them. Tasks also included ensuring that receipts were distributed to the check creators. I also generated donation reports for the program chairmen upon request.

I had the opportunity to attend CUF's at the Cathedral and Council 5502. The Coats for Kids program required time with the financial aspect of it, but I was also able to assist with many of the distributions.

I made materials for mileage reimbursement at our state meetings, and processed the donations vs. mileage requests. PSD Jerald Hanten assisted me with the State Directory by bringing back his editing program. Then Brother Tim Peczuh donated all the printing done by his company.

My final duty worth mentioning is very special and sad at the same time. I updated the Utah State Perpetual Memorial book as Councils honored their deceased Brothers. A \$20 donation towards the Scholarship Program would be given in the name of a deceased Brother. That Brother's name would be entered into the Perpetual Memorial book. I updated the book as well as took it to as many State meetings as possible.

Thank you for having me as your 2022-2033 State Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Graveley

SK Ryan Graveley

Utah State Secretary

Frank Carmona, State Treasurer

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Worthy Brother Knights, this has been a busy year for me as State Treasurer and even busier as your Membership Director. As Utah State Treasurer, I have had the honor to get your books in order and make the financials transparent. We closed the account at Wells Fargo and Transferred \$67, 069.59 to our new Bank Account at Mountain America Credit Union. This change was because Well Fargo is a large bank institution and would not allow us to have savings accounts for all the charities we deal with. Mountain America Credit Union will enable us to open individual savings accounts for all our charities at no cost. We have "been cutting the fat" and saving the State Council money where we can save money

and now collect interest on our money. We have also opened Saving CDs to earn as much as 5.25 APY on our money.

Besides saving the state money and rearranging the bank account to be transparent, I have also been busy posting receipts and warrants on Quick Books and sending you checks as needed. Once I received that warrant request, I got the checks out within a two (2) hour window. I have visited 88% of all our councils' promoting programs and membership, showing you the account numbers and promoting my run for State Secretary in 2023-2024. I apologize for those councils I did not get a chance to visit. I have also participated in many of your programs and even helped you in the kitchen at council events. I have lent out my music system for events like Marti Gras, fried fish and French fries, cooked spaghetti, bartended, grilled chicken, and many more memorial moments.

I have also been busy helping our State Deputy with State Secretary duties per his request. I have been chasing down form 1728s, Per-Capita payments, requesting Delegate credentials, learning programs like Cognito, the Delegate checklist on Google Drives, the affiliate program, and fixing the State Secretary ledger as needed. I have also built a strong bond/relationship with Bishop Solis. I have also been asked to take charge of the entertainment for the State Convention, Cinco de Mayo Friday Night, and Casino Nights on Saturday Evening. We created a State Council VENMO account for those who do not want to write a check and waste a stamp, welcoming the Utah State Council into the 21st Century.

As your Membership Director, I have been busting my behind with State Deputy "Wild Bill" Kelly to make The State of Utah one of the top districts in the order. When you read this message, we should be at 100% membership and relaxing, but it has not been easy. Many priests have requested new life in the existing councils, and some have asked for NEW councils at their parish. I am proud to say that Saint Ann's in SLC will have a new council by the end of this year. We have conducted many church drives and CUF Degrees across the State to help grow our order and MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our State. Organizing and executing church drives is not easy, but very satisfying.

We have taken some of the per-capita council's pay and bought you membership materials, which we have personally distributed to all councils in person, by mail, or at our state meetings. We have distributed 15,000 "Why become a Knight" pamphlets in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. My daughter and I spent hours putting QR Codes on these pamphlets for all of you, one at a time. We have also passed out over 5000 QR Code membership cards. We also bought placemats for your dinner events and fish fries. The best part about those placemats is that they come with a Ray Lopez picture. We have asked Financial Secretaries to join us in the 21st Century, stop using form 100s and stick to the QR Code cards we have distributed.

WFVSM Chuck Dover Jr. challenged me to promote the McGivney Guild as we encourage membership, and I am proud to say I helped him create a QR Code that takes you to the website. We have distributed over 500 McGivney cards at council meetings and functions. We have made Utah the top District in the McGivney Guild, the national average is 18%, and we are over 50% leading our order. Thank you.

Brothers, I can go on and on talking about my ventures as Utah State Treasurer, but who has the time? With the support and blessing of our State Deputy, I am ready to move up to State Secretary, and I ask you for your support. Just as I left the District Master's position I am now prepared to leave the State Treasurer's position just a bit better than I found them, I am ready to tackle the State Secretary position and make the necessary corrections. I thank you for your time, patients, and support. May God Bless you and your families, and May God Bless America.

Our State is young and still growing; please help it grow and advance in the upcoming years.

A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH DAY ADDS UP TO BIG RESULTS.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Respectfully submitted,



SK Frank Carmona, FMFD
Utah State Treasurer
State Membership Director

William T. McCauley, State Advocate

Brother Knights All,

This year continued to be challenging for many of us, but we stood together as Catholic men, accomplished what Blessed Father McGivney set forth for us and “made a difference”. I am honored to serve by your side.

Thankfully, as in the past, the duties of State Advocate are limited due to the Knights of the State of Utah doing what they should be doing. When requested, I arranged for Councils to receive proof of insurance for events and interpretations of by-laws. I was also able to suggest resolutions to update our by-laws. served as advisor for the State Officers on matters that were referred to me, conducted investigations, held discussions with Supreme Advocate and sent my findings to the State Deputy.

The State By-Laws were last changed in 2019. In February, I sent proposed changes to the Grand Knights and others for suggestions and analysis. Based on their response, sixty days before the State Convention, I sent out another letter with all the proposed resolutions that I will present at the State Convention and asked the Councils for their resolutions to be submitted by March 31, as well as final critique of the proposed resolutions. The Resolution Committee met in April and will make their recommendation at the Convention. Every Delegate should have a copy of the Resolutions.

I worked with the Supreme Advocate Office for information on EINs for Councils and Assemblies. Every Council and Assembly in Utah has an EIN. The Supreme Office has the list of EINs and all but one Council and Assembly is covered under the tax-exempt umbrella for the Knights of Columbus (that Council will be covered next year). Every Council and Assembly needs to file each year with the IRS.

Additional duties assigned to me were State Program Director, Safe Environment Compliance Officer, Affiliate/Retention Chairman, and Catholic Citizenship Essay Chairman. All these reports are found elsewhere in this book.

In addition to the formal duties of the office, I have attended Church Drives in American Fork and Salt Lake City, Knighthood and Patriotic Degree Exemplifications around the State, as well as many Council events and meetings. At every turn, I have observed Knights fulfilling the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney that with an Order based on charity, unity and fraternity, ordinary men working together can perform extraordinary deeds of good works for church and community. I am proud to be one of you and honored to serve as your State Advocate.

Vivat Jesu, God Bless You, and God Bless America!

Respectfully submitted,

William T. McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, FMFD

Utah State Advocate

Stephen Gerichs, State Warden

It has been my pleasure to serve as your State Warden this past year. As State Warden, it is my job to store and manage the State Councils property. I use a storage unit near my house with good access. I arranged to have the needed equipment ready for any function. I pick up the supplies from storage then deliver them to the people or places where they are needed. I set it up, participate in the event, take down the equipment, then transport it back safely to storage. Keeping good track of the equipment makes it available when needed and saves us money by not having to repurchase lost items. I have not had to purchase much in the way of new supplies. I am looking ahead to items we might need to acquire in the future, making sure to research the best solutions to make wise use of our limited funds.

The major events for me are the State Convention, Kick off Meeting, and Midyear Meeting. These require large amounts of equipment to be transported and set up. There are also smaller events that require equipment such as: 4th Degree exemplifications, CUF Degrees that need A/V equipment, Free Throw Championship, Soccer Challenge, and the Science Fair.

I have enjoyed being a part of so many Knights events around the state. Meeting Brothers at these functions gives me great confidence in the strength and future of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerichs

SK Stephen Gerichs

Utah State Advocate

Nick Nielson, Immediate Past State Deputy

As the Immediate Past State Deputy my Knights of Columbus workload has greatly reduced, as you can imagine and which I am thankful for. With that being said, I continue to support the state and all that we do. During my time as a state officer working up the chairs for the last 7 years several changes occurred. We listened to our membership, made improvements, and still held true to our history and built upon what our brothers had done before us. One of the biggest lessons I relearned during my time as a state officer is the only constant in life is change. But we didn't make changes just for change sake, we changed where it was needed and to adapt to the current needs of our times. We did that by learning how and why we did things and at that point decided as a team if changes were needed for the betterment of the state. I challenge us all to continue to learn more about the Knights, why we do things in our different roles whether that be at a council, assembly, or state level, and at that point after we have learned where we came from decide if change is needed and how it can best be implemented if needed. Some of the most important things I personally strived for was to grow our order in

membership, charity (both monetarily and by volunteering), and fraternity. I believe we accomplished many of those things if not all. I personally wanted to leave the state council better than it was before me, which was a challenge because we stand on the shoulders of giants and everything the Utah State Knights of Columbus have become. I hope we continue to adapt, change where needed, and improve as we move forward.

I am happy to see the state is on track to achieve our membership growth goal along with seeing all the activity and programs going on throughout the state. We had several years without achieving the Circle of Honor before last year, let us not let that slip away and continue to achieve that status as being one of the top jurisdictions in our order. Again, thank you to everyone that supported me and the state in the past, I hope to continue to have your support and I am excited for our future together.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Nielson

SK J. Nick Nielson, PSD

Immediate Past State Deputy

Robert Masse Jr., PSD, District Master

John H. Reddin Province – Utah District

The health of the Patriotic Degree in this District is good. For the Fraternal year 2022-2023, we held three (3) regular Exemplifications that resulted in 40 new members into the Fourth Degree and two (2) special Clergy Exemplifications that resulted in 3 priests and 1 deacon joining the Fourth Degree. In the fraternal year 2022, two (2) exemplifications were held. One in August, hosted by Assembly # 2577 and one in October, hosted by Assembly # 2636. In this year of 2023, an exemplification was held in February, hosted by Assembly # 1144. We have two more exemplifications scheduled for this Fraternal year. One on April 22nd in St George Utah, and one on June 24th in Magna. At the exemplification, we've had a strong attendance of knights in uniform and as witnesses. Knights' appreciation and memorials for recently deceased sir knights and deceased family members, also a flag presentation given to the class honoree.

Honor Guard and Color Corps Activities:

Training Program – Honor Guard and Color Corps requests continued to increase throughout the state. We now have a District "Warden" Marshal to help the Master with training, to include the new manual of the sword with all sir knights in uniform.

The Patriotic Degree is involved in many projects. Our commitment to the Special Olympics continues. We have a large number of participants in uniform at opening flag ceremonies, several more knights in K of C attire are there to take part in a "high five" upon the entrance of the athletes, and most councils and assemblies offer financial support to the athletes.

We continue to support the Fisher House at the George Whalen VA Hospital and Campus.

Assemblies are involved in parades, memorial presentations, VAVS, and sponsor banquets for Priest Appreciation evening and other events for our Veterans.

Requests for Honor Guard for First Communions are covered to the best of our ability. Confirmations held throughout the Diocese by the Bishop was attended by an Honor Guard. The Honor Guard participated in Masses of the Unborn, Chrism Mass, Pro-Life Masses, 9-11 Day of Remembrance, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Blue Masses, Deacon Ordination, Scouting Religions Award Ceremonies, Mass for the Disabled, Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery, and other events throughout the state.



The Patriotic Degree members continue to support their Sir Knights at funeral masses and vigils for our members and their immediate family members. We continue to offer a Resolution of Condolence to the family of our fallen Sir Knights: we have also participated with the US Military in celebrating a fallen knight and current service members. Three Clergy funeral vigil and masses, state meetings including the organization, mid-year and convention masses, Pro-life marches, rosaries and masses, flag day ceremonies throughout the state, parades/festivals (Veterans Day, Draper Days, Taylorsville,

St Patrick's Day and others). The Utah District continues to grow and be involved in many of the patriotic events and parish activities in the state.

Prior to every church event that takes place, the area marshal or I greet the pastor and talk. When the Bishop is the celebrant, we let him know we are here to serve, we are his shining knights.

Bishop Solis is a big supporter of the Knights. He encourages men to become members of the Order and his priests to become Fourth Degree members.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

With Supreme's guidance, we've been able to do smaller exemplifications without a banquet. By doing so, we have been able to bring in our numbers needed. Change to exemplification with 20 or less Fourth Degree candidates – there is no banquet, we hold a light reception afterwards. Instead of a \$75 fee, the price is \$50. The Fourth Degree Sir Knight still receives everything else (flag, certificate, lapel pin and social baldric). Candidates are asked to arrive dressed in a dark suit or sports coat, white or light color shirt and a tie. Sir Knights need to be in uniform or dressed like the candidates.

Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus

ARTICLE XII COLOR CORPS Section 41:

The Establishment of (a) Assembly may henceforth establish a uniform drill corps with the approval of the Master of the District and such unit shall be known as “Fourth Degree Color Corps of _____ Assembly”. (b) A Color Corps may participate in exemplifications, religious and public functions only with the consent of the Master. The Master shall have full control of the Color Corps in his district, except as hereinafter provided and shall be held strictly accountable for such unit. (c) The Faithful Navigator shall appoint a Commander of the Color Corps for the Assembly. One and only one Commander shall be appointed.

- The District Marshal is a representative of the District Master, and since the District Master shall have full control of the Color Corps in his district so shall the District Marshals.
- Stacey A. Yeager is the District Warden Marshal of the Utah District – assist District Master whenever possible – district training; all color corps training is to be coordinated through him.
- District Marshals will be in command of all assembly or District Color Corps when they are in attendance in or out of their areas whether the District Master is there or not.
- Color Corp Commanders will take control of the Color Corps when there is NO District Marshal in attendance whether the District Master is in attendance or not.

Changes, Challenges, Accomplishments and Highlights

Changes

1. Reappointed Five District Marshals
 - a. District Warden Marshal Stacey Yeager
Note: Assist District Master & Color Corps Trainings
 - b. Chief District Marshal Todd Holzhauser (SL-E)
 - c. District Marshal Dan Castelli (North)
 - d. District Marshal Ed Ortega (Central)
 - e. District Marshal Walter Stoklosa (South)
2. Appointed one new District Marshal
 - a. District Marshal Tom Odle (SL-West)



Challenges

- Grow the Fourth Degree and create a new Assembly
- Promote to get more Sir Knights in the uniform
- Honor Guards for 7 (5 – Sir Knights; 1- spouse; 1-parent; 3- priests)

Accomplishments and Highlights

- Held three (3) Fourth Degree Exemplifications thus far with two planned for the remainder of this fraternal year.
 1. August 27 at Saint Thomas More (22), Assembly 2577
 2. October 27 at Saint Ambrose (11, with 2 priests), Assembly 2636
 3. February 18 at Saint Martin de Porres (7, with 1 priest, 1 deacon), Assembly 1144
 4. April 22 at Saint George, Assembly 2393
 5. One to be held June 22 at Our Lady of Lourdes (Magna), Assembly 3758
- Attended the Provincial meeting in Denver, Colorado in Sept. 2022
- Attended Diocesan Masses

1. Mass for the Unborn & Service of Light
 2. Memorial Day Mass at Mount Calvary Cemetery
 3. Marion Celebration at St Ann's Catholic Church
 4. Chrism Mass at Cathedral of The Madeleine
- Donating pairs of socks to Veterans at the VA hospital
 - Lead with Colors with Color Corps in St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - Cooperation with the State Deputy and his officers
 1. With billing
 2. Attending the Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to encourage new Knights to join the Fourth Degree.
 3. Attended monthly state officer meetings.
 - Created a team Captain for Exemplifications
 - Participated in Night to Shine at Flourishing Grace Church.
<https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine>
 - Visiting 8 of the 10 assemblies and their members
 - Chuck Dover and I established the framework of starting a Fourth Degree scholarship for the Utah District. Applications can be found on the Utahknights.org website under fourth degree. Those eligible for this annual scholarship are in their second year or longer of a degree or certification program and are for Sir Knights spouses and dependents of a Utah Sir Knight in good standing. Applicant can apply for multiple years and dependents up to the age of 26.



On a personal note, it is my honor and privilege to have been appointed Utah District Master for year 2022-2024. In that time, I have attended man Assembly meetings and councils, Charity; Unity; and Fraternity Degree promoting the Patriotic Degree. Encouraging more Sir Knights n obtaining the uniform. I want to thank the State council for including the District Master in the State Officers meetings. I'm hoping that Supreme in the future will rewrite the Exemplification and open it to all family members and change the wording.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Masse Jr., PSD

SK Robert Masse Jr., PSD

Utah District Master

Karl A. VanMaren, State Executive Secretary

Worthy Sirs,

First, an apology. The minutes from the 2022 State Convention were delayed because I didn't get them done in a timely fashion. There isn't anyone else to blame for this. My intention was to have them finished much earlier. I gave myself deadlines and somehow other tasks would interfere. For 2023, my plan is to have them by the Organizational Meeting in July.

Second, THANK YOU. Thank you for selecting me as Utah's Associate Delegate to the 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville last August. It was an amazing experience. The first Knight I should thank is Chuck Dover Jr. PSD, since he was the one who suggested to John Wainscott FSD, PSD to nominate me at the convention. He also was an excellent chauffer in Nashville, and made sure we saw the sights and

didn't just "hang around our rooms." We found some interesting places to eat, and some cultural sites to visit (downtown Broadway with the bars, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, Johnny Cash Museum, and The Parthenon stand out). Andy Airriess was also there, and you'll see many photos during the slideshow at the Banquet Dinner, to view them again, visit www.flickr.com/photos/andyairriess/albums

It was another busy year. As usual, my goal was to be helpful to all my brother Knights. Providing the calendar page to the State Update Newsletter seemed like a simple way to give an overview of the current and upcoming months to help the leaders focus on the current activities and plan for the future.

Speaking of calendars, it was from a conversation at the Organizational Meeting in July that a new submission form was created so councils (and assemblies, or even districts) could share their program/event plans and get them onto the state calendar (and often the state website homepage). I definitely need to thank IPSD Nick Nielson for doing the work of creating the form, and adding the "submit your event" box underneath the sidebar calendar on the state website.

There isn't anything magical about the form at www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm -- the main advantage of using it? It has all the questions so important and relevant details aren't overlooked. My least favorite time to hear about for an activity? "After Mass" -- not that having plans after Mass is bad, it's just that I don't know when the Mass at your parish is, or how long it takes. The one thing the form does have automated? Sending the information directly to the State Deputy, myself, and the State Public Relations Chair (temporarily PSD Andy Airriess).

