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Utah State Council

2024 State Convention Reports Book



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Note: “SK” is short for Sir Knight (i.e., a member of the fourth degree).

Official Convention Greetings

Note: The state convention “advertising book” may also have these letters. They are included here for ease of reference.

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March 19, 2024
Solemnity of Saint Joseph

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

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Kelly:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and the entire Utah jurisdiction.

Again this year, thanks to your work and that of your brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus reached new milestones in charity and service. This past November marked the distribution of the one millionth coat through the Order's Coats for Kids program — an achievement fourteen years in the making. Meanwhile, in just two years, our members have provided more than \$10 million to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, through the Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP) program. While there are too many examples of your selfless service to list, allow me to say it again: thank you for everything you did and everyone you served!

Blessed Michael McGivney established the Knights of Columbus “to unite the men of our Faith” (Letter of April 1882). It is this unity in the faith that animates our charitable work, and it is with that same understanding in mind that the Supreme Council released Cor. Over the past year, adoption of Cor has grown throughout the Order and new resources, like our Men of the Word Bible Study, have only accelerated this process. If you have not attended Cor yet or are interested in starting Cor at your parish, I would encourage you to take the initiative now, laying the groundwork for the next Fraternal Year and furthering Father McGivney's call 142 years ago.

Worthy State Deputy, I express sincere gratitude to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, grand knights, council officers, general and field agents, and to every brother Knight in Utah. May Saint Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church, guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.



Faternally,

Patrick E. Kelly

Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

Supreme Representative Ray Lopez, PSD

Knights of Columbus MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

April 04, 2024

My Brothers.

It is my honor and privilege to be the Supreme Representative for our convention at home here in Utah. I bring greetings from the Supreme Knight, Officers, and Board of Directors.

I am excited to hear about the achievements of the Utah Councils. In Utah we have a history of excellence in charity and service. As we come together for our annual convention, I want to say thank you for your works of charity and fellowship throughout the year.

Enjoy this time with our brothers and renew or make new friendships. Celebrate your accomplishments and congratulate those special achievements. Look around and see just how much our state is doing for the church and the community. Ask yourself what the world would look like if we did not exist. Appreciate the impact your council has on your parish, the impact the Knights have on our state and even in the world. We belong to the largest lay Catholic organization in the world and are indeed the strong right arm of the church. This is not a boast, we show this through our actions. The COR initiative is another way we do this. By offering an ongoing faith development to our Knights and men of the parish, we have closed the gap in Fr. McGivney's vision.

Standing together we have the greatest potential for good. So, take this time to re-energize yourself and your commitment to the order. Be determined to go forth and make a difference in your parish, your community, and the world. Ask someone to join us and be a part of changing lives and saving lives. We must grow to meet the needs of the community.

May God bless you all.

Ray L. Lopez

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April 27, 2024

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings of Christ's peace and love and you gather for the Utah Knights of Columbus 117th Annual State Convention. Your there again this year, *The Lord is my Shepherd*, reflects our constant dependence on the Lord's guidance and protectoin during these challenging times. Each day brings news of more wards, natural calamities, political, social and econmic inequities, as well as elcological degrations. Our hope in God's providential love supports us in these times of anxiety. The Lord is truly our Good Shepherd.

As members of this Fraternal Order, we muse grow in the knowledge and life of our Catholic faith to be witnesses to all that is good in these challenging times. Christ in the Gospel of Saint Matthew (28:19-20) told us to "*make disciples of all nations.*" To be Missionary Disciples, it is imperative to live vibrant lives of faith in our home, parish at work and in the community.

Christ offers us in the Holy Euchartist the nourishment we need to carry out our mission. Devotion to the Holy Eucharist is a source of strength for us on the Christian journey. During this time of Eucharistic Renewal in our country, let us be faithful to the Lord's Day and support Eucharistic Adoration in your parishes, in solidarity with Catholics who will gather this July in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress.

Thank you and your families for your many good works that enrich the faith-life of our Diocese. Your generosity and support are blessings for all of us. May our Lord, through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary, bless all your endeavors with success and your state convention be filled with his grace.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

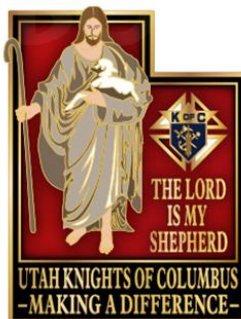
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Bishop of Salt Lake City



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Utah State Council

State Deputy William I. Kelly



My Brother Knights, Wives, Family and Friends,

Welcome all to the Utah Knight's 117th Annual State Convention. Again, this year, the state team's convention objective was to streamline our business activities while providing attendees the opportunity to socialize and have a memorable experience.

This purpose of the state 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. Your convention team in concert with the state officers has attempted to streamline activities based on lessons learned from State Convention 2023. We have tweaked the agenda with intent to be more accommodating and rewarding to all attendees. We continued with two social activities with the Friday evening's Luau and Saturday evening's Casino Night sponsored by Council 14239.

I feel very blessed and humbled to have been your leader for the last two years. Your works and deeds have demonstrated untiring commitment and set a prime example for Catholic men in Utah. Look at your achievements over the last 4 years since the pandemic in 2020. Record membership growth and charitable contributions to name two significant achievements. Continuing with our religious theme, "The Lord is My Shepard" has enabled us to overcome obstacles, achieve our goals, and deliver our great works to our communities. You have lived up to our state motto, "Make a Difference" for which all of you should be proud.

Our state is in contention to obtain the Supreme's Circle of Honor Award for the third year in a row. This goal 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 70% of our membership goal and our state sits at number 39 of 75 in the Order. Nine of our 33 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 promoted activities that resulted in over \$76,000 (an increase of \$16K since last year) in charitable contributions and provided numerous hours providing support to our Church, Clergy, and our Utah Communities. Of significant note was another record year in Coat for Kids (\$39.6K), and the placement of an ultrasound machine in Logan.

I sincerely hope all who attend this year's convention will develop new friendships, rekindle old ones, and enjoy an "Experience of a Life Time." When you have an opportunity this weekend, please thank Larry Page, John Wainscott, Chuck Dover, Mike Carmody, Todd Holzhauser, Greg LeClaire, and Paul Tinker for their efforts to the convention for without which 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

I first want to say thank you to all my brother knights and their families for the opportunity to serve as the leader for the Utah Knights for the past two years. Your dedication and actions set great examples for the Utah Catholic Community for which I am very honored and humbled to be a part of. The rubber meets the road at the council level and without the leadership of officers and program chairs at that level, the good works of Blessed McGivney would not have occurred. I am pleased to report that the Utah Knights are on track to meet Supreme goals for this Fraternal Year.

Doug Shane has done a superb job promoting growth for the Utah Knights as our membership director. His efforts reaching out to on-line knights within 24 hours has enabled new men to become involved in council activities in a timelier manner. Support from our Councils and Priests with membership drives has enabled Utah to be in the running for Supreme's Circle of Honor award for the third year in a row.

To date, we have attracted 141 new members, within distance of attaining the objective of 190 by year end. Active membership increased from 2665 to 2738. However, we lost some men to the affiliates and lost 38 members who passed on to their final resting spot. Please pray for these men and their families.

Nine Councils have met growth goals and have qualified for the McGivney award. Another nine councils are on pace to attain the same honor. 29 of our 33 Councils have recruited a new member thanks to hard work and perseverance at the council/parish level. There is great potential for continued growth throughout the remainder of year, some examples include: the state online roster, recently converted RCIA candidates, round table development and fraternal benefit seminars. There are four active Round Tables in the state located at St Anne's (SLC), St Lawrence (Heber), St Paul's (Hurricane) and St Christopher's (Kanab) that show promise of becoming a council in the next 2-3 years.

On the Benefits side, Bill and Susana Mundy continue their treks across this vast state. Since joining our team, they have been on the road constantly with a myriad of appointments, servicing death benefits and helping with Church drives. Bill has been very active delivering Fraternal Benefit Seminars to councils as demonstrated by a 42.4% participation rate, qualifying 14 councils for the Founder's award.

In the area of programs, the state has been very busy in all Faith in Action Programs. Bill McCauley's leadership, our programs continue to succeed across the state. The charitable fund-raising efforts from our councils, brother knights and families have accumulated over \$77,000 through March 31st, 2024.

In Faith, Paul Tinker took the lead to oversee several key religious programs. Paul organized state level devotionals, processions, and rosaries to meet the State's Faith Formation goal. Key programs such as St. Joseph Icon, Silver Rose, and the Chrism Mass were significantly supported this year. Paul's direct involvement in monthly first Friday processions at St Catherine's of Siena have increased the knight's presence at the U of U which has resulted in a 260% council growth rate. Joe Ligor (residing in Texas) sustained our active RSVP program that has 16 councils and 2 assemblies supporting our 7 seminarians.

Chad Vargo took the lead in Community activities this year. Again, our biggest achievement was our State Coats for Kids drive. Headed by Bob Masse and the generous contributions of our councils, Utah again set another record for over \$68,000 in retail contributions and over 2,000 coats donations to kids in need. From coffee and donuts, Lenten fish fries, Parish social activities and blood drives, the Knights delivered quality service to our Parishes and local communities. Activities such as the Eucharistic Revival, Knights on Bikes, Greek Festival, Special Olympics, Fisher House support, St Pat's Parade and

Honor Guards the provided Knight's visibility in our communities to actually "Make a Difference." For youth programs, again Steve Gerichs provided key logistical support to the Soccer Challenge, Essay Contest, Poster contest, and Basketball Free Throw.