As I mentioned at the Midyear Meeting in January, I do play favorites on what I post! Luckily, it's easy to be a favorite! Send me the information! That's really all it takes! I want to share accurate information, so I'm not going to be making things up. Any Knight (or person) can submit the form, just let whomever has all the details do it, no matter if it's the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Program Director, Event Chairman, Trustee, Brother Knight, or a relative or friend of one of the above!

The Lenten Dinners this year were challenging to post on the state website, as most of the time it seemed Knights only knew the dates of their Fish Frys, not the serving times, cost, schedule for Mass and/or Stations of the Cross, or even the menu. I listed what I knew, and provided links to the details when they were available. I did get a chuckle out of an Activity Form submission by a brother Knight when he put in his own name as the name of the event. I think that's the first time I've heard of a Fish Fry being named after a living Knight! Yes, it was a simple mistake, and a quick phone call cleared it right up. The same Knight had put in his council's previous Fish Fry correctly, so I thought it best to ask. In the end, there were 20 revisions of the schedule, the final version ("T") was published on March 18th.

Another challenge connected to the Fish Frys was ordering recruiting supplies. I personally ordered 11,500 placemats (in 15 separate orders), most of which were the English 1915E, with 1000 in Spanish (1915S). State Deputy Bill Kelly liked having these available to bring to the various dinners he attended. This item did have some interesting pricing and ordering challenges through the weeks. In January, 500 of the English placemats cost \$39.46 (plus \$1.91 tax), and then a price correction was made to make them free. The Spanish stayed at \$25.00 per 500 with \$1.21 tax. After a system update, the Spanish became impossible to order (selecting a single package of 500 results in the message "You have attempted to order 500. The maximum quantity you may order of this item is 2."), and the English ones went out of stock. Apparently having items available for free (with no charge for shipping) increases the popularity, and stock levels were impacted. I've been told the system will be updated to correct the "free" cost on the English ones, and make the Spanish ones available again. Don't worry, assuming the backordered English placemats ship, the State Warden should have a good supply for next year's Fish Frys (and any other activities). Getting 11,500 placemats for a total cost of \$93.79 seems good to me!

This fraternal year I've also ordered 16 church drive kits (English & Spanish), which were on back order most of the time. They eventually did arrive, and the prayer cards were used at church drives all over the state. The lesson from those was twofold: first, pay attention when it says an item is on backorder, and secondly when supplies are on backorder, be prepared to wait for them (sometimes the delay was over a month). When ordering supplies, it's definitely a good idea to plan ahead – and not just the week that ground shipping takes.

The virtual State Officer meetings held each month with the District Deputies, and Program Directors were a great source of information and accomplishments. Hopefully their written reports show the same level of excitement and enthusiasm that was evident at the meetings. Every month we heard from Program Directors and District Deputies that were proud of what was happening in their area.

The suggestion was made to District Master Bob Masse Jr. PSD that perhaps SignUpGenius would be a useful way to collect RSVPs for the various Honor Guards. It actually has been very helpful as anyone (with the particular link) can see who has RSVP'd, and if they're coming (yes, no, or maybe). Visit www.TinyURL.com/UT4th to see the list of upcoming honor guards. Click the title to see the details, and the SignUpGenius.com link should be the first item. The main issue we've had is Knights are hesitant to actually RSVP. It's a simple thing really, it only needs four pieces of information, first name, last name, email address, and the response (yes, no, maybe); the comment is optional (but is useful for Color Corps Commanders or District Marshals to note their position). Hopefully this will be getting more use in the future. George Ortega's funeral on 12/29 was the first one, and since another 33 have been created for various events (vigils and funerals, Diocesan Masses, Confirmations, First Holy Communions, Ordinations, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Holy Hours, State Convention, etc.).

Another area that needed more attention this year was the training webinars offered by Ken White, a Fraternal Trainer at supreme who started the fraternal year as our "Associate Regional Growth & Training Director, Western Territory" and who provided several virtual training opportunities each month – in addition to offering to travel to us in Utah. I say this needed more attention, not because Ken's offerings were lacking or needed improvement, but because so very few Knights from Utah attended them. To keep them current, they're not recorded. They're presented live each time, and for a while that was twice a night because of the multiple time zones Ken serves. I think I've attended all of the different webinars he has offered, so I can confidently say there is useful information in each one! To view his current schedule on the Supreme Council website, visit www.TinyURL.com/ARGTDKen. The other Fraternal Trainer for the US is Jon Olson, and his schedule is also posted. I've attended one of his webinars, and while it was a topic I heard from Ken White before, he did have a different approach that some might prefer. Jon was the presenter for the March 9, 2023 supreme webinar "Getting Online Joins Into Your Council" and that one was recorded and is available on demand at www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/030923.html

There certainly were some low points this year. Some of them seemed like they were a long time ago, but when I saw this year's necrology list, I was reminded that the pain was more recent. I miss four Knights in particular from the list. Former State Chaplain Father Blaine was an amazing supporter of the Knights in Utah, and even as his health decreased, he didn't waiver. We just kept praying for his heart and health. Past State Deputy Rholand Lange was one of a kind. I really thought we'd see him at this year's convention after he skipped the one in 2022. His "back in my day" stories defiantly had a different perspective! When the State Council was smaller with fewer districts and councils in Utah, there definitely was a different way of doing things. Sir Knight Ray Bachiller, was another stubborn Knight whose ailing health wasn't widely known. In retrospect, he was in and out of the hospital fairly often, but that's the thing, he would be out and back to work quickly; the short hospital stays never

seemed to cause alarm. Ray had an amazing balance of working behind the scenes most of the time, while also being comfortable in front of a crowd asking for support for two veterans' charities that were dear to him (the SLC Fisher House and APSC). My council lost only a single member to death this year, but I also greatly miss him. Of course, being ABC4's senior crime reporter definitely helped Marcos Ortiz to be known across the state. His death from a sudden heart attack reminds us of our order's perpetual watchword of "Tempus Fugit. Memento Mori." which means "Time flies. Remember death." When you can, please say some prayers for all those on the necrology list; it's the last page of this report compilation.

Hopefully another brother Knight from my council is well on his way to being one of the most well-known Knights in the state. William Mundy is the KofC Field Agent covering the whole state of Utah, so if you haven't met him yet, I'm sure you will soon. He might even invite you to join the Knights of Columbus Assembly 2577 golf tournament coming up on July 29th to support the SLC Fisher House and APSC charities. www.UtahKofCgolf.org

Thanks for reading! There are hundreds of little things done in this role, the above was just a sample. I know, you're probably thinking this was a long report. That's because it was. I certainly can't take the blame for all the long reports you'll find on these pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl VanMaren

SK Karl A. VanMaren, FDD

State Executive Secretary

Nate Raso, General Agent

Brothers, thanks so much for allowing me and my team to serve you again for another great fraternal year. This year we gained a great asset in William Mundy. He is eager to help and his commitment to the Order ranges from establishment of the Fisher House Golf Tournament to spearheading many events at his home parish of St John the Baptist council 12181. We again took the lead on the Fraternal Benefit Events and had many completed for your benefit – we hope and pray that you learned something substantial and possibly life changing during those events. We look forward to a repeat of those events – take advantage of them – they are a value-added component of membership and are FREE to join.

Again, I will make my plea for more agents. I ask that if you know a man that is steeped in his Catholic faith to seek us out. 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 that eternal reward to which we will all pass. None of this can exist without our work in the field. 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.

When you think of the Knights of Columbus, think of protection, think Catholic, think investments, think good work done in the community – but most importantly, think about Christ our Savior and His impact on our world and what good we can all do, if we bind together in cause. Remember Fr McGivney and his mission and seek to be a light, like he was in 1882. Our mission is just starting and I am honored to be on that mission with you, the great men and women of the Catholic Church of Utah.

With much love and admiration for my brother Knights and their families!

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Raso

SK Nate Raso

General Agent, Arizona & Utah

William Mundy, Field Agent

I'm not one for long monologues about myself, but I do think it's fair for those of you who don't know me - to know who is responsible for your family's income protection and wealth accumulation.

Philadelphia native who moved to Utah in 2001.

Became a Knight in 2009, thanks to Bill Kelly's "direction", in Council #12181.

Served as DGK and Assembly 2577's CCC, for years.

Nate asked me to join his team as Utah's one & only Benefit Advisor in November last year and I have been running ever since! (snow storms notwithstanding)

My goal is to meet with every single Assembly, every single Council and every single Knight, ASAP.

I'm happy to have joined an organization that still adheres to the values which built our faith and country.

Looking forward to meeting you all sometime soon.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mundy

SK William A. Mundy

Field Agent, Utah

Chuck Davlin, Regional Growth Director

Mr. Bill Kelly

Utah State Deputy

Knights of Columbus

April 2, 2023

Worthy State Deputy and my Brother Bill,

It is both an honor and a pleasure for me to address the 116th Annual Meeting of the Utah State Council and I send my sincerest regrets for not being able to attend in person. It has been exciting learning about the excellent programs and watching the faith and dedication of the State Officers, District Deputies and members of Utah being put into action in your Parishes and Communities. I am looking forward to both finishing this Fraternal Year strong and starting off next year in a flourish of activity and growth.

State Conventions are a chance to renew friendships and to develop new fraternal bonds with Brothers from around the State as we join forces to recognize the outstanding programs of the Councils and, through these programs, to cultivate and promote the Knights of Columbus in our Communities, Parishes and Families. These annual meetings allow the State Team and members of the State Council to review the growth and celebrate the successes of the Councils and Districts. Yet even as we celebrate those successes, we must also realize that our year is not over and our work is not done for the year.

As we complete our 140th year of service in our Communities and Parishes, we recognize how far we have come since our founding in 1882 while at the same time realizing how little things have changed. When we look around us, in many ways, we see the same challenges and opportunities that Blessed Michael McGivney saw and felt in late 19th century New Haven. We find ourselves in a secular society that is, at best, wary of people of faith in general and is at worst, particularly anti-Catholic. We are coming out of a pandemic such as Blessed McGivney ministered through, and eventually succumbed to, that has challenged and changed many norms in our everyday life. We find ourselves living in an apostolic age where one can be cancelled for a particular position or statement and where men and their families are being tempted from all sides to turn from their faith. At the same time, especially among young men and their families, there is an undeniable hunger for the truths of the Catholic Church and where so many are looking for the ways to put their Faith into Action that our many programs offer.

As we meet in Convention to celebrate the activities of the year, conduct the necessary business and to plan for an ever-brighter future of Columbianism in Utah, let us also keep foremost in our minds our ultimate goal: that every delegate will return home with renewed enthusiasm and dedicated to offering the ideals, programs and fraternal benefits of our Order to every eligible Catholic man and his family.

I extend to all my Brother Knights my best wishes for a successful convention and my sincerest gratitude in being able to share it with you even in only this small way.

Fraternally,

Chuck Davlin

SK Charles M. Davlin, PSD (Idaho), FVSM

Assistant Regional Growth Director – West



District Reports (01-13)

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

St. Joseph - Council 777, Ogden

Council 777 have remained active in helping the church with ushering, lecturing and maintenance activities. They participated in the Coats for Kids campaign and had a great showing from children at the annual District and State Free throw competitions as well as provide for the good of the community through charitable donations. The Council also conducted a last-minute request for a Fat Tuesday meal and Bingo with proceeds going to the parish.

The Grand Knight conducts regular business meetings where they provide status of events and plan for upcoming events and requests for help needed by the parish priests.

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

Saint Henry - Council 5347, Brigham City

Council 5347 has remained active throughout the 2022-23 fraternal year. They have conducted regular in person council meetings. Membership has been mostly via online and from the Spanish speaking community at Tremonton's Santa Ana Mission. The sanctity of life prayer service and rosary 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). The Council mourns the loss of PSD Rholand Lange in Aug 2023. Council 5347 is in good standing, however are struggling with Knights assuming leadership positions in order to keep the Council as active as in the past.

St. James the Just - Council 9849, Ogden

Council 9849 is a well-established, active, and growing council, with members taking on many assignments. Programs continue to drive the council. Council 9849 is on track to achieving their quota and are poised at surpassing as new online Knights are transferred into the Council and RCIA candidates apply online. This year the Council gained a new member and is the oldest Knight in the State at 97 years old.

The council continues to receive support from parishioners. The parishioners have contributed greatly to the annual Christmas greenery sale (this year with participation from each parish of the Deanery), Super bowl Pizza sales for Lamb of God Maternity Home and the Brigham City Pregnancy Resource Center (both ASAP recipients), and monthly breakfast burrito sales. The Council has also added to their programs by staffing a food booth at the Ogden Rodeo in July.

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

Council 9849 members have also been incredibly active in their Parish. The Knights of Council 9849 lead the way as cleaning crew, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, and teachers for this year's RCIA program. They anticipate a few new Knights from the RCIA program because of our demonstrated Faith in Action. The Knights are very active in visiting the homebound and veterans with Holy Eucharist.

Council 9849 is in good standing with Supreme and prepared and submitted all required reports and well on their way to Star Council.

St. Thomas Aquinas - Council 12959, Hyde Park

Council 12959 continues to thrive under the leadership of their GK Nathan Morley. Through his leadership the council has surpassed their membership quota a second year in a row through online membership focusing on the Utah State University and younger parishioners. They have supported the parish through ushering, lecturing and Eucharistic ministers and snow removal. 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 were the first in the State to submit their SP-7 Council 12959 is well poised to be Star Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Beck

SK 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 Giancarlo Gazani, Deputy Grand Knight Gabe Uliberri, Financial Secretary Dan Tracy. Council membership: 165; membership gain: quota 5, actual 11; -1 Insurance; compliant with Safe Environment. Star Council status: not compliant to Founders or submitted SP7 as of 31Mar2023. Semi-annual audits are complete per schedule.

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. The Knights support many activities supporting the congregation at the Cathedral as well as the general community. The Knights have many effective fundraisers (breakfasts and raffles) and the Council is focusing on upcoming events this calendar year. Catholic Day 2022 at Lagoon was a success. Many people participated and Mass was attended by a large crowd. In the past Fraternal Year, the council has supported the RSVP and the ASAP programs and completed a painting project in Scanlan Hall. (Here is a shout out to James Figuracion!) The council bought and distributed many coats through the Coats for Kids program. Council 602 provided monetary support for the Special Olympics, the Diocesan Science Fair with a cash donation and judges, and the Knights of Columbus Scholarships. 602 has 11 new members as of Mar. 31, 2023. As the council that supports the Cathedral, 602 is quite busy. They support many parish activities and are active in the 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 supplies charity to the community. The Catholic Community is well supported by the leadership of the Officers and Grand Knight Giancarlo Gazani.

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

Grand Knight Joe Nesi, Deputy Grand Knight Ray Salazar, Financial Secretary Jeff Morris. Council membership 85. Membership gain: quota 5, net +2. Insurance: 1 of 2 FBN's completed. Compliant with Safe Environment. Council has not yet satisfied the McGivney, Founders, and Columbian award as of Mar. 31, 2023.

Council 5502: A well-run organization who supports the parish priest. 5502 is a strong active council with experienced officers and many active Knights supporting Council activities. The programs and activities are well supported by 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, supporting our St Olaf Catholic School, Lectors, Music

Ministry, or simply participants in community activities, you will see the Knights well represented. 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 parish activity. The Grand Knight meets with the parish 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 most rewarding to see Knights of Columbus in virtually every facet of parish life. It makes me proud to be a Knight when I see Brother Knights supporting the parish with their time, treasure, and talent. Come to Mass, BINGO, Stations of the Cross, or any St Olaf Parish activity, and you will see your brother Knights exercising their faith.

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

Grand Knight Larry Martinez, Deputy Grand Knight John Carlson, Financial Secretary Benney Herrera. Council membership 37 Membership gain: quota 5, net gain 0. Star Council status: not compliant with Safe Environment, have not satisfied requirements for McGivney, Founders, or Columbian awards. The council has not submitted an SP-7 application. The council has not submitted the last two semi-annual audits as of Mar. 31, 2023.

12264: The pandemic has hit this community hard and is still casting a long shadow over the in-person social activities of the parish. Activities have returned to St Pat's, but the parish is still struggling to regain the sense of community lost to an earthquake and a global pandemic.

Council 12264 is a small but dedicated group of men doing their best to support their parish and community. The council supports their priest, Deacon, parishioners, and families. Council meetings always begin with a rosary. The prayers are dedicated to a specific need. At each decade, an additional focus for the prayers is often added. The rosary is said in English and sometimes in 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 at the meeting will do the business of the council: donating money to help a parishioner, develop and execute a raffle to raise money for the church, support weekly Bingo, and provide the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry. This is all to provide the Parish Pastor the support he needs. It is common to schedule a service activity while holding the monthly Council meeting; cleaning the parking lot, cleaning church windows, assembling awnings for an upcoming Parish activity, or any one of several necessary though not very glamorous activities.

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 where their ad includes a request for financial support to reconstruct the parish building destroyed by the earthquake. 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.

While I am a member of Council 5502 in Bountiful, I would be happy to be a member of any of the 3 Councils in District 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Tinker
SK Paul A. Tinker, District Deputy 02

District 03 Report (6966, 10304, 11479), Larry Page, District Deputy

Corpus Christi Council 6966, Sandy

- Membership: Gain of 6 new members so far (85% of Goal)
- Insurance: Attended 1 Benefit Seminars (50% Goal)
- Programs: Several submitted to State Convention; on track for Columbian Award
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environment
- Meetings: Monthly Business meetings continue. Tried adding online but rarely attended; back to in-person meetings.
- Very active council. Repainted the Statue of Mary and cleaned up the surrounding area. Assisted the CCW with the garage sale and boutique. Hosted Stations of the Cross, two fish dinners, and a St. Joseph prayer service. Hosted the Council and State basketball championship. Held the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest with the school. Put together a council CUF degree team and brought in 3 new members including our new Pastor Fr. Rodelio Ignacio. Received requested donations and managed the Produce Booth at the Carmelite Fair. Donated money to Coats for Kids. Donated stamps and gift cards to Voluntary Services at the VA Hospital as well as 2 cases of adult coats. Held Culture of Life and Vocations Awareness fundraisers. Held 3 blood drives. And supported a Seminarian financially and with letters of encouragement.

St. Martin de Porres Council 10304, Taylorsville

Some of the noteworthy activities the council has been able to accomplish

- Two council members each donated 3 hours weekly to serve at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. This was for all 4 weeks of January 2023.
- BINGO every Tuesday, for 3 hrs. averaging \$1700 weekly after expenses. All money raised goes to the parish needs. Council members help out at the Parish BINGO every Tuesday night.
- A Council member and his son spent two 4-hour shifts sorting and arranging donations at the Re-Store for Habitat for Humanity. The store sells donations received to support the building of Habitat homes in the local area.
- The Council conducted a successful spaghetti dinner on January 28th, feeding over 130 people, including several state officers and their wives.
- A Council family worked for 20 years donating prizes for raffles at their own expense. Most recently over \$400 in proceeds were given to the council to be used for seminarian support & religious education. They continue to promote Blessed Michael McGivney's vision. The family is involved with parish life and at present support many church programs. The most recent involvement is a testament to their commitment.