Ken Grace continued this year to support our Family efforts. Another successful Science Fair event was held at Juan Diego High School in February. Thanks to councils and knights who contributed over \$2,800 to support this effort. Many councils conducted coffee & donuts, breakfasts, steak fries, dinners to foster Parish relationships and provide knights awareness. To support the recent Lenten season, Utah councils conducted over 40 fish fries to promote Stations of The Cross attendance.

In the Life area, Patrick Schmitt put forth another significant effort to maintain awareness and keep us informed of the numerous Life/Pro-life activities that occur month to month. From seminars, prayer services, nocturnal adorations, and marches, he promoted Life Programs to our brotherhood and our Catholic Communities. He was key in acquiring support to Supreme's Aid and Support After Pregnancy program. To date, 4 councils and 1 assembly have contributed to a Pregnancy Resource Center that has "made a difference" in the lives of these new mothers. John Wainscott took the lead in the State's ultrasound program. Here, the Utah Knights raised over \$22,000 that when matched with Supreme contribution enabled the Logan Pregnancy Resource Center to acquire a new ultrasound machine. This contribution is paramount since many unborn babies' lives will be saved because of this initiative.

In council administration, form submission currently sits at 100% - Thank you. Safe Environment compliance has 25 of our 33 councils credentialled. SP7 Columbian Award application submission is just around the corner. If councils have completed their 16 programs (points) please turn these forms in now to obtain credit for all the good work you have done this year. Another positive note here is that Form 10784 (Fraternal Program Report) submission have increased by almost 75 percent. A big shout out to Karl VanMaren who continued as our Executive Secretary (believe it has been 9 years now) for maintaining the online calendar and keeping track on all deliverables and administrative requirements.

The summer is gearing up to be very busy with the onset of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage from May 31st through June 5th. Pilgrims from across the country will be descending upon our state with many opportunities for 4th degree honor guards and Parish participation. Processionals have been scheduled for June 2nd in Park City (St. Mary's) and June 3rd in Salt Lake (St. Catherines of Sienna). Honor Guard support will be prevalent in May for First Communions and Confirmations. Convocation (Jun 3), Corpus Christi Processionals (Jun 2), 4th Deg Exp (Jun 24), Ordination (June), Golf Tournaments (May 17, Jul 27) are already on the calendar. Mount 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 the State Team, Frank, Larry, Bill Mac, Stephen, Nick, Greg, Karl, and Bob for your contributions this year. Without your efforts the Utah State Council successes would not have been possible. Thank you to our 13 District Deputies who provided sound counsel and mentorship to our council leaders. Your leadership and participation in council activities motivated our councils to make their many successes and achievements possible and made my job as State Deputy a lot easier. Thanks to our 33 Grand Knights and other council leaders who guided the Utah Knights to another successful year. Lastly, thanks to the support of my lovely wife Natalie who has stood by my side and enabled me to serve the Utah Knights for the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly

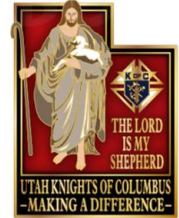
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**Thank you for the last two great years, your support and love you shown us.
God bless you, your families, friends, loved ones, and God Bless America.**

Father Erik Richtsteig, State Chaplain

No report available by the publication deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

Father Erik Richtsteig

SK Father Erik Richtsteig

Utah State Chaplain

Frank Carmona, State Secretary

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

Serving as your State Secretary this past year, my wife and I received one of the biggest honors of my life. Being invited by Bishop Solis and becoming a Sir Knight and Dame of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and receiving our Papal Orders. What an exciting time and moment for my wife and me to receive this blessing and honor from the Papal. Our two-year-long journey became a reality when I was knighted by The Most Rev. Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and Grand Prior of the EOHSJ Western Lieutenancy, surrounded by Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Knights and Dames. I will never forget this day; this was also the morning war broke out in Israel (see the news article from the Intermountain Catholic in the advertisement book).

I also seek your support as I run for the Office of State Deputy. I have to say that transferring from one of the largest councils, 12181, to the youngest and smallest council in the State, 14764 University of Utah Newman Center Council, has been satisfying and brought new life to me once again. My move is because my Daughter Isabella Carmona was accepted to the University of Utah and will stay at the Newman Center. My wife and I decided to switch parishes and councils to support her and the council.

Back to business; as your State Secretary, I completed all my duties to the best of my ability. All assessments were invoiced promptly, all receipts of funds were created and given to the State Treasurer, and all warrants were created and transmitted for payment of debts of the Utah State Council. I was able to help the Utah District Master with his invoicing and accounting. As a Former District Master, I know it is difficult to do things without a team. We want to let all future District Masters know that you are NOT alone, and the State Council has your six.