St. Thomas More Council 11479, Cottonwood Heights

The Knights at St. Thomas More Parish and Council #11479 are becoming fully reengaged as a functioning Council in support of the needs of our Parish and broader community. The service activities of the Council were many and varied! In addition to meeting our monetary obligations to the KofC State programs, we engaged in the following service activities:

Faith Formation – Knights of Council #11479 meet weekly in a Faith Formation Bible Study. This is well attended by many of our active Knights each Friday morning at 7:30 am.

Garage Sale – Council 11479 came together to hold our seventh 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 \$5,800 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 raise \$780 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. The Knights of our Council helped with covering the gymnasium floor with protective carpet and cardboard as well as its removal after the event.

Fish Fry – Council #11479 support all aspects of an annual Fish Fry during the Fridays of Lent. Approximately 15 Knights 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 Schaovars 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. This year, Michael Griffin supported 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 set-up and tear down of the event. 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 dedicated 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. Larry Page picked up Ray's torch to help organize and coordinate the Golf Tournament with other State of Utah Knights to provide a donation to the SLC Fisher House facility and APSC.

Mass Support – 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 Council members.

KofC Utah State Organizational Meeting – The State organization meeting was held at STM parish this year. Our Council helped to set up the meeting rooms, coordinate lunch and refreshments.

Poinsettias – As we begin the Christmas holiday season, our Council reaches out to parishioners that have lost family members with the donation of a Poinsettia plant. Bob Schovaers, a very active Councilman collects the name and delivery information from our Parish Office and purchases the necessary plants to fulfill the distribution. Many of our Councilmen sign up to deliver between 4 to 8 plants to these families.

Ray Bachiller Celebration of Life – Ray Bachiller's service and celebration of life was well attended by our Catholic community. Our Council helped to support the cost and distribution of deserts after Ray's funeral Mass.

Pancake Breakfast – To foster unity and to bring attention to our Council, we hold an annual Pancake Breakfast after all of the weekend Masses for a specific week. We do all the cooking, food distribution, set-up and tear-down for this event. We do take donation but do not charge specifically for the event and all are welcome.

Parishioner Relocation – Tom Buhle, a STM parishioner contacted our Parish Office and requested support in moving from his apartment to another location. Approximately 6 Council Knights pitched in with pick-up trucks, trailer and hand carts to help this parishioner in need.

Diocesan Dinner – The Catholic Diocese of SLC requested the STM Meyer Hall and kitchen in support of a dinner to honor major donors to the Diocese. Our Council helped support the set-up and tear-down and well as provided bar service for the evening.

Science Fair Support – In support of our Catholic Educators, our Council supported the judging of this annual event.

Covid Sanitation Procedure – Our Councilmen come from all backgrounds and possess a wide range of talents and skills. Dr. Palmer Masumbe-Netongo lead a small team to assess the necessary sanitation procedures for the STM church Masses and created the system that was installed and still is used to make sure that we minimize the risks of the transfer of infectious disease among our active parishioners.

Parish Security Support – As with all Parish Campuses, STM has created security procedures which includes the locking of our buildings and the setting of security alarms at the end of each day. Many of our Council Knights participate regularly in helping to keep our Parish safe and secure.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Page

SK Larry E. Page, District Deputy 03

District 04 Report (1136, 8606, 9561), Ed Ortega, District Deputy

It has been a true pleasure in representing District 4 councils. I've enjoyed meeting and working with these wonderful knights. Their past and current accomplishments have been inspiring and I can see their future potential as boundless!

Fr. Escalante Council 1136, Orem, (St. Francis of Assisi)

Grand Knight: Jonathan N. Gauchay; Financial Secretary: Bruce E. Rolie

- Membership: Net Gain of 220%.
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted. Council Compliant with Safe Environment.

Church

- Council donated funds to support two Seminarians in our Diocese RSVP Program
- Council donated funds to the Bishop's Vocation Fund & Christopher Fund
- Council donated funds to the Military Chaplains Fund & Culture of Life Fund
- Council members serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and CCD Teachers
- Council raised and donated funds to support our Church Catholic Youth Education Program
- Council sponsored and funded our Annual Parish Men's Spiritual Reflection Retreat
- Council members helped maintain the Parish grounds and facilities
- Council raised funds from our monthly Bingo Program to donate to our Church Building Fund
- Council raised and donated funds to our Parish New Sound System Fund Drive
- Council sells donuts after Mass twice a month to raise funds for our Church Building Fund

Community

- Council collected/donated funds and supported the Coats for Kids program in Utah County
- Council funded and put together gift bags for distribution at the Payson Veterans Home
- Council sponsored and conducted the Soccer Challenge Contest for youth at our Parish
- Council supported the annual Veterans & First Responders Breakfast/Lunch Appreciation event at our Church.
- Council sponsored/raised funds and held the Back to School Shop to provide 245 backpacks and school supplies to needy families in our Parish and Community.

Culture of Life

- Council funded/sponsored a Memorial for the Unborn Victims of Abortion at our Church
- Council raised and donated funds to the Salt Lake City Pregnancy Resource Center qualifying for completion of the ASAP Program.
- Council sponsored and supported a Silver Rose Mass at our Parish
- Council raised and donated funds to the Utah Special Olympics Program.

Family

- Council raised and donated funds to the Provo City Food Bank for people in need

- Council raised and donated funds for the purchase of turkeys for families in need at Thanksgiving
- Council sponsored the Keep Christ in Christmas Program for the children at our Parish
- Council purchased and cooked hotdogs and hamburgers at our Annual Church Picnic
- Council raised and donated funds to the Utah Knights State Scholarship Fund.

DD Comments: Council 1136 is amazing! They are a wonderful example of what a K of C council is and should be doing.

Suggestions for improvement: Capture and provide written minutes to council members before meetings for review and approval.

Msgr. Edward F. Dowling Council 8606, American Fork, (Saint Peter Catholic Parish)

Grand Knight: Rogelio Castaneda Jr.; Financial Secretary: Robert E. Carlson, Jr.

- Membership: Conducted Membership drive and registered 7 new knights.

Church

- Council sponsored the Stations of the Cross
- Council led the "40 Cans for Lent" drive to collect non-perishable food items and donated approx. 1,200 pounds of food items to a local food pantry.
- Council provided Santa / candy / oranges for the Parish Christmas Breakfast event.
- Council ran a Labor Day raffle fundraiser event to raise over \$1,000 for Church Building Maintenance (Roofing repair) fund.
- Council ran a "Super Bowl Squares" fundraiser event to raise \$500 towards installation of marble flooring in the church Sacristy.

Community

- Collected / donated funds and supported the Coats for Kids program in Utah County.
- Council members participated as judges, etc. in the Diocese's Science Fair event.
- Council raised \$400 in Raffle Booklet sales for the State's Scholarship Program. (2022)

Culture of Life

- Council donated funds to the Bishop's Culture of Life Fund.
- Council participated in the Silver Rose Mass at St. Peter's, which demonstrates unity between the Knights of Columbus members all across N. America (US, Canada, Mexico) and promotes dignity for all human life while honoring Our Lady. (2022)

Family

- Council sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt and provided over 8,000 candy – filled eggs to the Parish, as well as supervising the event and clean-up afterwards. (2022)
- Council sponsored a Mother's Day event with flowering plants given away to all Parish mothers at each Mass that weekend. (2022)

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DD Comments: Congratulations to Council 8606 for conducting a much-needed membership drive!

Suggestions for improvement: Council 8606 would benefit by conducting formal council meetings to facilitate planning. Complete Safe Environment and other forms in a timely manner.

Fr. Dominguez Council 9561, Payson, (St. Andres Catholic Parish)

Grand Knight: Michael E. Hacking; Financial Secretary: Michael R. Hacking

Church

- Council sponsored the Stations of the Cross and hosted Lenten soup suppers afterwards
- Donated funds and supported Parish's Thanksgiving Dinner Program for the needy
- Donated funds to the Bishop's Vocation Fund
- Council members serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- Council led a "Food for Families" and a "40 cans for 40 days" drive to collect non-perishable food items and donated nearly 2,000 lbs. to a local food pantry
- Provided Santa and candy for the Parish Christmas Party
- Council members helped maintain the Parish grounds and facilities
- Council routinely donates funds to the San Andres' Church Refurbishment Fund
- Partnered with the San Andres Women's Society to host multiple Funeral Luncheons for deceased Parish members

Community

- Collected / donated funds and supported the Coats for Kids program in Utah County
- Funded and put together gift bags for distribution at the Payson Veterans Home
- Council members volunteer service at Payson Veterans Home
- Council sponsored Award for the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair

Culture of Life

- Maintained the Memorial to Unborn at Payson Cemetery
- Donated funds to the Bishop's Culture of Life Fund
- Donated funds to the Pregnancy Resource Center

Family

- Sponsored an English and Spanish "Building the Domestic Church" kiosk at the church

DD Comments: Council 9561 has some wonderful programs and I would consider their Coats for Kids program is the best in the State!

Suggestions for improvement: Council 9561 would have a great short term and long term benefit if they conducted a membership drive.

To all the councils in District 4: Continue to do good works and work together as a council to plan your future!

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Ortega

SK Edward G. Ortega, District Deputy 04

District 05 Report (2611, 6147), Tim Peczuñ, District Deputy

Anthony Council 2611 – Helper

Msgr. Giavonnoni Council 6147 – Price

Councils 2611 and 6147 are in Eastern Utah, 6 miles apart. The two councils work very well together, sharing time and talents in support of each other's projects. Both councils support the priests we are blessed with: Father Dass, Father Hope, and Father Albert (who sadly passed away in January).

Council 2611 has a monthly meeting every 1st Sunday, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Before the meeting they offer breakfast to the Parish community. The main fundraiser for 2611 is the Christmas memorial wreath project. 2611 is a vital part of St. Anthony's Parish. They handle most of the maintenance on the Church and rectory. They share their time and talents well.

Council 6147 has a monthly meeting every 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer are on top of all reports, they work well together. 6147 members support the Parish and Price community with many of their talents throughout the year. The main money maker for the Council is bingo, normally ran every other Friday in the Church basement. The Knights have coffee and donuts for the Parish after 8:00 a.m. Mass twice a month.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Peczuñ

SK Timothy J. Peczuñ, District Deputy 05

District 06 Report (7961, 12181, 14239), Tom Odle, District Deputy

St. Joseph the Worker Council 7961, West Jordan (St. Joseph the Worker Parish)

Grand Knight: Michael Anglin; Financial Secretary: Louis Lopez; Membership: 62

This council is in good standing.

- Membership: As of March 15, they have a gain of 2 (40% of goal). Live ceremonials were conducted in English for both new members.
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted. Council compliant with Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly business meeting held on the third Wednesday of the month.

The St. Joseph the Worker Council raised \$735 in their "Stuck on Life" campaign, donated it to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Salt Lake City and submitted for the \$100 ASAP grant from Supreme. They donated \$500 to Utah Knights of Columbus for Coats for Kids and \$600 to their seminarian. They are in the middle of the 40 Cans for Lent, with no indication yet as to the weight of the donation to the VA Hospital. They will receive the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon in May.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181, Draper (St. John the Baptist Parish)

Grand Knight: Cody Rasmussen; Financial Secretary: Stephen Thatcher; Membership: 250

This council is in good standing.

- Membership: As of March 15, they have a gain of 8 (53%). Live ceremonials were conducted in English.
- Insurance Attended: 2 Fraternal Benefit Seminars (100% of goal)
- Forms Submission: All forms and audits submitted. Council compliant with Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly business meeting held on the second Thursday of the month.

The Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council held two nocturnal adorations (Ukraine in January 2022 and pro-life in January 2023); sponsored a Blue Mass for First responders (received an award from fallen officers association for our continued support); hosted a “Pie and Beer” day on the July 24th Sunday; and hosted a “Day at the Lake” where families enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship at Willard Bay. They also made two donations to the ASAP program, sponsored the state soccer challenge, the Diocesan Science Fair, and the District Free Throw Championship. They hosted the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon for two different programs, including one requested by the CCW on Saint Joseph’s feast day.

St. Andrew Council 14239, Riverton (St. Andrew Parish)

Grand Knight: W. Michael Gray; Financial Secretary: Robert Diaz; Membership: 47

This council is in good standing.

- Membership: As of March 15, they have a gain of 3 (60%).
- Forms Submission: All forms and audits submitted. Council compliant with Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly business meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month.

The St. Andrew Council had many successful fundraisers for their parish and council, including a Mardi Gras celebration in February that raised \$6,000, breakfast burritos that raised over \$400, conducted a BBQ fundraiser, and successful participation in the Coats for Kids campaign that provided \$500 and gave out 130 coats. Weekend activities included a Veterans weekend, a men’s BBQ fundraiser, and a back-to-school picnic for the St. Andrews school. In addition, St. Andrews will present a Mardi Gras evening for the State Convention on May 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Odle

SK Thomas H. Odle, District Deputy 06

*District 07 Report (5214, 13297, 13646), Timothy Soran Jr.,
District Deputy*

Salvete Omnes! (Greetings Everyone)

I wanted to just take a minute to congratulate all the Council Officers from 5214, 13297, and 13646 for working so hard over this last year. In the age of post COVID, your Councils have become very active once again in their programs, surging once again to provide service to our Parish, Community, and Members. 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:

Bishop Hunt Council 5214, Kearns

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 4 (67% of Goal), currently two prospect eKnights, and membership is ongoing
- *Insurance:* Attended 0 Benefits (0% Goal)
- *Programs:* Faith, Community, Family, 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 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Francis Xavier School; 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, School, and Community. A few highlights: Hosting regular monthly Bingo; Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest; Diocesan Science Fair; Regular monthly breakfasts; Utah Special Olympics; Food for Families; March for Life Activities; Lenten Fish Frys and Stations of the Cross. The Council coordinates very closely with their school's administrator, as they continue to provide whatever the school may need! They should easily qualify for Star Council this year. Great Job!

Saint Vincent de Paul Council 13297, Holladay

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 5 (100% of Goal), and one prospect eKnight
- *Insurance:* Attended 0 Benefits (0% Goal)
- *Programs:* Completed at least 2 programs per month in the fiscal year; Knight of the Year submitted 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 Wednesday 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 Michael Derrick, DGK Tim Soran, FS Art Grant, and Tres. Mark Ulrich. This Council has already completed 14 programs as of March 31st. A few of these include the Backpack Bonanza, Coat Drive, Keep Christ in Christmas Essay, Diocesan Science Fair, Monthly Holy Hour, Utah Special Olympics, Lenten Fish Frys, Stations of the Cross, Blood Drives, FOM, Sunday Coffee and Donuts. They will qualify for Star Council, and Double Star if they just recruit 3 additional members. Way to go!

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Council 13646, Midvale

- *Membership:* Net Gain of 3 (60% of Goal); Spanish/English membership drive in April
- *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; Council Compliant for Safe Environ.
- *Meetings:* Monthly Business meetings are held in person, on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at St. Theresa's Parish Hall; The Council leaders and several members regularly attend meetings; past and upcoming programs are discussed; Parish needs are addressed.

- This has been a rejuvenating year for the St. Therese Parish and Council. Their council has been relatively small with only 38 members, but they have a great Council leadership team that always seems to get 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 8 am and 10 am masses; lead at least one Bingo each month; 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 Aundre Sicard. Even though the Council has no current prospects, but they do plan to recruit at least 3 new members by the end of the year. They very 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,

Timothy Soran, Jr.

SK Timothy L. Soran Jr, District Deputy 07

*District 08 Report (10733, 11246), Michael R. Townsend,
District Deputy*

DISTRICT OVERVIEW: The overall condition of District 8 is excellent. Councils are striving to achieve Star Council and the District is on track to achieve Star District. As of mid-March, both councils are Safe Environment compliant and have submitted all their required reports. Membership is growing in Southern Utah and the councils are confident about reaching their goal in this area. They have conducted numerous programs and fraternal benefit seminars and have fulfilled the requirements for the Columbian Award and Founder's Award. The reports will be filed prior to the required due date.

Both councils have become the "go to group" for their church, where they serve in numerous lead roles in parish activities. The two Round Tables within the district have stable membership and have been active in their respective parishes. The best way to describe District 8 would be to say that they demonstrate what it means to be members of the Knights of Columbus.

Vic Glasson Council 10733, Saint George

Grand Knight: Louis Mandrigues; Financial Secretary: Thomas Bargar; Council Membership: 178

- **Membership:** As of 3/17/2023, there has been a net gain of 2 members (18% of their goal). There are 2 online members waiting to be brought into the council. An English video Exemplification was held. Membership Drives are scheduled for 3/18 and mid-April. A live CUF exemplification will be scheduled following the Membership Drives.
- **Insurance:** All requirements for the Founder's Award have been met.
- **Form submissions:** All required forms and audits have been submitted. The council is Safe Environment compliant

- **Meetings:** Business meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, beginning with a Rosary at 6:30 PM. Officers meet monthly either in person or online.

Knights of the Vic Glasson Council 10733 are very active in all aspects of parish life and are active in nearly all of the various ministries. This past fraternal year Knights have conducted blood drives, food collection and distribution, worked in the local soup kitchen and a Coats for Kids event. They have also prayed outside Planned Parenthood, led Patriotic Rosaries and Holy Hours as well as participating in the RSVP and ASAP programs.

The council participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and received over 20 entries. A successful Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay contest was also held, with 47 entries. Youth entering this contest won 3 First Place, 1 Second Place and one Third Place awards.

Vic Glasson Council 10733, Round Table at Saint Paul Catholic Center, Hurricane

Round Table Coordinator: Mark Borowiak; Round Table Membership: 7 members

Members of the Hurricane Round Table are involved in every ministry in their parish. They serve as ushers, choir members, Rosary leaders and participate in monthly Adoration. Deacon Dan (a Knight) also conducts a weekly communion service and makes homebound communion visits.

These Knights participate in Coats for Kids, collect food to assist needy families at the Hurricane Valley Food Bank and the Springdale Elementary school and they volunteer in their parish Thrift Store.

Vic Glasson Council 10733, Round Table at St. Christopher, Kanab

Round Table Coordinator: Noel R. Poe; Round Table Membership: 6 members

Members of the Kanab Round Table reported almost 1,900 volunteer hours during the 2022 calendar year. They participated in every area of Liturgical ministry and parish life. Serving as ushers, lectors and members of the Parish Council, these Knights could always be counted on.

They maintained the grounds and made repairs to St. Christopher Parish. From shoveling snow to picking weeds to repairing the parish sign, these Knights were there. Whatever needed to be done, these Knights did it!