This past year has been a challenging one for my family and myself. Even though it has been a quiet one for me as State Secretary, it still had its challenges. Dealing with Brother Knights who do not want to behave like Catholic Gentlemen is always the most challenging part of this job. While doing more behind-the-scene duties than up-front and personal, I have enjoyed attending many of your parish and council events.

I have also been busy helping our State Deputy with State Treasurer duties per his request. I have been chasing down form 1728s, Per-Capita payments, requesting Delegate credentials, working with programs like Cognito, the Delegate checklist on Google Drives, the affiliate program, and fixing the State Treasurer's Quick Books as needed. I have also continued a strong bond with Bishop Solis and his office. I have also been asked to take charge of the entertainment for the State Convention once again, with a Friday Night LUAU, and returning by popular demand "Casino Night" on Saturday Evening. We

continue to use our State Council VENMO account, go to electronic checks, mobile check deposit, and many more great advancements.

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 and Spanish. We 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 and fish fries for your dinner events. The best part about those placemats is that they come with a PSD Ray Lopez picture. We continue to push membership and the McGivney Guild at all your events, church drives, and masses.

This summer, I also stepped down as president of Utah Knights on Bikes, allowing IPSD Nick Nielson to be voted in and take over the duties. As founding Utah State President, it had to be one of Brother Knight's most fantastic jobs. Jumping on your motorcycle and meeting other brothers with the same values and excitement as yourself. We had the opportunity to ride with motorcycle clubs like the Rogue Souls, Christian Bikers Association, Combat Vets, Iron Horse, and even some 1%ers. Past State Deputy Jerry Hanten's idea of forming a Utah Chapter of Knights on Bikes in 2010 became a reality. His name remains on the books at the KoBs International Level as Utah's Chapter President. I am proud to say, "Jerry, we did it!!! RIP my brother and my neighbor."

Brothers, I can go on and on talking about my ventures as Utah State Secretary, but who has the time? With the support and blessing of our State Delegates, I am ready to move up to State Deputy, and I ask you for your support. Just as I left the District Master's position, I am now prepared to leave the State Secretary's position just a bit better than I found them; I am ready to tackle the State Deputy position and make the necessary adjustments. I thank you for your time, patience, 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 – VIVA CHRISTO REY

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Carmona

SK Frank Carmona, KHS, FMFD

Utah State Secretary

Larry Page, State Treasurer

Bill McCauley, Assistant State Treasurer

Worthy Brother Knights,

This has been a hectic year for the State Treasurer. For the first six months, State Treasurer Larry Page was keeping a manual set of books, being chair for the Saint Thomas More Finance Council to his Parish, handling personal difficulties, and serving as State Convention Chairman. In January, he relinquished daily Treasurer duties to Stephen Gerichs and myself, and took on the duties of District Deputy 3.

Frank Carmona, Stephen and I updated Quick Books and are busy posting warrants and receipts. We are proud to say that Quick Books is current this Fraternal Year. We are issuing warrants and checks in a timely manner.

With the State Council Trustees (John Wainscott, Chuck Dover, and Greg Keller), Frank, Stephen and I submitted a FY 2024-2025 Budget to the Councils for their review. The Audit Committee met in April to finalize recommendations for the Delegates to the State Convention to approve. The budget maintained per capita at \$11.30 and cut \$11,000 from last year's budget, mostly in pass-throughs and expenses. It is a tight budget but definitely doable.

The Audit Committee also reviewed FY YTD 2023-2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

William T. McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, FMFD

Utah State Assistant Treasurer

William T. McCauley, State Advocate

Brother Knights All,

Standing together as Catholic men and brothers, we 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.

Last year at the State Convention, Delegates recommended several Amendments to the Utah State By-Laws. These Amendments to the said By-Laws were reviewed and approved by the Supreme Board of Directors at its meeting on July 28, 2023. In February of this year, I requested Resolutions from the Councils. Based on their response, on March 3, I sent out another letter with all the proposed resolutions that I will present at the State Convention and asked the Councils for their final critique of the proposed resolutions by March 31. The Resolution Committee met mid-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. Most Councils or Assemblies in Utah have an EIN. The Supreme Office has the list of EINs and five Councils and two Assemblies are not covered under the tax-exempt umbrella for the Knights of Columbus. I have asked those units to apply for an EIN so they 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 Payson 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. This year I am running for the position of State Secretary. I humbly ask for your support and vote.

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 another year as your State Warden. I continued to store and manage the State Councils property. I now also store the supplies of the District Master in the storage unit. I also received a large amount of administrative supplies from the Executive Secretary. The goal is to have the majority of supplies in one place for easy access and save money by not ordering supplies we already have. I have purchased a new brighter projector to replace older, less effective ones. I also had to replace a small TV we use to view our presentations at the three large meetings.

The major events for me this past year were the Kick off Meeting and Midyear Meeting, both of these were very successful and had few problems. The other events I assisted on were the 4th degree exemplifications, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Championship, Science Fair and two Convocations.