They collected food for the needy, visited the sick and the families of the deceased. They even distributed flowers to parishioners on Mother's Day. They are true Knights in every sense of the word.

Father Joseph Valine Council 11246, Cedar City, Duck Creek Community Church, St. Sylvester-Escalante, St. Dominic-Bryce Canyon and St. Gertrude Mission-Panguitch

Grand Knight: Randy Rhoads; Financial Secretary: Michael Villarreal; Membership: 100

- **Membership:** As of 3/17/2023, there has been a net gain of 2 members (40% of their goal). There are 4 online members waiting to be brought into the council. English and a Spanish video Exemplifications were held. The month-long Membership Drive will conclude on April 2 and a live CUF Exemplification will be conducted following Easter, at which time it is anticipated that members of the RCIA class will also be brought into the council.
- **Insurance:** All requirements for the Founder's Award have been met.
- **Form Submissions:** All required forms and audits have been submitted. The council is Safe Environment compliant.

- **Meetings:** Business meetings are held the Second Tuesday of each month, beginning with a Rosary at 6:30 PM. Officers hold an open planning meeting each Wednesday.

Father Joseph Valine Council 11246 is one of the most active councils that I have ever experienced. They serve as leaders in every aspect of their parish as well as being “movers and shakers” within the community. They turned the Coats for Kids program into a community-wide effort to gather warm clothing for those in need. Nearly 1,000 warm items were collected, including over 600 coats, and were given to local needy shelters for distribution. They also collected over \$850 to purchase coats. Another community effort that these busy Knights were involved in was ringing bells for the Salvation Army during the Christmas Season. With the promise that funds collected would stay in the Cedar area, Knights and their wives donated over 100 hours to assist the needy through this humanitarian effort.

The primary fundraiser for the council is to operate the beer sales booth at the Iron County Fair and Rodeo. This past year, over \$8,600 in profit was realized from this event. These funds allow the council to contribute to numerous worthwhile programs. These include the Carmelites in the Salt Lake Area, Wreaths Across America, purchasing Bibles for the confirmation classes, Special Olympics, the RSVP program, Martha’s Basket, purchasing gift certificates for local grocery stores for the needy, and other programs as the needs arise.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy 8 this fraternal year. I look forward to even greater successes in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Townsend

SK Michael R. Townsend, District Deputy 08

District 09 Report (6739, 9731, 17140), Brian Duncan, District Deputy

Council 6739, Saint Marguerite, Tooele:

Grand Knight: Brian Duncan

Membership up 50%. of quota

The council has been active in the following:

- On track for Star Council
- Coats for Kids
- Rosaries for Confirmation students.
- Sponsored a CUF Degree in November.
- Bingo
- German Food Booth at Parish Fall Festival
- Security Church Fall Festival
- Bratwurst Booth at Tooele Arts Festival
- Free Throw Challenge
- Soccer Challenge
- Food for Families
- Essay Contest
- Security St. Marguerite’s School Gala
- Hosted the Silver Rose

- Hosted the St' Joseph Icon
- Lenten Fish Fry's served over 300 people; 20 Knights participated
- Supported the Carmelite Fair.

Council 9731, Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna:

Grand Knight: Anthony Hanlon

Membership up 20% of quota

The council has been active in the following:

- Annual Community 4th of July Breakfast in the Park
- Bingo
- Coffee and Donuts 12x
- Unity Festival Security
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Valentines Wives Dinner
- Participated and Sponsored at the Las Posadas
- Sponsored Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- Family in Need for Christmas
- Church beautification
- Maintain heating and cooling in the whole church
- Coats for Kids
- Backpacks for Kids
- Food and Monetary donation to the Carmelites
- Hosted the Silver Rose
- Hosted the St' Joseph Icon
- Christmas light for the church
- Snow removal
- Our 50/50 at BINGO goes to many charitable places as well as many other families in need

Council 17140, Immaculate Conception, Copperton:

Grand Knight: Gerardo J Montanez

Membership up 20% of Quota

The council has been active in the following:

- Coats for Kids
- Support the Food Bank, 6 Knights once a quarter
- Collected over 650 pairs of socks for "Socks for Heroes"
- "One Rose, One Life "Campaign
- Staff the monthly Bingo at the parish; 4 to 5 nights each month!
- Planning to host the Silver Rose

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duncan

SK Brian R. Duncan, District Deputy 09

*District 10 Report (6010, 14399, 16127), Stacey Yeager, District
Deputy
Douglas P Johndrow, District Warden*

St. Rose of Lima Council 6010, Layton: GK Rick Hartle; FS: John Biotti

St. Rose of Lima, had another very impactful year in all our program areas and our relationship with our new Pastor, Father Gustavo Vidal, continues to grow as well as our council.

Faith: This program area has seen strong growth as our Faith Director, SK Joe Garcia, finds paths to strengthen our personal, council and parish commitment to prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. Our council hosts twice-a-month Rosaries which regularly draw 10-20 faithful. We've embraced the 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph as a retreat with daily readings and rosaries and hosted a St. Joseph Icon on the March 19th Feast of St. Joseph at the parish.

Family: This year has seen a further strengthening of our work with the Utah Food Bank distributions at Layton Hills Baptist church and the work of City Hope at Nations for Christ church in Clearfield. These "food for families" efforts reach more than 300 families each month. We've collaborated with the Hill AFB commissary to pick up and distribute thousands of pounds of food items in conjunction with the District 10 councils.

Community: Our Coats for Kids program highlights our outreach to the community. Our Community Director, SK Dennis Martinez, coordinated with Davis Schools to get the word out to the broader community and we held two distributions, one at our parish and another at Nations for Christ church delivering more than 400 coats to those in need. Our regular monthly breakfasts, Donuts and Bingo events as well as Lenten Fish Fry dinners provide much needed fellowship opportunities for our parish members.

Life: Our Life Director, SK Jim Sorely, coordinated our council efforts for the Novena for Life, Mother's Day to Father's Day donations for Life boxes and the Silver Rose program. Our council financially and in-person supports Special Olympics annually.

Bishop Joseph L. Federal Council 14399, Holy Family, South Ogden: GK Mike Dannenmueller; FS John Tekverk

We are developing a great working relationship with our new Pastoral Administrator, Father Minuth. As a council we are recruiting new members regularly, and as a result we only need one more recruit to achieve our quota for the fraternal year.

We participated in the Food for Families program begun in 2016 by the Knights of Council 16127 for part of the year. During that time, we distributed over 2,000 lbs. of food donations from the Hill AFB Commissary. These donations were donated to Catholic Community Services.

Our Coats for Kids program sent winter coats to Catholic Community Services as well as to several Northern Utah schools.

We sponsored two teams in the "Give Me a Chance" ministry's golf tournament. This helped us to donate \$600.00 to the ministry and gave us the opportunity to golf with Bishop Solis. Our donation of another \$2,000.00 sponsored two tables at the "Give Me a Chance" garden dinner.

Our youth participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest and four of them will be participating in the State contest.

Our Knights continue to operate a monthly Bingo, and we have also scheduled two Fish Fries. One was held following the Stations of the cross on March 3, and the other will take place on March 31.

Deacon Douglas R. Sliger Council 16127, Hill Air Force Base: GK Stacey Yeager; FS Douglas Johndrow

Our Pastor, Fr. Max Omana, retired in 2022 and we are learning the ways of a new Military Pastor Father Captain Aaron Ferris. Our council provides a group of Knights who are extremely active in our Catholic Community.

Faith: Our Knights lead a Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. On one Friday during lent Knights lead the readings at Stations of the Cross and donate much of the food for a soup supper offered to the congregation afterwards. Several of our Knights and some of their Spouses are instructors in our Religious Education Program. A spiritual reflection group meets weekly for mutual support and discussion on their lives as Catholic men.

Family: Our council worked with the Hill AFB Commissary to initiate a “Food for Families” program seven years ago. In Fraternal year 2022 we distributed 18 tons of donations to local food banks, and this year we have distributed around 15 tons with three months left in the year. We provide most of the volunteer workers at our annual Parish Picnic. We have participated in the St. Joseph Icon program during which a parish prayer service is held.

Community: We have an annual dinner for Knights and their spouses to celebrate the award of our Council 16127 Charter. Our Coats for Kids program purchased about 100 coats. We distributed 51 of them to military families in financial need, and donated the remainder to the State Chairman for distribution elsewhere in the state. We continue to maintain a youth Baseball Field on Hill AFB for use by the children of military families. Many of our council members donate time to the Christ Prince of Peace community as ushers, lectors, cantors, and choir members.

Life: Our Knights take responsibility for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday night each year. We donate money and time to Special Olympics. We bring the Silver Rose to the Chapel for a prayer service.

District 10: All three of the councils in our district are extremely active as you can see from this report. Many of the activities seen in this report are activities sponsored and supported annually by our councils. As a District all 3 Councils have been vital in supporting the Food for Families program that is to be featured in a promotional video put out by Supreme, an article in the May edition of the Columbia Magazine as well as an article in the Intermountain Catholic.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Yeager

SK Stacey A. Yeager, District Deputy 10

District 11 Report (14764, 15418), Richard Green, District Deputy

The councils of District 11 have benefitted greatly in FY2023 from dedicated leadership—both established (Council 15418 GK Paul Buckley) and new (Council 14764 GK Daniel Quintanilla)—and also from engaged and supportive chaplains—similarly established (Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Erik Richtsteig of St Ambrose) and new (Fr. Gabriel Mosher of St. Catherine of Siena). Thanks and congratulations to these fine Knights for a great fraternal year!

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

Grand Knight: Daniel Quintanilla; Financial Secretary: Eric Domyan

Council Membership: 44

- Membership: Net Gain of 5 (100% of Goal), with one prospect identified. The council conducted one live CUF ceremonial in February.
- Insurance: Attended no Fraternal Benefit Seminar(s)
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted; Council is compliant with Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly Business meetings held first Thursdays at 6:30pm

Council 14764 has experienced exciting growth in membership and activity this year. On Pioneer Day, the council again hosted the parish's traditional "Pie n Beer Day" celebration, which was attended by about 40 people. The Knights were busy at the grill August through October: the council hosted welcome cookouts for: returning University students; Fr. Gabriel's Installation Mass (attended by Bishop Solis); and U of U Homecoming. At the pastor's request, council has assumed the responsibility for ushering at Sunday Masses. During Lent, council Knights assisted with Stations of the Cross as well as a First Friday Eucharistic Procession around Campus Corner. The council also supported various State-level activities, including Coats for Kids, the Carmelite Car drawing, the Diocesan Science Fair, and the Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon program.

St. Catherine is a university Newman Center, and Council 14764 is a College Council—as such, the demographics and needs of that community differ from those of typical parishes. The officers have done a good job adapting their service programs to their unique situation. Fraternal benefit seminars have been a challenge for many councils, and particularly so for Council 14764. However, they are working with Field Agent Mundy and Fr. Gabriel (a former Knights Field Agent!) to put together something tailored to the council parish. On the flip side, the council's activity and visibility have enhanced their ability to recruit students to join their ranks.

Council 15418, Salt Lake City (St. Ambrose)

Grand Knight: Paul Buckley; Financial Secretary: Hal Sanderson

Council Membership: 80

- Membership: Net Gain of 2 (40% of Goal), with no prospects identified
- Insurance: Attended 2 Fraternal Benefit Seminar(s) (three participants each)
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted; Council is compliant with Safe Environment
- Meetings: Monthly Business meetings held first Mondays at 7pm

Council 15418 was a well-oiled machine in FY2023, with a full slate of programs and activities planned throughout the year. In August, they held their annual Garage Sale, which is a major fundraiser for the council. Another well-established council program is the Knights Coffee Hour they host after morning

Masses on the 2nd Sunday of every month. They also hosted Red Cross blood drives in August and January. Council 15418 was a consistent part of the spiritual and worship life of St. Ambrose Parish through activities such as: stocking a Building the Domestic Church kiosk; praying the Rosary for vocations; ministering at Stations of the Cross during Lent, and hosting a Lenten Soup Supper.

The council also provided engagement opportunities for the youth of the parish and Cosgriff Catholic School, drawing great participation in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and the Citizenship Essay contest. Participation in the Free Throw Competition was particularly impressive, with 144 competitors from Cosgriff School and State winners in each age group. The council also actively supported other State-level activities, including Coats for Kids, the Carmelite Car drawing, the Diocesan Science Fair, the Ultrasound Drive, RSVP (two seminarians supported), and contributions under ASAP.

Though recruitment has been a challenge this year, Council 15418 still an attractive target for transfers! The council is very active and highly visible, so recruitment is always underway and growth continues through addition of both existing and new Knights.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Green

SK Richard L. Green, District Deputy 11

*District 12 Report (1129, 7401), Thomas V. DeMars Jr., District
Deputy*

Ed Kobialsk Jr., District Warden

Dear Brothers,

This year has been very fluid and active. Accolades go out to Council 1129 (Park City), Council 7401 (Vernal) and the St. Lawrence Roundtable. Success in unifying your Councils in service can be seen in each organization. Membership growth continues with Council 1129 meeting their growth goal along with their program goals leading to the Columbian Award.

The Councils and the members of the St. Lawrence demonstrated the strength of their Faith and dedication to the Church through service to the Church in the ministries, RSVP, Prayer Groups, and more such as 7401's financial support to their priest's VISA application, parish snow removal and maintenance.

They further demonstrated the importance of Family and commitment to Family through their programs, service and donations such as Keep Christ in Christmas contest and in Vernal a Keep Christ in Christmas billboard, numerous dining events for parishioners and guest throughout the year, Food for Families, Council 1129 held a St. Patrick's Day party with local school children's band providing entertainment to the 1,230 people attending the event.

Further, these organizations demonstrated the commitment to the community through Coats for Kids program delivering nearly 50 cases of coats to the community, blood drives, Utah Knights Scholarships, golf fundraiser with donation to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and more service to the Community by individual Knights.

Finally, they demonstrated the commitment to the sanctity of Life through their programs such as Pregnancy Center Support, ASAP, Special Olympics (1129 donated \$500 and 2 Knights of the Council each matched the donation).

My hat is off to the Councils and the St. Lawrence Roundtable – keep the momentum and commitment to Charity, Unity and Fraternity going and the superior results in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

We say farewell and thank you for your service and God be with you on your future journey to the past DD12 Larry Zubel as he retires and moves to Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas V. DeMars Jr.

SK Thomas V. DeMars Jr., District Deputy 12

District 13 Report (8350, 11812, 15741**, 16006**), Rafael
Castillo, District Deputy*

St. Peter and Paul Council 8350, West Valley.

No report available by the publication deadline.

District Notes:

- San Felipe Council 11812 (Wendover) is inactive.
- Councils 15741 (Our Lady of Guadalupe) and 16006 (Sacred Heart) were merged into Council 602 (Salt Lake City) by vote of the supreme board of directors in early February 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafael Castillo

SK Rafael Castillo, District Deputy 13

State Directors Reports

*Membership (Growth) Director: SK Frank Carmona
Membership Assistant Director: SK Bill McCauley*

See report under “State Treasurer.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carmona

SK Frank Carmona, State Treasurer, FMFD

State Membership Director

Program Director: SK Bill McCauley

The Knights of Columbus offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service and put their Faith into Action! Faith in Action is the program model of the Knights of Columbus. This model offers a mission driven platform designed to consider the needs of men and their families in the twenty-first century.

Knights of Columbus members, parishes and families have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through the 32 Faith in Action programs. Organized into the Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, the Faith in Action program model empowers Knights to come together to share their Catholic faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and do what they do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

One way we have to track programs that our Councils offer throughout the year is by submitting the Fraternal Program Report Form (#10784). This is a great mechanism for Councils to help track their performance in offering faith-filled programs in each of the four Faith in Action program categories.

In order for your council to earn the Columbian Award, it must:

- Complete at least four program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories of Faith, Family, Community and Life
- Complete the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) — due by June 30, **submit by June 15th**
- Submit the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) — due by July 1, **submit online**

Through March, only 18 Councils have reported a total of 176 activities.

FAITH	Breach	Icon	Kiosk	Rosary	Reflection	Holy Hour	Gifts	RSVP	Other
53	1	3	1	18	2	3	1	4	20
FAMILY	FoM	KCIC	Holy Family	Prayer Night	Good Friday	Food Drive	Other		
31	10	8	1	1	1	1	9		
COMMUNITY	Free Throw	Soccer	Helping Hand	Essay	Coats	Wheelchair	Habitat	Other	
59	3	2	2	4	7	1	1	39	
LIFE	ASAP	Silver Rose	PCS	Novena	March Life	Sp Olympics	Ultrasound	Other	
33	8	3	3	1	1	11	2	4	

Vivat Jesu, God Bless You, and God Bless America!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

State Program Director

Community Director: SK Doug Shane, PSD

Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Delegates, and my Brother Knights,

The past fraternal year has seen some great activity in a few of our key community programs. It has also highlighted areas in which we can improve.

With the pandemic restrictions being lifted at the VA Center, Joe Bouley, our Veterans Affairs Chairman, has been actively engaged with support from PSD Sid Cowand and Former Supreme Director and PSD John Wainscott. Please reach out and check on what their current needs are and get your councils involved.

FVSM & PSD Chuck Dover's leadership as State Scholarship Chairman has allowed the program to thrive. We are now entering the 13th year of being able to offer scholarships to children of our Brother Knights. The success of this depends on your support, so please continue to give generously.

He has also graciously taken over as Fisher House Chairman, for which I am grateful.

Tim Lozano leads our participation in the MS Walk, for which the Knights have long participated. Though this year's walk is the same time as the State Convention this year, I hope you are encouraging your Brother Knights that are not at convention to attend.

WDM & PSD Bob Masse has once again had a stellar year as Coats for Kids Chairman. Thanks to his leadership and everyone who pledged and provided support, we were able to distribute over 4500 coats. Please consider how your councils and assemblies can continue this truly worthy effort to provide coats to every child in need.

As I stated earlier, there are areas that can impact our communities that we have not been able to support from a state level. There is much fine work being done by individual councils supporting local parish food drives, helping families in need, or providing toiletries, socks and other clothes. So that we can support all communities in the state, we could use an active Helping Hands Chairman. Please consider who could serve in this role for the next Fraternal Year.

Maybe that could be you!

Once again, please join me in congratulating your Brother Knights for their leadership and all the councils, assemblies and individual Knights who have supported these activities.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Shane

SK Douglas P. Shane, PSD

State Community Director

Faith Director: SK Jerald Hanten, PSD

Worthy State Officers, Delegates, Brothers,

This last year Patrick Schmitt has been very active as Pro-Life Chairman. He has helped coordinate Prolife events and kept the state membership informed of ongoing events and Pro-Life subjects of interest. With the repeal of Roe vs Wade the Supreme Council has initiated the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) Program. Supreme has initiated a support of matching funds of \$100 for every \$500 donated to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home.