At the Midyear meeting the State Advocate and I were jointly appointed to start learning the responsibilities of the Treasurer and traded off weekly on performing the duties. I want to thank State Secretary Frank Carmona who was very patient and provided a wealth of knowledge training me on the use of Quick Books. His expertise and kindness were greatly appreciated. I hope to continue on in the Treasurer duties in the next fraternal year, after the elections.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerichs

SK Stephen Gerichs

Utah State Advocate

Nick Nielson, Immediate Past State Deputy

As the Immediate Past State Deputy, 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 eight plus 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. This past year changes continue for the Utah State Knights of Columbus and will continue to happen for us. One of the biggest lessons I re-learned during my time as a state officer is the only constant in life is change. As I did last year, 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. As I come to the end of my term as the IPSD I hope that I have left the state council better than it was before me. This is and was a challenge because we stand on the shoulders of giants and everything the Utah State Knights of Columbus has 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 as we have done for the past two years along with seeing all the activity and programs going on throughout the state. We had several years without achieving the Circle of Honor before my term as State Deputy. To quote a baseball movie from the nineties "Ok, we won a game yesterday. If we win today, it's called two in a row. And if we win again tomorrow, it's called a winning streak..." If we earn the Circle of Honor this year, that'll be a winning streak. Let's achieve that and keep it going for many years to come as we are 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 as I continue to serve you and I am excited for our future together.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Nielson, PSD

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 2023-2024, we held three (3) regular Exemplifications that resulted in 13 new members into the 4th degree Exemplifications that resulted in 1 priest and 1 deacon joining the 4th degree. At the exemplification, we've had a strong attendance of knights in uniform and as witnesses.

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 had 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 Whalem 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. Two Clergy funeral vigil and masses, Pro-life marches, rosaries and masses, flag day ceremonies throughout the state, parades/festivals (Veterans Day, Draper Days, Taylorsville, Saint 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 greets 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 4th 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 10 or less 4th degree candidates – there is no banquet, we hold a light reception afterwards. Instead of a

\$90 fee, the price is \$60. 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)
 - f. 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 (5 – Sir Knights; 1- spouse; 1-parent; 2- priests)

Accomplishments and Highlights

- Held two 4th degree exemplifications thus far with three planned for the remainder of this fraternal year.
- Attended the Provincial meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico Sept 2023
- Attended Diocesan Masses



1. Mass for the Unborn & Service of Light
 2. Memorial Day Mass @ Mount Calvary Cemetery
 3. Marion Celebration @ St Ann's Catholic Church
 4. Chrism Mass @ 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 Charity; Unity; Fraternity Ceremonies to encourage new knights to join the 4th degree
 3. Attended monthly state officers meetings
 - Created a team Captain for Exemplifications
 - Visiting 8 of the 10 assemblies and their members
 - Chuck Dover and I established the framework of starting a 4th 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 years 2022-2024. In that time, I have attended many Assembly meetings and councils, Charity; Unity, and Fraternity Degrees promoting the Patriotic Degree. Encouraging more Sir Knights in 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

Greg Keller, PSD, State Council Advisor

Brothers,

The past two years serving you as the State Council Advisor have seen many changes to improve the efficiency and transparency of state council activities and functions. I've also seen some turnover in state officers that had to be resolved going forward to keep moving ahead with as little disruption to state activities as possible. New officers were appointed, and they hit the ground running uphill as fast as they could. Overall, the state team has tried very hard and to keep the plans and objectives of the state ever most as their priority, and they have succeeded.

I've been very fortunate to participate in state meetings both virtual and in person and provide counsel and guidance as needed. Some of the highlights are planning and attending the major meetings; state convention, kickoff and mid-year seeing all my Brothers learning and sharing experiences.

It's been 12 years since I was elected State Warden in 2012, then advancing through all the chairs to State Deputy 2018-2020, Immediate Past State Deputy for two years, and the last two years as State Advisor. But I would have to say the State Advisor position has been one of the best jobs I've had on the state council. I certainly travel less nowadays.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this year's state convention in Ogden.

God bless and Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Keller

SK Gregory A. Keller, PSD

State Council Advisor

Karl A. VanMaren, State Executive Secretary

Worthy Sirs,

First, another apology. The minutes from the 2022 State Convention were delayed because I didn't get them done in a timely fashion. The same for the 2023 State Convention minutes. 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. Another brother Knight has agreed to take the minutes at the 2024 State Convention, so there is hope.

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. Hopefully you've found it useful, perhaps even more during the months when the actual newsletter wasn't published. We do need a new editor for the state newsletter; please volunteer if you're interested. Microsoft Publisher has been the program of choice, and it works well, but it's not required.