The Pilgrim Icon Program has been coordinated by Greg Keller. This program is a tribute to St. Joseph and his support of the Holy Family. Councils should keep contacting Greg to schedule the icon and the program associated with it.

George Jockisch worked hard to make the Carmelite Fair a success this year with coordination of setup and takedown. The sale of tickets for the Carmelite car was also coordinated with all the councils.

Ed Ortega disseminated information on the Keep Christ in Christmas billboard program so all councils interested could participate. Seven (7) councils actually commissioned billboards!

The RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) is supporting seven seminarians. PSD Joe Ligor is working to keep current with the seminarians and coordinate the support of the councils and assemblies. Supreme will support with matching funds of \$100 for every \$500 donated to a seminarian.

The Silver Rose program is scheduled for Utah from June 11 through July 8. This program is a pilgrimage of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Make sure you schedule your participation in this important program.

The state sponsored an Hour of Prayer at the Midyear meeting with the Pilgrim Icon, sponsored and coordinated a Processional at St Catherine of Sienna on March 3rd, and coordinated a devotional at St. John the Baptist on April 12th.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerald Hanten

SK Jerald P. Hanten, PSD

State Faith Director

Family Director: SK Kenneth Grace

The programs in this category are developed for families by families. Blessed Michael McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be a challenge to continue to ground ourselves and raise our children in the faith.

Our family programs are a response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family. Blessed Michael McGivney's vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength, as holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. Put plainly, the majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs help us to live this call. For Family program resources, visit kofc.org/family.

Suggested Programs in this category include the following. Visit www.KofC.org/Family for details.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES - Help end hunger in communities across North America and around the globe.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR - Promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families.

FAMILY FULLY ALIVE - The Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church.

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT - Strengthen the bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION - Bring families into more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Sacred Triduum.

Hopefully you still have Family Programs planned for this Fraternal Year, but if not, please remember them when setting up your calendar for next year. Through March of this year, the Family Programs were the least reported by the Councils of all the Faith in Action Programs.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted for Kenneth Grace,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

State Program Director

Life Director: SK Patrick Schmitt

In the world of Life issues, this past fraternal year has been interesting, challenging, disturbing, and historic. Last year we followed very closely the US Supreme Court case known as the Dobbs V Jackson Women's Health Organization. This was the case that had the potential for a historic outcome, namely, it could overturn the 50-year-old Roe v Wade decision.

This case was wrought with intrigue and analysis from all sides. Would the court do the unheard of and overturn a previous Court decision? Oral arguments were heard on December 1, 2021, with an expected ruling sometime the following June.

Supreme Court Justices were threatened, (including at their own homes), protests for and against were held, and pundits weighed in. A month before the final decision was to be released a draft decision was leaked. This too was something unheard of. To this day, the source of that leak has not been identified.

In the end, on June 24th, 2022, the final decision was released. In short, Roe was to be no more. Fifty years of tireless efforts on the part of numerous pro-life advocates had finally paid off. However, this case did not put an end to abortion in America, it simply returned the issue back to the states.

In Utah, a trigger law was already in place. In the event Roe was ever overturned, abortion would immediately become illegal in the state. Within 24 hours of the Supreme Court decision, the Utah legislature certified the trigger law. Abortion was now illegal in Utah – at least it was for about 24 hours. Planned Parenthood sued the state claiming the trigger law was unconstitutional. A liberal judge sided with Planned Parenthood and the case, as of this writing on March 27, 2023, is still tied up in court. A hearing is expected sometime in September of 2023. In the meantime, it is business as usual on the abortion front here in Utah.

As expected, there was an outcry around the country over the Court's decision. Protests took place. Groups such as Ruth Sent Us and Jane's Revenge threatened and targeted individuals, Pregnancy Resource Centers, and churches – primarily Catholic churches. Many were vandalized – including here in

Utah. Between May 2020 and January 2023, the organization CatholicVote tracked over 260 attacks on Catholic Churches alone.

As we await the outcome of the trigger law case, efforts to protect life have continued here in Utah. In early March 2023, the Utah legislature passed, and Governor Cox signed into law, HB467. This bill

- Protects an unborn child 18 weeks or older gestational age from abortion based on rape or incest in most cases.
- Abolishes all non-hospital abortion clinics in the state of Utah as of January 1, 2024
- All current permits for abortion clinics will not be renewed.
- In all sections invoking the health of the mother, the scope is limited to physical danger or impairments.

Again, Planned Parenthood is not rolling over. In addition to challenging the law, they have purchased land in West Wendover, Nevada, just over the Utah state line. They are currently in the process of seeking approval from the City Council there to build an abortion clinic.

They will not stop, and neither can we.

As we move forward, the battle for Life will not abate any time soon. If anything, it is only intensifying to a level I don't think anyone would have ever dreamed of. We have states literally proposing and passing infanticide laws and an administration currently occupying the White House who are obsessed with this issue and want abortion, without restrictions or limits, codified into national law. In the UK, individuals are being arrested for simply praying silently, in their own heads while standing outside a clinic. Where will this end? A people who are willing to sacrifice its children on the altar of death is a people who are in the ultimate throes of darkness and evil and they are a people who will not last for long.

ASAP - On a more positive note, in expectation of the overturning of Roe and knowing the increased need that Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) and other pregnancy organizations would have in supporting women who chose to keep their babies, the Knights Supreme Council initiated a new program called ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). For every \$500 donation (up to \$2,000) a Council or Assembly makes to a qualified organization, the Supreme Council will contribute another \$100. Councils around the country have embraced this program, including here in Utah.

As of this writing, I am pleased to announce that we have at least eight Councils that have made donations to local PRCs around the state, to Pro Life Utah, and to the new Lamb of God Maternity home in North Salt Lake. Some of those Councils have made more than one donation and several other Councils are in the process of fundraising in order to make donations. I want to personally thank my Brother Knights who have participated in and contributed to this worthy program. For a listing of approved ASAP recipient organizations in Utah visit https://utahknights.org/programs/#culture_of_life

Program Ideas - Whether it is sidewalk advocacy work such as 40 Days for Life or a Life Chain or simply doing a Novena for Life, a Baby Bottle or diaper drive for your local PRC or one of the many other programs, I encourage you to stay in the fight, stay informed and do what you can to help.

For more program ideas please visit www.kofc.org/life

Your contributions matter! - To give you an idea of the significance of your work, a couple of years ago the Utah Knights raised more than \$25,000 to fund a mobile ultra-sound machine for a new van that Pro-Life Utah had just purchased. Several times a week this mobile clinic is parked outside of a Planned Parenthood Clinic in Salt Lake or other areas. Statistics show that a woman who sees her baby via an

ultrasound has an 80% or greater chance of keeping that baby rather than having an abortion. In 2022 the Pro Life Utah mobile clinic and Pro Life Utah staff

- Saved 54 babies.
- Served 59 women through the life grant program.
- Performed 449 mobile ultrasound clinic hours.
- Gave 18 baby showers for new mothers.
- Handed out 1200 gift bags and provided direct help to women going into abortion clinics

Special Olympics - In addition to all of the pro-life work that we do, there are several other great Life programs to become involved with. Special Olympics is one of those. For many years, Brother David Matyjasik has done a terrific job chairing this program for our Utah Knights. With COVID restrictions lifted, Special Olympics Utah is returning to its regular schedule of events. From polar plunges, and bowling events to Summer and Fall games there are many ways and opportunities to get involved with Special Olympics Utah. The Knights were there at the founding of Special Olympics, let's continue that great tradition. In addition to monetary donations, consider organizing a group of Council volunteers to help out at an upcoming event. Visit www.sout.org to learn more or contact Brother David at dancindaveno1@yahoo.com

Silver Rose – The Silver Rose is on the move again. It will be in Utah during the months of June and July. Brother Peter Abercrombie is our chair for this program. The Silver Rose Prayer Service is a powerful and moving one. If your Council has not participated in this program before I would highly encourage you to do so. Scheduling for the 2023 route has been completed but it is never too early to get this on your Council calendar for 2024. To learn more visit www.kofc.org/silverrose or contact Brother Peter at pabercrombie@comcast.net

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. Visit www.kofc.org/life for more ideas. The Salt Lake Diocese also has a long list of programs to consider. Visit www.dioslc.org/offices/marriage-and-family/respectlife to learn more or contact Crystal Painter - Director, Office of Marriage and Family Life at crystal.painter@dioslc.org

Thank you to all my Brother Knights for your continued support and efforts in promoting a culture of Life. We need it now more than ever! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or if you need assistance with anything. And please, let me know of any events you have planned for the coming year.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,
Patrick Schmitt
SK Patrick B. Schmitt
State Life Director

Youth Director: SK Stephen Gerichs

Youth director went along with my warden duties very nicely. The two are related in many ways, especially the public group events. I would like to thank all the councils that participated by getting the youth of their parishes and communities involved in our events. These people are the future of our

organization. I also want to encourage councils who did not participate to pick one event to add to their schedule and try it out. These programs are not very difficult and a good way to get brother knights active, especially the ones looking for something a little different. Once you see the amazing talent and the smiles on the faces of the youth, you will want to add more programs.

I would like to specifically thank the individual program chairman that were instrumental in making these state youth programs a resounding success:

Bill McCauley	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Alex Reynoso	Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
Kim Gold	Soccer Challenge
Ron Mecham	Free Throw Championship
James Harris	Diocesan Science Fair

Let's grow these programs to better serve our youth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Gerichs

SK Stephen Gerichs, State Warden

State Youth Director

Ceremonials Director: SK Karl A. VanMaren

Worthy Sirs,

This fraternal year we have definitely had an increase of in-person ceremonials of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF). This has both been for new members joining our fraternal brotherhood and for existing members to advance to the third degree. To help familiarize more council leaders with the newer ceremonial, the state council hosted an exemplification the afternoon of July 16th, following the Organizational Meeting. It was mainly the District Deputies who were the witnesses, but the message must have gone out to the councils as more ceremonial were scheduled. I attended the ones I could, and while there was usually room for improvement, the ceremonials were conducted effectively. Check the online calendar for upcoming ceremonials; the District Deputies add them as they're scheduled.

One of the recent highlights this year was the CUF at Blessed Sacrament, when Council 6966 welcomed their new pastor into the Knights on February 26th. There were over 35 observers in attendance; and from what I saw, every man in the room was a Knight. The council scheduled the CUF following a membership drive that saw two other parishioners join online and participate in the ceremonial.

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. The members should vote on Knights who want to transfer into their 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" booklet. Dues (if any) need to be paid at this stage (for live ceremonies). It's actually easier if they join online first (possibly with free membership). The ceremonial video is on the supreme council's website for anyone to view on demand, 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 (including their rosary, pin, booklet, welcome letter and a prayer card or two). Sending the invitation PDF is the easiest way to share the proper registration link.

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 using the "Prospect Tab" and with the "Candidate Tab" in Officers Online, the paper application "Form 100" has become less critical. It is still the simple option for collecting all the necessary information for transfers on the Candidate Tab. Completing this step also confirms back that the candidate participated in the ceremonial (live or online). Financial Secretaries should also add the ceremonial date for the new Knight's second and third degrees (the CUF is a combined ceremonial, but the dates are recorded separately).

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. Definitely helpful for accurate council records. Free dues may still be available in the future, the promotional code is on the website at www.KofC.org/JoinUs. (Or pay the \$30 to join.)

Thank you to the councils (and districts) that have been conducting the ceremonies 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 available publicly from the website at www.KofC.org/ceremonials as are the video recordings. Everything is in English, Spanish and French.

We have two "Ceremonial Kits" to loan out if you don't have all the supplies (i.e., ceremonial baldrics, crucifix, cable 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 kit, the other is with State Warden.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl VanMaren

SK Karl A. VanMaren, FDD

State Ceremonials Director

State Chairmen Reports

Affiliate/Retention Chairman: SK Bill McCauley

My Brother Knights,

Supreme continued "The Affiliate Membership" Program the beginning of 2023. 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. We currently have 395 Affiliate Members. I have heard of a few success stories where Councils have recovered a couple of good Knights from the Affiliate Members by renewing their interest in the activities of the Knights and the Council.

As Retention Chair for the State of Utah Council, I am available to the State Deputy, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries from all over the State to keep their membership intact. However, if a man decides that he no longer wished to be a Knight, he only needs to write a letter to the Supreme Secretary, as at least nine former Knights have done this year.

Besides leaving the Order, other options available to Knights had been to renew their efforts in their current council, transfer to a different Council, or become an Affiliate member. There were successful examples of this throughout the State. Strong Council programs led to member engagement and satisfaction that resulted in retention and growth. We are on track to achieve Circle of Honor for the second year in a row, thanks to all of our efforts to "K of C – Make a Difference".

Vivat Jesus and God Bless Us, Everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Affiliate/Retention Chairman

APSC Chairman: SK Larry Page

The mission of the American Patriot Service Corp. (APSC) is to serve our military Veterans and their families by helping Veterans and Surviving Spouses apply for the A&A Pension Benefit from the Department of Veterans Affairs. We are grateful, passionate, and committed to helping those who have served our country. We will never charge a fee to help them prepare and file their initial claim for the A&A Pension Benefit. We demand 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.

American Patriot Service Corp. (APSC), founded in 2011, has helped thousands of wartime Veterans and Surviving Spouses receive nearly \$250 million in Pension Benefits. Eligible and "qualifying" applicants can get significant tax-free monthly income up to the maximum applicable amount.

On July 29, Knights of Columbus Assembly 2577 will sponsor the 13th Annual Golf Tournament. All proceeds from this event go to support the Salt Lake Fisher House and the APSC. Donations from the Knights of Columbus and others made it possible for APSC to help many more Veterans, or their surviving spouse, apply for a pension reserved for those who performed wartime military service. Because of your support and generosity, the pension dollars provided to these heroes will likely exceed \$1,000,000 over the remainder of their lifetimes.

Please consider making a donation to APSC or signing up for the Golf Tournament at www.UtahKofCgolf.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Page
SK Larry Page, DD
APSC Chairman

Carmelite Chairman: SK George Jockisch

Hello brothers, let's start with a great big "Thank you" for all your support this past year for the Carmelite nuns. From dropping off canning supplies or a few groceries, purchasing jam and candy, helping with cutting grass, attending daily Mass or helping with the Carmelite fair, or just buying a raffle ticket. The Knights make a difference and are appreciated and prayed for.

As you are all aware of, the Carmelite fair was back this year and was very successful due to all the hard work and efforts of the many volunteers. We had Knights and their families helping throughout, and so many more Knights brought their families and enjoyed the day there. I'm not very good at keeping names and recognizing individuals, but a special shoutout to our State Deputy, Bill Kelly, who led by example and helped with the fair teardown.

This year the fair will be September 17th, and we could use more volunteers. Also, could use a few more volunteers to cut grass or help with grounds maintenance. Everyone is welcome at 7:30 daily Mass, except Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00. Every 3rd Sunday at 3 pm there is a Holy Hour with the Exposition, Rosary and short homily. It's a special Holy Hour. Come join us.

May God bless and protect you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Jockisch
SK George Jockisch
Carmelite Chairman

Carmelite Car Chairman: SK Michael Griffin

Carmelite Fair Fundraiser 2023

Thanks so much for your support of the Carmelite Fair Car Raffle Fundraiser over the years! Hopefully you were able to attend the Fair in September of 2022. It was a gorgeous day for a Fair!

Last year's Car Giveaway fundraising season was truly sent from Heaven. Perhaps it was a result of the Covid suspension, or the appeal of the KIA Sportage, but I think that it was the enthusiasm from the Councils that created an unprecedented level of success that we had with our Fundraiser for the Sisters!

Our Fundraiser Goal for pre-Fair donations was set at \$26,081.00. This represents a 10% increase over our average sales from previous years. The 2022 pre-Fair total came to \$50,048. Adding together the collection at the Fair, and we are estimating that we sourced over \$75,000 in donations. This level of support is unprecedented!

Although I would love to highlight every Council's accomplishment, I would like to especially congratulate the accomplishments of the following Councils:

John Carty – St. Mary’s of the Assumption	\$7,260
Richard Hartle – St. Rose of Lima	\$4,400
Richard Hall – St. James	\$4,100
Mark Koltiska- St. Thomas More	\$3,550
Cody Rasmussen – St. John the Baptist	\$3,500
Arrulfo Castillo – St. Peter and Paul	\$2,950
Nate Morley – St. Thomas Aquinas	\$2,650
Michael Derrick – St. Vincent De Paul	\$2,952
John Wainscott – Blessed Sacrament	\$2,550
Jerry Bedel – St. Joseph	\$2,450
Regalio Castenada – St. Peter and Paul	\$2,180
Brian Duncan – St. Marguerite	\$2,020

Again, the dedicated Knights of Council #602 rose to the occasion to support the collection of donations the day of the Fair. The line of patrons that were looking to take home that car never let up all day. A big thanks to GK Giancarlo R Gazani and to the hard work and dedication of his supporting Councilmen.

It is with gratitude that I can announce that The Jerry Seiner Group again is donating a beautiful new 2023 Kia Sportage for this year’s fundraiser. Thanks to their generosity, all proceeds will go directly to help support the operating expenses of the Monastery.

The Carmelite Monetary is the home to 12 incredible women that have dedicated their lives to the love of Jesus Christ and prayer for us and the whole world. The Monastery in Holladay Utah will only continue to exist if the Sisters are able to continue to meet their ongoing operating expenses which are significant! Their revenue sources come through the generosity of the Catholic Faithful that attend Mass at their small Chapel, a small group of generous donors, and most importantly the proceeds from their annual Fair. Without question, the Fair creates most of their operating revenue. This Car Giveaway creates the majority of the revenue for the Fair. This is why our ongoing support is so important.

This year’s Fundraising Season has already begun. On behalf of the Sisters, I would just like to thank you all for your previous efforts to make this fundraiser so successful. I trust that through God’s grace, we will continue to work together in support of the Sisters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Griffin

SK Michael G. Griffin

Carmelite Fair Car Giveaway Chair

*Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman: SK Bill
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 <https://www.kofc.org/essay>.

The 2022-2023 assignment was in an essay of 500-750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments.

“Here on earth, it’s impossible to perform a more meritorious act than visiting Jesus often in the Eucharist. If you took all of the good works done by all of the humans who have ever lived in all of history and stacked them all up and multiplied them by a million, they wouldn’t equal the merit, the virtue, and the worth of one Mass. The Eucharistic sacrifice is Christ’s infinite merit, infinite value.” – St Teresa of Avila

Seven Councils (602, 6010, 6739, 10733, 12181, 14399 and 15418) from six Districts (2, 10, 9, 8, 6, 10 and 11 respectively) participated in the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**. The Councils received a total of 45 entries 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. The winning essay in all five grades was split between three Councils. Council 13297 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.

8th Grade	1st Place – MATTHEW DOWD – Council #15418 2nd Place – MIA DAVALOS – Council #602 3rd Place – CHRISTOPHER AMES – Council #10733
9th Grade	1st Place – SAUL A. AMEZCUA – Council #10733 2nd Place – RACHEL LOWE – Council #15418
10th Grade	1st Place – HUMBERTO LEDESMA SANTANA – Council #10733
11th Grade	1st Place – THEA LOPEZ – Council #6010 2nd Place – BRANDY DE JESUS LOPEZ – Council #10733
12th Grade	1st Place – LEO MARTINEZ – Council #10733

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman

Christian Refugee Chairman: SK Richard F. Hall

Dear Brother Knights,

There are so many needs that we encounter each and every day to help our fellow man. Of particular interest to me have been the needs of the Persecuted Christians in the Middle East which has included aid to Karamles in Iraq, Adopt a Parish near Bagdad and the needs of the Ukrainian refugees.

On the national and international level these needs are addressed by our contributions to the Knights of Columbus Charities. These needs are outlined on the KofC.org website (<https://www.kofc.org/>) Please take the time review these needs focusing on the

ANNUAL APPEAL (UNITED IN CHARITIES)

Unrestricted gifts to our United in Charities appeal enables us to provide aid most quickly to the areas that need the support the most. Gifts to this fund support all the initiatives of Knights of Columbus Charities. Thank you for your trust and generosity!

DISASTER RELIEF

Natural disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. In these moments of darkness and trial, the Knights has always been there bringing immediate aid and comfort to those people affected.

Let's raise the question: **What can be done at the local level?** Well here in the Diocese of Utah Catholic Community Services (CCS) serves this role and has the organization and systems to get the help where it is needed. The CCS web site provides all the information you need to set up a service project.

(<https://ccsutah.org>). This is the type of information found on the CCS website:

UKRAINIAN HELP INFORMATION PROVIDED

How many people are coming? How soon are they arriving? What is their immigration situation?

How can I volunteer my time with the refugee resettlement program?

Where can I go to hear more about volunteer opportunities as they come up?

I'd like to donate money. How do I do that? How will my donation help refugees?

How can I help children separated from their parents?

I live outside the greater Salt Lake area. What can I do to help?

Can I donate other items?

Where Can I access the Amazon Wishlist?

Where can I learn more?

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Contact **Aden Batar**, Director of Migration & Refugee Services abatar@ccsutah.org (801) 428-1254

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard F. Hall

SK Richard F. "Dick" Hall, FMFD

Christian Refugee Chairman

Coats for Kids Chairman: SK Robert Masse Jr.

To start, I would like to thank the State Deputy Bill Kelly, all the state officers, and Karl Van Maren, plus all the councils that pledged and paid the said pledges. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much. The Coats for Kids program for 2022 exceeded all expectations. This year's pledges and donations were the largest ever.

The Utah State Council proposed to co-host with the local councils a coats for kids event. Proposed distribution was setup throughout the months of November and December, going into January if necessary. In Utah we need to start distribution before "Black Friday" because of our winter.

After contacting our councils throughout the state, 5 areas were found to have the greatest need. The State council is seeking to support local council activities through coats for kids. This will have an immediate and long-term effect on these communities and councils. Utah State council with the assistance from over 22 councils and several assemblies, purchased over 130 cases of coats. With the

generosity of Knights of Columbus Supreme Council that doubled to be 260 cases of coats. We ran out of our initial order of coats and ordered an additional 10 cases (plus 10 cases from Supreme).

Utah Knights of Columbus' goal was to put a warm coat on every kid that wanted one. We were able to include some adult coats as well. Throughout Utah – from Southern Utah to Northern Utah, Eastern Utah to Western Utah, we distributed over 4500 coats, including at the VA and the Indian Reservation.

A huge shout out to the following councils:

Box Elder County

- 14399 & 9849 (Catholic Community Services of Northern Utah)
- 12959 (St. Thomas Aquinas) Logan

Weber County

- 6010 (St. Rosa Lima) Layton
- 16127 (Hill AF Base) Layton
- 777 (St. Joseph Ogden)

Salt Lake County

- 5214 (St. Francis Xavier) Kearns
- 602, 7962, 9731, 12264, 14239, 15418 (SLC, St. Ambrose, Riverton, Magna, St. Patrick & West Jordan)

Summit County

- 1129 (St. Mary's & St. Lawrence)

Utah County

- Assembly 1146 (Councils 9561, 8606 & 1136)

Knowing that we are one of the states with a lower Catholic population, we still believe that Utah Knights can make a substantial impact on our state overall and be able to help many with our donations, bringing pride and honor to our faith and to our fraternal order.

I am forever grateful to every council that made the 2022 Coats for Kids a huge success. My goal was to increase last year's total, and we nearly doubled it.

Every kid and adult that wants a coat will get a warm coat. It seems like winter is never going to end, but it will, so start collecting funds and pledges for Coats 4 Kids 2023.

Again, I want to thank everyone for getting the pledges and helping distribute over 4500 coats throughout Utah. God bless.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Masse Jr., PSD

SK Robert "Bob" Masse Jr., PSD

Coats for Kids Chairman



Council Reactivation and Retention Chairman: SK Bill Kelly

Some sad news. The Supreme Council is in process of dissolving San Felipe Council 11812. The Wendover Council has been an inactive council for over 8 years now and membership roll is at 5 active (two who live out of state) and 10 inactive Knights.

Councils 15471 (Our Lady of Guadalupe) and 16006 (Sacred Heart) merged with Council 602 (SLC) in February 2023. Thank you to efforts of the Council 602 officers who agreed to support this merger.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

SK William I. Kelly, State Deputy

Council Reactivation and Retention Chairman

Diocesan Science Fair Chairman: James Harris

The 27th Annual Utah Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair was held on February 4, 2023 at Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper, Utah. The science fair was held for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Seventy judges volunteered to attend breakfast and training sessions. Judging began at 9 AM and was completed in two hours. Knights along with their friends and family came out in full force to judge. 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 after lunch at approximately 1:00 PM.

Twenty councils, four assemblies, and five individual sponsors made it possible to present 70 ribbons, one certificate, one plaque, 23 trophies, 52 cash prizes, and an annual event t-shirt to all 124 students. Thank you to all the sponsors, judges and State Deputy Bill Kelly, State Treasurer Frank Carmona, State Advocate Bill McCauley, State Warden Stephen Gerichs, Andy Airiess PSD, and Karl Van Maren for their assistance.

The winners were reported in the Intermountain Catholic. The article is online at www.icatholic.org/article/2023-diocesan-science-and-engineering-fair-winners--39516916

Young Scientist of the Year Award: Elliott Bucher, Our Lady of Lourdes

Specialty Awards

Best Use of Mathematics: Olivia Newton, St. John the Baptist

Best Oral Presentation: Hailey Lenhart, St. Marguerite

Most Unique Visual Display: Alex Freeman, J.E. Cosgriff

Best Working Model: Ria Kale, St. John the Baptist

Culture of Life Award: Erin Chan, Juan Diego CHS

Astronomy Recognition Award: Santana Nomar, Blessed Sacrament

Special Recognition Awards

Sixth Grade Honorable Mention: Andrew Farrell, St. Andrew

Overall Sixth Grade Award: Nomar Santana, Blessed Sacrament

Seventh Grade Honorable Mention: Vincent Hildebrand, J.E. Cosgriff
Overall Seventh Grade Award: Teagan Harris, St. John the Baptist
Eighth Grade Honorable Mention: Solomon Guilkey, J.E. Cosgriff
Overall Eighth Grade Award: Elliott Bucher, Our Lady of Lourdes

Category Honors

Overall Biology and Microbiology Award: Christopher Joklik, St. John the Baptist
Overall Plant Science Award: Elliott Bucher, Our Lady of Lourdes
Overall Engineering Award: Teagan Harris, St. John the Baptist
Overall Earth and Environmental Science Award: Ryan Belgique, J.E. Cosgriff
Overall Behavioral and Social Science Award: Vincent Hildebrand, J.E. Cosgriff
Overall Energy: Chemical and Physical Science Award: Becket Evans, St. John the Baptist
Overall Physics, Astronomy and Math Award: Olivia Newton, St. John the Baptist
Overall Chemistry and Biochemistry Award: Violette–Reine Evans, St. John the Baptist
Overall Medicine, Health Sciences Biomedical Engineering Award: Solomon Guilkey, J.E. Cosgriff

Third–First Place Winners (by category and grade)

Behavioral and Social Science:

6th grade – 3rd Place: Breille Mese, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Avery Coan, St. Andrew;
1st Place: Elaine Bogus, St. John the Baptist;
7th grade – 3rd Place: Katelyn Scehet, St. Joseph;
2nd Place: Caroline Stringham, J.E. Cosgriff;
1st Place: Vincent Hildebrand, J. E. Cosgriff;
8th Grade – 3rd Place: Caroline Woodbury, St. Vincent de Paul;
2nd Place: Gianna Gustafson, St. Vincent de Paul;
1st Place, Mary Ault, St. Vincent de Paul

Biology and Microbiology:

6th Grade – 2nd Place: Abby Hankins, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Andrew Farrell, Blessed Sacrament;
7th Grade – 1st Place: Christopher Joklik, St. John the Baptist;
8th Grade – 2nd Place: Colin Farr, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Britain Bennett, St. John the Baptist

Chemistry Biochemistry:

6th Grade – 3rd Place: Vega Atkins, Kearns-St. Ann;
2nd Place: Danna Avilla, St. Marguerite;
1st Place: Jack Tracy, St. John the Baptist;
7th Grade: 3rd Place: Vicky Ramirez Ortega, St. Francis Xavier;
2nd Place: Emme Breen, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Riley Brown, St. John the Baptist;
8th Grade – 3rd Place: Niyol Thorpe, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Connor Hoisington, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Violette-Reine Evans, St. John the Baptist

Earth and Environmental Science:

6th Grade – 1st Place: Samantha Mondragon, St. Andrew;
7th Grade – 3rd Place: Chloe Stechschultz, St. John the Baptist;

2nd Place: Katie Ross, J.E. Cosgriff;
1st Place: Rylan Belgique, J.E. Cosgriff;
8th Grade – 1st Place: Boston Parker, St. Andrew

Energy: Chemical and Physical:

7th Grade – 3rd Place: Rebecca Siwale, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Sophie Monson, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Serese Wood, St. John the Baptist;
8th Grade – 2nd Place: Dalton Schuyler, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Becket Evans, St. John the Baptist

Engineering:

6th Grade – 3rd Place: Eliza Young, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Cyrano Martin, Blessed Sacrament;
1st Place: Aeden Peters, St. Andrew;
7th Grade – 3rd Place: Ria Dogra, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Jaiden Rodriguez, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Teagan Harris, St. John the Baptist;
8th Grade – 3rd Place: Maxwell Myers, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Quinn Cousineau-Vasquez, St. Joseph Elementary;
1st Place: Ria Kale, St. John the Baptist

Medicine, Health Science, Biomedical Engineering:

6th grade – 1st Place: Sierra Stapley, St. Marguerite;
7th Grade – 3rd Place: Isla Blair, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Mercellas Chandler, St. Marguerite;
1st Place: Catherine Eagar, Our Lady of Lourdes;
8th Grade - 3rd Place: Lola Busch, St. Vincent De Paul;
2nd Place: Sophie Matthews, St. Olaf;
1st Place: Solomon Guilkey, J.E. Cosgriff

Physics, Astronomy, Math:

6th grade – 3rd Place: Nicolas Svitak, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Olivia Ellis, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Nomar Santana, Blessed Sacrament;
7th grade – 3rd Place: Gavin Wagner, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Addison England, St. Joseph Elementary;
1st Place: Aidan Hyland, St. Andrew;
8th Grade – 3rd Place: William Yavelak, St. John the Baptist;
2nd Place: Khoi Tran, St. John the Baptist;
1st Place: Olivia Newton, St. John the Baptist

Plant Science:

6th grade – 1st Place: Malcolm Brown, St. John the Baptist;
7th grade – 1st Place Samuel Smith, J.E. Cosgriff;
8th grade – 3rd Place: Ainsley Heady, St. Vincent de Paul;
2nd Place: Lexie Fisher, St. Vincent de Paul;
1st Place: Elliott Bucher, Our Lady of Lourdes

High School Winners

- 1st Place: Madilyne Beaudry, St. Joseph CHS
- 2nd Place: Mercedes Randhahn, St. Joseph CHS
- 3rd Place: Aidan Mulligan, Juan Diego CHS

Respectfully Submitted,

James Harris

James Harris

Diocesan Science Fair Chairman

Family of the Month Chairman: SK Bill McCauley

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month program promotes and supports the development of strong and vibrant families by recognizing the good work being done every day in the homes of our neighbors. Recognized families outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, exemplifying Catholic family values and making meaningful contributions to their parish and larger community.

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year.

When selecting your council's Family of the Year, follow guidelines similar to those used by the committee in choosing each Family of the Month. Eligible Family of the year recipients must be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Your judging committee should consider whether each family has continued to exemplify the traits of a solid Catholic family.

Thus far this year only a few Councils have participated in the Family of the Month Program. Only four Councils have submitted a total of ten Families of the Month. Supreme has recognized seven Families with a gift. In September, the State Council began awarding a gift for Utah Family of the Month. Thus far we have awarded six families from four different Councils. The Utah Families of the Month were Ed and Lenora Callor (2611), the Kim Gold Family (12181), the Mary Rakowski Family (12181), Mr. and Mrs. Todd Schilling (10304), Jennifer and Steve Kerrick (5502), and Brooke and Roger Armijo (12181).

Please consider recognizing and honoring a family in your Parish. Especially in these last two months when we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Family of the Month Chairman

Fisher House Chairman: SK Chuck Dover, Jr., PSD

Our beautiful 16,800 sq. ft. house featuring 20 suites is truly an amazing place for families of veterans to stay while their loved ones receive medical care at the VA medical center in Salt Lake. We have a new manager at Fisher House this year. Heather Dunnigan has replaced Quinn Kiger-Good who now manages

the VA facility in Daybreak. Quinn did an outstanding job for over 12 years. We wish her well and give Heather a warm, "welcome aboard!"

The Fisher House still needs our help as long as there are families of veterans in need of assistance. Visit our state website www.UtahKnights.org. Click on programs at the top of the page; scroll down to Veterans and click; at the bottom of the page is information you need to know concerning donating to Fisher House. Make sure you always fill out and submit a VAVS Donation Form to accompany any goods, services, gift cards, or monetary donations you give. Make yourself a copy for your records. From this form they will acknowledge your donation with a "Thank you!" and submit it for internal tracking and accounting.

Please continue to serve our veterans and their families through your generosity. God Bless America!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Dover, Jr.

SK Charles E. Dover, Jr., PSD, FVSM

Fisher House Chairman

Free Throw Championship Chairman: SK Ron R Mecham

Free Throw Championship Assistant Chairman John J. Miller

The afternoon of Sunday, March 26, 2023, the gym at Blessed Sacrament School in Sandy was busy with our state Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

Thanks to the 19 volunteers there to assist, including State Advocate (and State Program Director) Bill McCauley, and State Warden Stephen Gerichs, District Deputies Stacey Yeager, Richard Green, Tim Soran Jr., and Tom Odle as well as several Former District Deputies.

Below are the champions, as best their names could be read. If you have any corrections to the names, please let me know.

Prizes: (for each age/sex)

1st place – A new basketball & Trophy

2nd place – ribbon; 3rd place – ribbon; 4th place – ribbon; 5th place - ribbon

AND the top scoring boy & girl, each received a red white and blue basketball net and patch.

We had entries from 7 of Utah's 13 districts, representing 9 (of 34) councils.

B/G	Age	Place	Council	District	Score	Name	Champion's City
Girl	9	1	15418	11	13	Blaire Simmons	Millcreek
Girl	10	1	14399	10	14	Olivia DeSantis	S. Ogden
Girl	10	2	9849	1	9	Grace Rask	Plain City
Girl	10	3	15418	11	4	Evie Gardner	N. Ogden
Girl	10	4	6966	3	4	Scarlet Jones	Sandy
Girl	11	1	12181	6	10	Olivia Ellis	Draper
Girl	12	1	9849	1	18	Mylah Rask	Plain City
Girl	12	2	15418	11	7	Gianna Patterson	Unknown (SLC?)
Girl	12	3	6739	9	1	Brookes Martinez	Tooele

Girl	13	1	6739	9	4	Bella Hubbell	Tooele
Girl	14	1	5214	7	16	Kya Newton	South Jordan
Girl	14	2	12181	6	0	Britta Mercier	Sandy
Boy	9	1	9849	1	17	Cruz Williams	South Ogden
Boy	9	2	15418	11	14	Jackson Egan	Salt Lake City
Boy	9	3	12181	6	0	Samuel Akins	Draper
Boy	10	1	14399	10	17	Austin Scadden	Ogden
Boy	10	2	15418	11	16	Calvin Simon	Unknown (SLC?)
Boy	10	3	5214	7	15	Jacoby Newton	South Jordan
Boy	10	4	777	1	13	Ivan Anguiano	Ogden
Boy	10	5	6966	3	10	Marco Tsandes	Sandy
Boy	11	1	15418	11	20	Kai Fischer	Unknown (SLC?)
Boy	12	1	6966	3	10	Andrew Farrell	Sandy
Boy	12	2	6739	9	8	Jack Ruth	Stansbury Pk
Boy	12	3	6739	9	7	Luke Emefo	Tooele
Boy	13	1	777	1	8	Daniel Anguiano	Ogden
Boy	13	2	14399	10	5	John Keegan	Farmington
Boy	13	3	9731	9	3	Joseph Michael Durham	Erda
Boy	14	1	6739	9	8	Jose Valenzuela	Tooele

(Yes, we did notice the extra 12-year-old boy from Tooele as we tallied the scores.)

Top scoring boy was Kai Fischer with 20 of 25 baskets. Top girl was Mylah Rask with 18/25.

We did have two finishers in the top 3 of their group with no baskets scored of 25. Some days showing up and trying is enough.

The scoring at this level is initially out of 25 baskets, then tie breakers are in sets of 5. (The CITY above is from the registration form, not the council's hometown, a few were blank.)

The District Deputy Shootout had some real competition this year. Only four District Deputies were present, but two initially tied with 3/5. Congratulations to DD Stacey Yeager on his victory by making 4 of the 5 tie breaker shots!

Each district with participants had at least one first place winner!

Almost every council with participants had a first-place winner; the exception was Council 9731 whose only entry took third.

Most 1st place winners? They were spread out this year with four councils having two, and another four having one. Two 1st place winners from 6739, 9849, 14399, and 15418. District 1 had the most (with 3).