Thank you to those who submitted their council (or assembly, or district) events through the new form so they could be added to the state calendar. Adoption of the new form has been a bit slow. The main reasons to use it are (1) it asks all the questions, so you don't overlook any important details, and (2) multiple Knights are automatically notified when it is submitted. Check out the form online at www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm and see for yourself how simple it is to complete. You'll probably notice that it doesn't have to be submitted by the Grand Knight, or someone in a particular role. Anyone with the details is welcome to use it! Just remember that my least favorite time to see for an activity is still "after Mass" – not that having plans after Mass is bad – it's that I don't know when the Mass at your parish is, or even if you meant after multiple Sunday morning Masses.

The 2024 Fish Fry list was updated several (14) times during Lent. Keeping the document name the same, so any links previously sent would continue to work, and updating the footer to show the revision date, should have helped everyone to have the latest information. Some of the information was a bit sparse, as not everyone used the activity form. I was sure to include all the details I had.

The Lenten Dinners were also a great time to use recruiting materials, including the placemats (1915E & 1915S) from supreme. There is good news and bad news about the placemats. The good news is that

the Spanish version of the placemats are no longer \$25 for each pack of 500. The bad news is that the price dropped to \$10 after I had placed the resupply order State Deputy Bill Kelly requested. The other bad news? The English ones aren't coming up as free anymore. They were also \$10 for a pack of 500; checking on March 31st the price shows as \$29.82 for the 500. Again, there is some good news in that I was able to order some at no cost, and the State Warden has them available from the state supplies he manages! If you're having a dinner, or other activity that could benefit from them, please reach out and request some. If you don't need a full stack of 500, just let him know how many you would like.

This fraternal year I only ordered 10 church drive kits (English & Spanish). They weren't on backorder as much as they were last year, but there were still some delays. Again, please 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 longest delay was for some Spanish Rosary Kits I ordered on July 11, 2023 for Faith Director Paul Tinker that arrived on March 24, 2024 – that was a long 259 day wait. I'm still waiting on the basketballs I ordered on February 3, 2024; it was a good thing State Warden Stephen Gerichs had a backup plan.

The virtual State Officer meetings held almost every 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. Monthly we heard from Program Directors and District Deputies about programs they were proud to mention.

Last fraternal year, 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 as the requests for honor guards at exemplifications, funerals, first communions, confirmations, and other special celebrations keep coming.

I've done what I could to promote the fraternal training webinars offered by supreme (both from the home office, and by the fraternal trainers in the field). As they've been scheduled and announced, I've added them to the state events calendar, with the registration links. The Fraternal Leader Advisory (FLA) message from supreme includes them, so I haven't sent many email messages about them. They continue to be a good source of information on upcoming programs, areas of focus, and how things are done. The big update this year is that they are recording the ones led by the Fraternal Trainers, so they're available on demand if the live schedule doesn't work out.

There certainly were some low points this year. Some of them seemed like they were a long time ago, but this year's necrology list shows it hasn't been that long and the pain is still recent. The list itself has fewer names this year, but several of the Knights were "larger than life" and had been around for years. I will continue to pray for them, including Msgr. Moore, the founding pastor of my parish in Draper. When you can, please say some prayers for all those on the necrology list; it's the last page of this report compilation. Also, we did lose some notable Knight's ladies, including Edie Dover, who aren't on the necrology list (that's only for Knights). The Perpetual Memorial Book might have them listed, as with the proper donation, any deceased person can be added. The funds donated go to the state scholarship.

Thanks for reading! There are dozens 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. This one was my fault, but I can't take the blame for any other long reports here.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl VanMaren

SK Karl A. VanMaren, FDD

State Executive Secretary

Nate Raso, General Agent

No report available by the publication deadline. See page #96.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Raso

SK Nate Raso

General Agent, Arizona & Utah

William Mundy, Field Agent

Like many of you, I'm concerned about the economic effects of our federal lawmakers failure to find common ground and pass prudent budgets.

Whatever happens inside the Beltway, we as Knights of Columbus can remain confident that our order will run a stable, reliable financial services operation.

Our insurance policies, annuities and other financial products will continue to be backed by the highest rated life insurer based in North America.

We've proven it again and again - including through two World Wars and the Great Recession.

That gives me confidence to talk with you about shepherding your own financial future through these uncertain economic times.

The Knights have succeeded with a responsible, conservative approach, and so can you - but don't mistake this approach for standing pat and doing nothing.

You still must commit to paying for your future first when you budget your money every month.

That means securing the foundation of your wealth with life insurance and putting money toward your retirement with every paycheck.

Confidence is contagious, let's talk about the options you have through your Knights of Columbus membership.

Fraternally yours,

William Mundy

SK William A. Mundy

Field Agent, Utah

Chuck Davlin, Regional Growth Director

March 28, 2024

Mr. Bill Kelly
State Deputy
Utah State Council
Knights of Columbus



Worthy State Deputy and my Brother Bill,

It is both an honor and a pleasure for me to have worked with you and our entire State Team this last year. I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend you Convention this year but be assured, my thoughts and prayers will be with you and your Councils are you meeting in Convention.