Total Champions:

1st Place: 12 2nd Place: 7 3rd Place: 6 4th Place: 2 5th Place: 1
N/A Place: 14 (13 were no-shows, 1 boy present chose not to compete).

It really did happen! Photos are online at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ev7Vidw39UJB8Ni89>

Next year we'll have additional volunteers at the check-in table reviewing the forms.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Mecham
SK Ron Mecham
Free Throw Championship Chairman

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator: SK Rafael Castillo

No report available by the publication deadline.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rafael Castillo
SK Rafael Castillo
Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator

Historian: SK Andy Airriess

No report. This activity is still in the planning stages and I anticipate having time in the future to take on this responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Airriess
SK Andrew Airriess, PSD
Historian

Holy Hour Chairman: SK Jerry Hanten

See report under "Faith Director."

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Hanten
SK Jerald P. Hanten, PSD
Holy Hour Chairman

Honest Abe Chairman: SK Art Grant

The "Honest Abe Shop" was setup at both the Organizational Meeting at Saint Thomas More in July 2022, and the Midyear Meeting at Saint Vincent de Paul in Holladay in January 2023. Shirts were sold, and other KofC memorabilia was made available for the members to purchase.

Stop by and see me for your KofC branded items (especially the newly stocked shirts, hats, and jackets), we're here at the convention, just down the hallway in our fancy new location. Unfortunately, the cost of the supplies has gone up, so our prices have also increased after staying the same for over five years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Art Grant
SK Arthur A. Grant, FDD
Honest Abe Chairman

Insurance Promotion Chairman: SK Bill Kelly

Bill Mundy and his wife Suzzanna have joined state staff as the new benefits advisor field agent team. The State officer team has promoted over 12 online benefits seminars to our council members. As of April 1, 2023, 19 of 34 councils have qualified for the Founders' Award.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Kelly
SK William I. Kelly, State Deputy
Insurance Promotion Chairman

Knights on Bikes: Nick Nielson, PSD

This past year has been exciting for the Utah Knights on Bikes and has started to take off and grow. We officially started our chapter in the 2021-2022 fraternal year but were under the Idaho Knights on Bikes chapter. During this fraternal year, as of January 1st, 2023 the Utah Knights on Bikes were split off and are now officially our own chapter of the organization. We have gained some good momentum, gained new members, and are meeting regularly on the 2nd Monday of every month. Given that our membership is spread out, our monthly meetings are held virtually.

During the past year we started off the season with a blessing of the bikes up at Hill Air Force Base, sponsored and had a few members participate in some larger group rides benefiting different charities like fighting suicide, and most recently helped lead the color guard with the Utah Knights of Columbus banner at the Saint Patrick's Day parade.

With riding season just around the corner, we are excited to get out there on our bikes and share in some fraternal time supporting our councils, assemblies, and growing membership in the Knights of Columbus as a whole. We are planning to participate and sponsor some bigger group rides again this year like the Ride to Fight Suicide and the Ride to Zero; we are planning on being present at the Special Olympics opening ceremonies; and planning our own rides like a ride starting off with a blessing of the bikes and supporting Council 9731 at their annual 4th of July breakfast.

If you have a motorcycle or any of the members in your council do, invite them to join the Utah Knights on Bikes chapter. More information can be found on our website www.UtahKnightsOnBikes.org and through our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/563520848663838). The Utah Knights on Bikes wish the best for all those involved in the Utah state annual convention and are excited to help support all the councils in the state in any way that we can.

Viva Christo Rey!

Respectfully Submitted,
Nick “Pitbull” Nielson
SK Nick Nielson, PSD
State Vice President, Utah Knights on Bikes

Mass for People with Special Needs Chairman: SK Tom DeMars

Worthy Grand Knights, I am the State lead for the Life Program – Mass for People with Special Needs. People with special needs resulting from physical, emotional, mental or cognitive conditions are all around us in society, at school, at work, and in our families. It can be challenging for these important members of our society to participate in liturgies due to physical and social barriers – or even family member anxiety. Celebrating a Mass for People with Special Needs can be the first of many steps toward integrating them into regular weekly or even daily Mass – and more deeply into all of the sacraments and other aspects of parish life.

We need to determine who to invite by identifying people with special needs in the parish. Individuals and organizations who can help identify or invite attendees include:

- Pastor, faith formation minister, other parish and civic leaders
- Local Special Olympics, The Arc, special education teachers
- Meals on Wheels, assisted-living facilities, group homes, senior citizen groups, disabled veterans’ organizations
- Health advocacy groups for Down syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson’s disease, Lou Gehrig’s disease, blindness or deafness

Please reach out to your Parish and surrounding community and use the resources to make a Mass for People with Special Needs happen in your community. Call or email me with what you learn and if you need my help. For Mass for Special Needs resources, visit www.kofc.org/mpsn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom DeMars
SK Thomas V. DeMars, DD12, PGK
Mass for People with Special Needs Chairman

McGivney Guild Chairman: SK Chuck Dover, Jr.

The Fr. McGivney Guild was first started in Utah by State Deputy Joseph B. Ligor in 1996. The purpose of the Guild is to promote prayer to Fr. Michael McGivney and to promote the cause for his canonization. Each quarter a newsletter is mailed out to all Guild members tracking the many favors granted through the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Utah growth in the Guild has been slow over the past few years. Nonetheless, we slowly continue to grow the membership in Utah. The Guild is open to anyone who desires to track the cause for canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney. The cost to join is absolutely free. Please reach out to our members at meetings and make them aware of the Guild. For the place we give Fr. McGivney in the Order it always baffles me why

we have so few members to rally for his sainthood. We need to make a better effort where the Guild is concerned.

The Guild is easy to promote. Talk about it at meetings, degrees, and functions. Remember, best of all, there is no charge to join. Once you are enrolled you have nothing further to do. Promote it at your parish. It is open to anyone who may be interested not just Knights.

The easiest way to join is on the website at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org> (click "Join the Guild")

Our membership in Utah is right around 3,500. After 16 years of promoting, we have a little more than 1,500 Guild members in Utah. 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, our success relies heavily upon you to help build membership in the Guild from Utah!

Father McGivney, pray for us!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Dover, Jr.

SK Charles E. Dover, Jr., PSD, FVSM

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

Membership Retention Chairman: SK Frank Carmona

See report under "State Treasurer."

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carmona

SK Frank Carmona, State Advocate, FMFD

Membership Retention Chairman

MS Walk Chairman: SK Tim Lozano

No report available by the publication deadline.

Note: The SLC MS Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2023. The Utah Knights of Columbus team page is online at mssociety.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=36971

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Lozano

SK Tim Lozano

MS Walk Chairman

Newsletter/Bulletin Editor: SK Brian Duncan

The monthly "State Update" newsletters are on the homepage of the state council website at www.UtahKnights.org and were sent out to the Utah Leaders group for distribution to the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Duncan
Brian R. Duncan, FDD
Newsletter Editor, "Utah State Update"

Online Membership Chairman: Unassigned

Previous Chairman, PSD Andy Airriess was unsure of his residence status at the beginning of the Fraternal Year, but he still attends Supreme Online membership chairman online meetings representing Utah.

Those of us on the Membership Team (meaning all 3000+ Utah Knights) thank Andy for stepping up and "making a difference". We need a volunteer to take on this position next year.

Councils with online members in their "Prospect Tab" should continue to reach out to the Knights about joining their council and attending an exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Currently there are over 50 online members waiting for a council home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill McCauley
SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD
Assistant Membership Director

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 July, 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, 2023, 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. Sincerely request that you continue to keep our departed brothers and loved ones in your prayers. Donations may be made any time of year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Kelly
SK William I. Kelly, State Deputy
Perpetual Memorial Chairman

Pilgrim Icon Program Chairman: SK Greg Keller

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held.

Devotion to St. Joseph was understandably slow to develop in the history of the Church. The “just man,” whom God chose to protect, defend and raise the most precious of his gifts to humanity had not a word of his recorded in Scripture. Tradition tells us that our Lord’s foster father died — likely with Jesus and Mary at his side — even prior to Jesus beginning his public ministry. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

Spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. Councils in Utah have taken up the challenge to sponsor prayer services for the second year since receiving our two Icons last year to spread devotion to St Joseph. At the time of this year’s state convention the first weekend in May, the following councils have participated in this year’s celebration:

Council 12181 Mother Teresa of Calcutta - Draper (several times), Council 14239 St Andrew- Riverton, Council 6010 St Rose of Lima – Layton, Council 7961 St Joseph the Worker – West Jordan, Council 14764 Fr Thomas Kraft – SLC, Council 17140 Immaculate Conception – Copperton, Council 602 Salt Lake – SLC, and Council 6966 Corpus Christi – Sandy.

Councils still planning to host the Icon are Council 15418 – SLC, Council 12959 St Thomas Aquinas – Logan, Council 13646 St Therese of the Child Jesus – Midvale, and Council 16127 Deacon Sliger – Hill AFB.

There’s still time this year to host the St. Joseph Icon. Please contact Greg Keller to schedule your turn.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Keller

SK Gregory A. Keller, PSD

Pilgrim Icon Program Chairman

Poster Contest Chairman: SK Alex Reynoso

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** had entries from nine Councils (1129, 1136, 5214, 6966, 9731, 10733, 12181, 15418 and 16127 from seven Districts). Reported to me were 273 posters from the seven 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.

State Winners:

Age 5 to 7

1st Place - KATHRINE JANE MOORE, Council #15418

2nd Place - HELENA SZEWCZYK, Council #12181

3rd Place - DAISY VAZQUEZ, Council #1136

Age 8 to 10

1st Place - MARLO FRANCO, Council #6966

2nd Place - BREANNA ROSAS TROSKOVETS, Council #1129

3rd Place - ANGELINA GUTIERREZ, Council #16127

Age 11 to 14

1st Place - MONICA KEEGAN, Council #12181

2nd Place - MIRIAM A CASTELLANOS, Council #5214

3rd Place - DOMINIC ROSSANO, Council #6966

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Reynoso

SK Alex Reynoso

State [Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC)] Poster Contest Chairman

Public Relations Chairman: Unassigned

PSD Andy Airriess still gets invites to and attends Supreme PR chairman online meetings. He does the functions of the PR Chair much more so than online membership director. We continue to search and must find a replacement for Andy next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

State Program Director

Rosary Chairman: SK John Valdez

The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program builds faithful families and communities through rosary prayer. It encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by

scheduling regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should personally invite each family of the parish to participate.

“Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and heart toward the Lord.” Rosary - Saint John Paul II

The month of May is traditionally considered the month of Mary, a month especially dedicated to devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God and the Mother of all of us. In May, we celebrate Mother’s Day, and it is only fitting that we spend a whole month celebrating especially the Mother who is model of all mothers, the Mother God chose for His own Son. Especially this month, schedule time to pray the Rosary either as a parish, a family, or individually.

“I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.” -Pope Francis

Respectfully Submitted,

John Valdez

SK John Valdez, FDD

Rosary Chairman

Round Table Coordinator: SK Bill McCauley

A parish round table serves a parish in any number of ways. However, the ultimate aspiration of any parish round table remains the same:

To actively engage Knights of Columbus members in order to aid the parish and sustain visible Catholic action through works of charity in every parish and mission throughout the Order, and in sustainable parishes to form the round table into a fully functioning council.

There are many benefits in establishing a parish round table for the parish, its priest, and Knights. Having a Knights of Columbus parish round table creates a unique and effective support structure within the parish. Whether it’s fundraising or actively participating in the parish’s ministry, devoted Knights serve as invaluable resources for realizing the needs of the parish.

The benefits of a round table for local councils and its members are also evident. Through personal service to our respective parishes, the Order is able to truly fulfill its commitment to serving the Catholic Church, as well as our communities. And, as Knights, being active in our own parishes helps strengthen our personal faith and often helps create a better place for our families to grow theirs in spirituality and service.

This year two priests approached us and requested our assistance in forming a Roundtable in their respective parishes. I am pleased to announce that we have established official roundtables at Saint Ann Catholic Church, Salt Lake City and Saint Jude Maronite Catholic Church, Taylorsville to join the existing five roundtables in Utah.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Round Table Coordinator

RSVP Chairman: SK Joe Ligori, PSD

Worthy Chaplain and Worthy State Deputy and Worthy Supreme Representative and Worthy State Officers and Worthy Delegates:

It has been a pleasure to re-collect and organize the RSVP Program for the Utah State Knights of Columbus. It is so great of a process that I am so proud of the Councils/Assembly support of our Seminarians. The Diocese of Salt Lake is so appreciative for the support from the Knights of Columbus for these young men.

There are 7 active Seminarians in the Diocese of Salt Lake City. All 7 Seminarians are presently being supported by Knights of Columbus in Utah. Attached is the complete list of all Seminarians and which Council/Assembly is supporting them.

Also, Council 5502 is supporting a Postulant whose father is a member of Council 5502.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Ligori

SK Joe Ligori, PSD

RSVP Chairman

Following is the list of those supported through RSVP and their location and supporters.

Anthony Shumway

Mount Angel

Anthony's Councils:

10304—Taylorsville

1129—Park City

1136—Provo

6966—Sandy

7961—West Jordan

Deacon Andre Sicard

Theological College

401 Michigan Ave, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20017

Andre's Councils:

13646—Midvale

1136—Provo

10733—St. George

15418—SLC (St. Ambrose)

Brian Schumacher

Pontifical North America

00120 Vatican City State

Europe

Brian's Councils:

1129—Park City

6010—Layton

14399—South Ogden

Jaime Zuazo

Mount Angel

Jaime's Councils:

602—SLC

11246—Cedar City

Jose Luis Gomez

Mount Angel

Jose's Councils:

6739—Tooele

11479—Cottonwood Heights

15418—SLC--(St. Ambrose)

Kenneth Parsad

Mount Angel

Kenneth's Councils:

12181—Draper

9849—Ogden

Deacon Oscar Marquina

Pontifical North America

00120 Vatican City State

Europe

Cell: 435-494-1211

Email: Oscar.a.marquina@gmail.com

Oscar's Council:

13297—St. Vincent DePaul, Holladay

Oscar's Assemblies:

Assembly 2393—St. George

Assembly 2577—Sandy

Raymond Goings

Military Archdiocese of the USA

Raymond's Council:

14399—South Ogden

Alberto Carrillo

Off (Discernment Year)

Sister Maria Stokes

St. Thomas Postulancy

House Religious

Sisters of Mercy

1431 Michigan Avenue

Alma, MI 48801

Maria's Council:

Council: 5502—Bountiful

Mount Angel Seminary

1 Abbey Drive

St. Benedict, Oregon 97373

Safe Environment Coordinator: SK Bill McCauley

My Brother Knights,

“Protecting our children is the sacred duty of every Knight.” – Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

What is the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program? www.KofC.org/Safe

- The Knights of Columbus has no higher priority than the safety and well-being of the young people served through its programs and activities.
- The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is designed to protect young People served through Knights of Columbus programs and activities from all forms of abuse.
- Councils participating in official Supreme Council programs and activities are required to comply with all policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.
- At a minimum, the Grand Knight and the Council Program, Community, and Family Directors are required to take the Safe Environment training. The Community and Family Director must also take the background check.
- The training is good for three years, but if personnel changes with the new fraternal year, then those Knights must be trained.

I wish to thank the District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Council Faith in Action Directors for volunteering their time to take the training this year. We still have two months left; some Knights still need training or will need re-training before June 30, but I greatly appreciate the effort of so many of you through the first nine months of the year. As of March 31, 125 of the 142 required Safe Environment positions are either compliant or pending. 24 of our Councils are listed as Compliant in Supreme reports.

Vivat Jesu, God Bless You, and God Bless America!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Safe Environment Coordinator

Scholarship Chairman SK Chuck Dover, Jr., PSD

Our scholarship program is alive and well. Our newest scholarship, The Patriotic Scholarship of the Fourth Degree is being awarded at this convention for the second time. We have been awarding scholarships each fraternal year at our state convention since 2011. In the 13 years of the program, we have awarded a total of \$61,000 to deserving individuals, not including scholarships to be awarded at this convention.

Our charity fundraising event for the reserve fund now in its 7th year and continues to be the main source of financial growth for the future. It is through the generous support received from councils, assemblies, and individuals that has made this program continue to thrive. Remember, your contributions today help educate our leaders of tomorrow. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Dover
SK Charles E. Dover, Jr., PSD, FVSM
Scholarship 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
SK Ray Salazar, FDD
Scouting Chairman
DCCS, Diocese Committee Catholic Scouting

Silver Rose Chairman: SK Pete Abercrombie

2022 Highlights

One of the few blessed Silver Roses passed through our State starting in June and departed in July for Colorado. The Silver Rose Blessed twelve of our State Councils, Parishes, and The Cathedral of the Madeleine with its presence and participation in the Silver Rose Program dedicated to the Our Lady of Guadalupe, Virgin Mary.

The Silver Rose program utilizes a simplified flow chart (calendar) in establishing the movement of the Rose, starting in the North of the State, and exiting the State near the Colorado border trying to give each District, and their councils within, an equal opportunity to conduct the Silver Rose Program. As Councils/Districts fail to respond, the flow chart (calendar) will change depending on the number of participating councils.

As a reminder, the silver rose adorations program is an effortless way for your council to excel in the Life programs. Scheduling the 2023 Silver Rose visits is already underway.

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

Soccer Challenge Chairman: SK Gregory “Kim” Gold

The 2022 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge was held on Sunday, October 16th in Draper, Utah, at the Skaggs Catholic Center. The event was a huge success, we had ~ 19 contestants, ~ 11 volunteers and several on lookers. We participants in eleven different age groups.

It was a perfect day and the weather beautiful. This year's participants were from Councils 1136, Fr. Escalante of Orem and 12181, Mother Teresa of Calcutta of Draper. 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 2022 winners!