State Conventions are a chance to renew friendships and to develop new relationships with our Brothers from around the State as we join forces to recognize the outstanding programs of the Councils in Utah 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 these successes, we also realize that **our year is not over** and **our work is not done**.

As we complete our 141st 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 has 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 often anti-Catholic in particular. We are coming out of a pandemic such as Blessed McGivney ministered through, and eventually succumbed to, that challenged and changed many norms in our everyday life. We find ourselves living in an apostolic time where one can be cancelled for a particular position or statement and where men and their families are being tempted from all sides to abandon 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.

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

I extend to all my Brother Knights in Utah best wishes for a successful convention

Faternally,

Chuck Davlin

SK Charles M. Davlin, PSD (Idaho), FVSM
Regional Growth Director

District Reports (01-13)

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

Saint 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 Bingo with proceeds going to the parish. Members conduct monthly Rosary prior to evening Mass. Fundraising for the newly installed grotto proved to be a huge success for 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 adding toothier Council with new younger members.

Saint Henry Council 5347, Brigham City

Council 5347 was assigned from District 1 to the State during this fraternal year. Council 5347 started off the fraternal year Not in Good Standing with the State and Supreme. However, after an exhaustive search for a FS and GK, resurrection of the Council was achieved. Per capita was corrected and the Council once again achieved Good Standing status with the State and Supreme. They have conducted regular in person council meetings led by GK Alex Gonzalez and FS Richard Barnett. 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.

Saint 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 as recruitment invitation packets are disbursed to young fathers, online Knights are transferred into the Council and recruitment of RCIA candidates apply using the online method.

The council continues to receive support from parishioners. The parishioners have contributed greatly to the annual Christmas greenery sale, Super Bowl pizza sales for Lamb of God Maternity Home (an ASAP recipient), and monthly breakfast burrito sales. The Council has also added to their programs by manning 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. Even though the Carmelite car was not supported by the parish this past year, the Council still managed to donate significantly to the Carmelites.

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, conduct stations of the cross and fund all the Lenten dinners during Lent promoting social events for the parishioners. 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, again.

Saint 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 third year in a row through online membership focusing on the Utah State University Neumann Center 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. A major initiative lead by their Faith chairman Cesar Hernandez was the design, fundraising, acquisition and installation of the Divine Mercy for the parish sanctuary. The Community chairman conducted in conjunction with the Neumann Center a 'Bible and Brew' event where they not only conducted bible scripture reading and reflection then brewed 5 gallons of American lager which they then enjoyed months later. They continue to be first in the state to accept and conduct Silver Rose prayer services. This year they also conducted St Joseph icon prayer services for their parishioners in addition conducted the St Joseph's Table and spaghetti dinner, proceeds were donated to local charity. Faith in Action is very strong at St Thomas Aquinas. With the help of PSD John Wainscott the 5th ultrasound machine was acquired by generous donations from Councils from around the State and will be placed at the Logan Pregnancy Resource Center. 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 is well poised to be Star Council once again.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Beck

SK Andrew T. Beck, District Deputy 01

*District 02 Report (602, 5502, 12264), Joseph Nesi, District
Deputy
Paul Tinker, 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 Tony Estrada, Financial Secretary Dan Tracy.

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 actively support 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 2025 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. 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. 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 directly funds the charitable works the Knights of 602 provide to the community. The Catholic Community is well supported by the leadership of the Officers and Grand Knight Giancarlo Gazani.

Saint Olaf Council 5502, Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Bountiful (Saint Olaf Parish). Grand Knight Brian Vallese, Deputy Grand Knight Joe Bouley, Financial Secretary Jeff Morris.

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 council is lucky that our Pastor Fr Andrew attends many of our council meetings and is a visible supporter of the Knights. Further, the Knights are the first ones Fr Andrew calls when he needs something done. Council 5502 stands in solidarity with our Priests and Religious and are committed to providing moral, financial, and spiritual support for them.

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 Ernesto Ortiz, Deputy Grand Knight Greg Fieseler, and Financial Secretary Benney Herrera.

12264: The economic hit of the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to 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 in the recent past.

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. 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 scheduled Bingo fundraisers, 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. 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 three Councils in District 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Nesi

SK Joseph Nesi, District Deputy 02

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

Corpus Christi Council 6966 (Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sandy)

Grand Knight: Gregory L. LeClaire; Financial Secretary: Kevin Lopez; Membership: 113

The Council is in good standing.

- Membership: as of 3/27/24 we have 113 members.
- Insurance: Attended 1 Benefit Meeting at monthly meeting (50% of goal)
- Programs Submitted to State Convention:
 - Community
 - Knight of the Year
 - Family of the Year.
- Form Submission: All forms and audits submitted; Council Compliant for Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly Meetings continue in person.