1st Place Winners

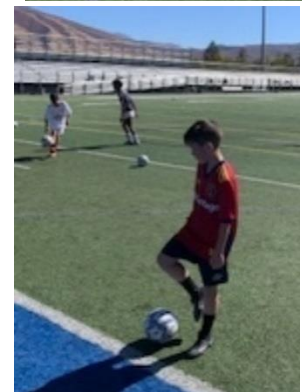
- Boys 14 – Luis Acosla, Orem, Council 1136
- Girls 14 – Christina Shively, Draper, Council 12181
- Boys 13 – Alvin Dianiuo, Orem, Council 1136
- Boys 12 – Osmar Sanchez, Orem, Council 1136
- Girls 12 – Sasha Rinitra, Draper, Council 12181
- Boys 11 – Leander Gonzales, Orem, Council 1136
- Girls 11 – Christina Mercier, Draper, Council 12181
- Boy 10 – Saul Sanchez, Orem, Council 1136
- Girls 10 – Sara Acosta, Orem, Council 1136
- Boy 9 – Luke Shively, Draper, Council 12181
- Girls 9 – Aisha Dionicio, Orem, Council 1136

2nd Place Winners

- Boys 13 – Shan Benig, Draper, Council 12181
- Girls 12 – Alishya Xavier, Draper, Council 12181
- Girls 10 – Samantha Scarlati, Draper, Council 12181
- Boy 9 – Shae Larseon, Draper, Council 12181
- Girls 9 – Kathleen Muller, Draper, Council 12181

3rd Place Winners

- Girls 12 – Darerla Safi, Draper, Council 12181
- Boy 9 – Sebastian Meza, Orem, Council 1136
- Girls 9 – Sophia McCauley, Draper, Council 12181



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

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

SOUT SUMMER GAMES
June 9 & 10
Granger H.S. 9am-4pm
West Valley, Utah
Color Guard 6PM

Golf Tournament
Oct 14, 9am – 3pm
Rose Park Golf Course
SLC, UTAH

Fall Games
Oct 13 & 14, 10am – 4pm
Northwest Middle School
1730 N. Redwood Rd.
SLC, UTAH
10/13 Color Guard, 6:00 pm



For more information or to volunteer go to WWW.SOUT.ORG or call 801-363-1111.

For the past 16 Fraternal years, the SPECIAL OLYMPICS program has grown tremendously. I am proud to say that 29 Council and 8 Assemblies responded through activities, volunteering, or financial support. This past year several Councils donated \$500.00 or more to the Program. They are Councils 1129, 9731, 9849, 10304, 14399, and 16127. Many Thanks to the Assemblies, Councils, and individuals that contributed to this worthy cause. Council 5502 again sponsored the annual KOFC BOWLING TOURNAMENT at DAVIS LANES IN LAYTON, UTAH. This year this event will be held June 3rd at the same venue. Please come or better volunteer. With last year's donations over \$162,000.00 has been raised and this supported 640 athletes over 15 years. This a great figure considering 2 ½ years were lost because of the COVID-19. The donations that have come in this year we're sure to pass \$170,000.00. AGAIN THANK YOU! Last year the KOFC had two COLOR GUARDS for the SUMMER and FALL GAMES. This year on June 9th at the SUMMER GAMES the COLOR GUARD will be accompanied by the KNIGHTS ON BIKES. This should be spectacular! This Event will be at Granger H.S.

I've traveled over 1500 miles visiting and promoting Special Olympics, from Logan to Provo. I've also attended Local, Area, and Regional games. This included a white knuckle drive of 37 miles during a snowstorm to St. Mary's in Park City. I had a couple of drinks when I got home. This was for medicinal purpose of course! Next year I plan to visit my Brother Knights outside the I-15 corridor. I'll still make the usual stops. SPECIAL OLYMPICS still needs support, because not as many private donations are coming through. 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 are challenged daily. The cost of supporting an athlete for an entire year is \$250.00. All donations are accepted and every dollar raised stays in the State of Utah to support local athletes.

Remember Matt. 25: 39-40 “Whatever you do for the least of my Brothers and Sisters, you do onto me.”

Respectfully Submitted,

David Matyjasik

SK David Matyjasik

Utah Special Olympics Coordinator 1

Veterans Affairs Chairman: SK Joseph R Bouley

Worthy Brother Knights!

Greetings from the Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE), formerly called the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) committee! Along with my deputy representatives SK John Wainscott, PSD, and SK Sid Cowand, PSD, we continue to strive to meet the needs of 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 volunteer organizations whose common goal is support of our Utah veterans. Our Knights of Columbus brothers and their families provide support through activities such as fishing days, golf tournaments and gift distributions.

With the pandemic restrictions lifted, we can again provide in-person dinners to the Fisher House. In-kind donations (Go to <https://www.volunteer.va.gov> for a list) and monetary support (gift cards) are always needed. Knights are again allowed to provide support to Veterans Day, Christmas and Valentine’s Day activities.

Any Knight or family member, including students needing service hours, can volunteer at the VA Hospital – please contact myself, John or Sid, for more information.

VIVAT JESUS!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Bouley

SK Joseph R. Bouley

Veterans Affairs Chair

		VAVS SUMMARY OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW		
Name of Facility / Station Number / Address SALT LAKE CITY VA HCS / 660 / 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 3/1/22 - 2/28/23	LAST YEAR 3/1/21 - 2/28/22	GROWTH RATE (+ / -)
A. 1. Number of R.S. Volunteers		6	6	0
2. Number of R.S. Volunteer Hours		1,120.25	1,130.50	-10.25
3. Number of Occasional Volunteer Hours		15.50	13.00	2.50
4. Number of All Volunteer Hours		1,135.75	1,143.50	-7.75
5. Number of Youth Volunteers		0	0	0
6. Number of Transitional Volunteers		0	0	0
7. Number of Adult Volunteers		6	6	0
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		1,450.00	1,620.00	170.00
B. 1. Number of Units Volunteering		2	2	0
2. Estimated Number of Local Organizational Units Within VAMC Area		34		
3. Estimated Total Membership		2840		
4. Number of Units Contacted		34		
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		Chief, Voluntary Service		(Attach additional pages if needed)

Webmaster (www.UtahKnights.org): Chris Hood

This year most of the work was not noticeable. The server had upgrades to both the web server and email software. The problem where the sites would be slow or unresponsive for several minutes was fixed. Software to block attacks on the email server programs was added. The state plugin for WordPress received some security enhancements.

I added their common terms to the SPAM filter. I also add the common WP plugin to filter comments, which does work with the contact form. I deleted their stored info via database commands (it's much faster).

Google analytics were removed. The site has its own analytics built in now that doesn't have all the problems from the google one.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Hood

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Past State Deputies Convention Remarks

SK Michael T. Cosgrove (1984-1986)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Michael Cosgrove

SK Michael Cosgrove, PSD

SK Joseph B. Lígori (1996-1998)

Sue and I want to wish you all a great Convention. We truly miss all of you and the fellowship of the Knights in Utah. Hopefully we can make next year's convention.

From Texas to Utah.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Lígori

SK Joe Lígori, PSD, FMFD

SK Sidney L Cowand (2000-2002)

I wish the Knights of Columbus of the state of Utah a successful convention, a successful year. Continue to do the good of the order. It is my pleasure to attend the convention this year and socialize with the ones I know, and those of you I have not met yet, and get to know you better. The Knights have a long and storied history. Let's continue to keep it bright.

Vivat Jesus!

Sid Cowand

SK Sidney L. Cowand, PSD

SK John P Waincott (2002-2004)

Worthy Past State Deputies and my Brother Knights all,

What a fun year this has been as Grand Knight of Council 6966 – one more time. Last time I said this was the last time. Maybe this is really it! Our job is to be volunteers for Christ – in whatever is needed. We just need to open our eyes to see the opportunities!

A program I wish every council would undertake is having a Vocations Awareness weekend in every parish in the State of Utah. We so desperately need Catholic Priests. I have over 20 years of pulpit talks. Call me and I can go over the program.

Having been a Knight for almost 37 years traveling all over the State, has led to many close friendships. I

enjoy coming to our conventions to reignite those friendships and meet other brother Knights for the first time. Each year a review of the necrology report brings – yes sadness but smiles as well – as I reflect on the memories. Miss Fr. Blaine a lot. He was an amazing man who loved Scouting, spent countless hours in the prison ministry, and was a strong K of C Chaplain in Cedar City and American Fork. And Rholand Lange – this is really hard to write – what a dear friend. We skied and partied together. He worked so hard in Brigham City and was a key member of the traveling 3rd degree team. Ray Bachiller – my guitar hero – no matter how he physically felt, Ray gave his all for Veterans. All these wonderful Knights!

A huge thank you to all the Past State Deputies that have stayed active in their parishes, councils, assemblies, and State Director positions. Many thanks to all the individuals, councils, and assemblies for supporting Culture of Life projects in Utah.

Looking forward to a great convention!

Fraternally yours;

John Wainscott

John P. Wainscott

Grand Knight Council 6966

PSD, Former Supreme Director

SK James N Leccia (2004-2006)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Jim Leccia

Jim Leccia, PSD, FMFD

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

Looking Back / Looking Ahead: 2022-2023 Utah State Convention PSD Remarks

Worthy Brothers,

I have been a Utah Knight of Columbus for 42 years. During that time, I have had the honor to serve alongside of some pretty great men. Upon their shoulders our Utah Knights have been lifted to our current place of respect in the Diocese. Each of these brothers answered a call to serve. They did so with pride and dignity. Each sought to make a difference; to have positive results in membership, programs, and building Catholic men of faith. Their message was always to never lose sight of our place in the Church and in society.

I truly believe that every State Deputy I have known was a Catholic gentleman of principle and conviction. Sadly, this fraternal year we lost another PSD with the loss of Rholand Lange. He would stand up at conventions and asked questions to get answers for what he did not understand or what he believed to be an issue. I know I have always said, “Don’t take the name if you won’t play the game.” Titles are shallow without a person behind them giving us a reason to respect them for a job well done or for leadership they provide to us. A good leader earns respect, but never demands it. A good leader does things because they are the right things to do, not because they are always easy.

Two important guiding facts must be kept in mind in dealing with these challenges. First and foremost, we are Catholic. Always conduct yourself accordingly. Afford individuals dignity and respect even if you don't agree with them. Second, in times of conflict that involves two opposing individuals, as a leader be careful who you share your issue with and how you share your issue. Keep conversations confidential, positive and productive. Yes, you may be right, but as I was told by my good friend Ray Bachiller, you will get little respect demanding something by pointing out your title or position. His exact quote was, "The higher the monkey climbs the tree, the more the world sees his ass." We lost Ray in October. He too, will be sorely missed.

I had an awesome time in Nashville last August at the Supreme Convention. In total 10 brothers, 2 wives, and 3 priests attended to represent the Knights of Utah. A great time was had by all. I whole heartedly encourage every member of the Order to attend at least one Supreme Convention. It will reinforce our purpose and provide a clear vision of the expectation and direction of the Order. Hopefully, I have many more years to serve. I look forward to working with you in the coming years. Together we are a team. Let's build and strengthen our team to continue to be an amazing force for good throughout the World!

Vivat Jesus! God bless America!

With Warmest Regards,

Chuck Dover, Jr.

SK Charles E. Dover, Jr., PSD, FVSM

SK Douglas P. Shane (2008-2009)

My Brother Knights,

As we gather together for the State Convention, my thoughts turn to the importance of engaging the world with the good news, the truth and in the manner shown to us by of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we ask ourselves how we can attract Catholic men to join our order, we will be much more successful if we always remember that no one is ever moved by what we say as much as they are moved by what we do.

And always remember that everything we do is for the glory of God and not ourselves.

Please take a moment to remember and rattle some rosary beads for PSD and FMFD Rholand Lange, who sadly passed away this past Fraternal Year.

I truly hope that the end of the Fraternal Year will be filled with success and that you have a fun and restful break before the hustle and bustle of being a Knight kicks back in!

Vivat Jesus!

Douglas Shane

SK Douglas P. Shane, PSD

SK Ray L. Lopez (2010-2012)

My Brother Knights,

I am sorry I have not been able to participate much here in Utah, but I jump in when I can. More important I have been watching the great works being done. I use your example always as I work with my other jurisdictions and am always proud of us in Utah, and talk often of the great things you do. I am glad I am here with you all at convention and I look forward to rekindling old friendships and hearing the work being done in Utah.

Indulge me for a moment as I reflect. This past fraternal year we lost a truly great man, chaplain, advisor and friend. I would ask you all to remember Fr. James Blaine. He was a great friend of us all, and chaplain to many State Teams and Asst. Chaplain before that. Fr. Blaine was a fixture for the Knights here in Utah for so many years, and touched the lives of all who knew him. I personally miss him as he was more than my chaplain, but my spiritual advisor. There are times I joke with my children that he is the reason they are all still alive, but he guided me through so many hard times and frustrations. Please say an extra prayer for him. Please pray for all our fallen brothers.

My Brothers we are doing well in membership and I see the programs you all are doing. Keep up the great work I know you do every day, and get Utah over the finish line. Embrace the COR initiative, and the Eucharistic revival. Hold a procession with your parish and show our neighbors, and our parishioners what we are all about. I know Utah does great things and it is because of you, your families, your service and your example of faith. I am proud to be a Utah Knights of Columbus.

God Bless you all, Vivat Jesus.

Ray Lopez

SK Ray Lopez, PSD

SK Robert E. Masse Jr. (2012-2014)

Looking over the past year, I'm grateful for the support I've received as a Past State Deputy and now as Utah District Master. Congratulations to the State Deputy and all the State Officers for an outstanding year by introduction of innovating new products to grow membership here in Utah.

State Deputy, Bill Kelly has taken over the reins from Immediate Past State Deputy Nick Nielson who had a successful past year and is now running with it. Frank Carmona, as membership director has put Utah on target to achieve circle of honor again. All councils are achieving more with new members. The small jurisdiction of Utah does more per capita than some of the larger states. Our food drives reach to the poor and hungry, this year our **Coats for Kids** program put a warm coat on over 4500 kids and adults in Utah. Utah Knights of Columbus exemplify our main principle of charity.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Masse Jr., PSD

SK Robert E. Masse Jr., PSD

SK Jerald P. Hanten (2014-2016)

Worthy State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, Delegates, Brothers,

Congratulations to the Worthy State Deputy and his brothers on the State Council. Another year of hard work with many successes will be drawing to a close soon.

A lot of things have changed since I was a State Deputy and I am glad the new State Council is adapting and keeping up with the changes. Keep giving your State Council your support because they are working hard to keep charity going and the Knights of Columbus a source for our parishes and communities.

Enjoy this convention celebrating the 116th Annual Meeting of the Utah Councils. Use this meeting to share ideas and build friendships. We are all brothers in the Knights of Columbus and the faith we share.

Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Hanten

SK Jerald P Hanten, PSD

SK Andy Airriess (2016-2018)

Who are the Knights in your council? Lots of council officers complain that “only x numbers of Knights are active in the council.” Or “Only x number of members attend our meetings.”

Who are the Inactive Knights? Are they Knights who haven’t been active for any number of reasons? Health reasons? The health of relatives? Are they working multiple jobs and don’t have time? Young family members can eat up a member’s time too. These Knights might need help rather than offering help. Reach out to them, find out what the council can do for them.

I personally know a Knight who was totally inactive for his first 20 years of being as Knight. Totally. No activities, no meetings. All he did was pay dues. When the kids grew up and left home, he started and didn’t stop. After becoming State Deputy, he became Supreme Warden. What about his dues? Half of a Knight’s dues go to the council’s coffers, and some are used for charity. So, an inactive Knight is at least helping the council pay for operational expenses and helping support charity. That’s not so bad, is it?

Are Knights who are not active personally invited to participate in activities? People like to feel needed. Ask them man-to-man.

Knights who don’t come to meetings are a different matter. Why don’t they come? Are your meetings too long and unorganized? One Utah Grand Knight I know had 35-minute meetings and everything got done. He started with pizza and had a social session with refreshments after the meetings and there was no shortage of members attending. Are your non-attending members individually invited to the meetings? Do they even know when the meetings are? Are you giving everyone sufficient notice for the meetings when reminding by email or phone (3-5 days before rather than the day before). To get Knights to regularly attend meetings it must become a habit. Keep the changes made to ensure your meetings are more attractive in place for 9-10 months before trying something different.

Are you distributing minutes of your meetings to all members after they are held? If member can see that actual business is done and programs in place, and faith-filled moments are included, like prayers for those in need, that might attract a few to attend.

The most valuable Knights are those who are active, but Knights who are less or not active can be helpful too, even if it is just paying dues. Every Knight is valuable in their own way, acknowledge them as such by respecting their time, inviting them grow in their activity, and giving them reasons cherish their Knighthood and watch your council, and the charity it provides, flourish.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Airriess

SK Andrew Airriess, PSD

SK Greg Keller (2018-2020)

Brothers,

This past year has been a challenge for my wife Kathy's health. After a second mouth cancer surgery and 6 ½ months of radiation treatment, the cancer spread to all other parts of her body late last fall. Three months of chemotherapy did nothing to slow down the cancer growing and spreading even more. Finally on 17 February, she passed away from the ravages of cancer. Throughout all last year, by Brother Knights have provided support and strength to Kathy and me.

With that somber introduction, I was able to participate in several events and exemplifications. I will be more available to support activities going forward and am looking forward to participating with my Brothers. Also, looking forward to this year's state convention and spending time with you and your families in Ogden.

Fraternally,

Greg Keller

SK Greg Keller, PSD

SK Nick Nielson (2020-2022)

See report from the Immediate Past State Deputy in the State Officers section above.

Nick Nielson

SK Nick Nielson, PSD

Immediate Past State Deputy (IPSD)



Necrology Report

Our councils reported 55 Brother Knights who passed away this year (April 20, 2022 – April 11, 2023). In respectful commemoration of their lives and their service to the Knights of Columbus, I respectfully submit these brothers for the 2022-2023 Necrology report. Additionally, a priest who previously served in the diocese is also listed. “May the souls of our dearly departed brothers rest in peace.”

Priests

Rev. Denis Reilly
Rev. Albert Ndepachio Kileo
(2611)
Rev. James Blaine (8606)
Rev. Lourduraj Gally Gregory
(17140)

Deacons

Keith Norrell (777)
Anthony Lopez (9849)

Affiliate Council

William K Carson
Danny Chacon
Joesph Villalobos

Council 602

Federico Odulio

Council 777

George Noriega
Jose L. Urrutai

Council 1136

Manfred Gerten
George Nixon

Council 2611

Hugh Littrell
Charles Hamilton
Edvin V Wilson

Council 5214

Daniel Tyree

Council 5347

Eddie M. Barela
Rholand Lange

Council 5502

George Ortega

Council 6010

Aurel A. D Allura
Henry Pacheco

Council 6739

Albert W. Averill
James Pursel
Reo Ramirez

Council 6966

William Malnati

Council 7961

David Allred

Council 8350

Alfred Martinez

Council 9561

Joseph Gibart
Gary Willgues

Council 9731

Grady M. McKinney

Council 9849

Cipriano C Delrio
Ron Lawson

Council 10304

Charles, Sr. Dover
Walter Woods

Council 10733

Kevin Cook
Clifford Kaiser

Council 10733 (continued)

Walter Killian
Manuel V. Rojas
Donald, JR Rowe
Vincent Zahuranec

Council 11246

Jim Chiaramonte
James Norton

Council 11479

Rafael Bachiller
Frank Jones
James Peterson

Council 12181

Marcus Ortiz

Concil 12959

Mark Hargreaves
Lorin Hewitt
Austin McHugh

Council 13297

Robert Cullen

Council 13646

Ronnie Gonzales

Council 14764

James P. Keenan

Council 15418

David Rodman

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Kelly

SK Bill Kelly, State Deputy