Faith

- Held "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest with the Blessed Sacrament School.
- Seminarian Support financially and with letters of encouragement
- Hosted Stations of the Cross.
- Vocation Weekend:
 - Burrito breakfast and pulpit talk.
 - Proceeds raised by the Council, sent to the Bishop's Vocation Fund.
- Church decorating for Christmas & Easter.
- The council led "Food for Lent" drive to collect non-perishable and donated 1,000 lbs. to a local pantry.

Family

- Trunk of Treat: Donation to support the kid's event.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Donation to support the kid's event.
- Bingo: The Parish was extremely excited to get Bingo restarted and attendance was excellent!

- Advent Dinner: Assisted with Preparation and Serving.
- Church Picnic: Assisted with Preparation and Serving.

Community

- Parish Center Sound System: Provided a new sound system that will be utilized by all Ministry groups that hold activities in the Parish Hall.
- Blood Drives – Held 3 Blood Drives.
- CCW Garage Sale: Assisted the CCW with their annual garage sale.
- K of C Free Throw Contest: Blessed Sacrament Hosted Free Throw Contest Local & State
- CCW Boutique: Assisted CCW with their annual Boutique.
- Blessed Sacrament School: Helped put together new school desks.
- Blessed Sacrament Church & School Facilities:
 - Repaired Blessed Sacrament Maintenance Storage Shed
 - Blessed Sacrament School Storage Shed
 - Repaired K of C Storage Shed
- Carmelite Produce Booth:
 - This annual Carmelite fair is the main source of income for the nuns. Council No. 6966 Blessed Sacrament has a produce booth at the fair every year where we sell produce. The produce that we receive is donated, by many produce broker/distributor companies in the Salt Lake City area.
- Donated money for the Coast for Kids Program.

Life

- Culture Of Life Weekend:
 - Hosted the Rosary and Burrito breakfast.
 - Proceeds raised by the Council, sent to the Bishop's Culture of Life fund.

Saint Martin de Porres Council 10304 (Saint Martin de Porres Parish, Taylorsville)

Grand Knight: Scott Shumway; Financial Secretary is Ron Mecham.

Membership recruiting needs some attention. Safe Environment has also been a challenge this year.

Council 10304 is active in the parish, often behind the scenes as a handful of Knights run the weekly BINGO, mow the lawn, and take care of the coffee and donuts on Sunday every week. During the winter, they shovel snow from the sidewalks, and plow the parking lot. The council is donating \$500 to the upcoming parish golf tournament as it did for the parish's first golf tournament in 2023.

The council supports seminarian Anthony Shumway through the RSVP program. Deacon Shumway is scheduled for his priestly ordination this coming June! The GK couldn't be more proud of his son.

Hosted a BBQ on Sept. 24, 2023 and invited the council members, prospective members, and altar servers as a thank-you.

October 21, 2023 held a Pork Loin Dinner to raise funds for the council's charitable causes including \$300 for the Respect Life Committee at the parish.

November 1, 2023 was Fred Montoya's funeral. His presence has been missed at the weekly BINGO, monthly council meetings, and as the #1 ticket salesman for the council's dinners. Even as the immediate past grand knight, Fred stayed involved in council leadership, and was serving as the community director.

The social for Past State Secretary Rick Kump's funeral on December 4, 2023 was paid for by the council, including the food and the parish hall rental.

In partnership with Assembly 1144, six communion cups were donated in both Fred's and Rick's name (three each) to Saint Martin de Porres parish and have already been put to use.

February 19, 2024 Italian Dinner was held featuring spaghetti, and a included a prize drawing to raise money to support a Special Olympics athlete.

The 2024 Easter Sunday Eater Egg hunt was rained out, but passed out the candy to the children at the Sunday Masses.

Saint Thomas More Council 11479 (Saint Thomas More Parish, 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 eighth 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 this year and helped organize and coordinate this year's Golf Tournament that helps to cover the operational cost of the Fisher House facility.

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 Committee members.

K of C 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 Councilmen 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.

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.

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

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.

Greek Celebration Bar Support – Annually we have a group of Knights that have completed their Bar Distribution Certification that provides bar services for an annual party held by St. Annes Greek Orthodox Church. We typically have 4 Knights that help support this event.

Parish Garage Clean-out and Shed Repair – We had a team of 5 Knights that assessed the damage/wear-and-tear of our campus Garage and Storage Sheds. These buildings were in serious need of upgrading and painting. We repaired and replaced soffit and fascia and provided a fresh coat of paint to all surfaces. We also did a complete clean-out to increase and restore the storage capacity of both.

Pew Rebuild – All of the pews at STM Catholic Church needed replacement. Through the generosity of one of our Council Knights, these pews were purchased and replaced. This required a crew of 6 Council Knights with handyman/carpenter experience to remove all the old pews and replace them with the new ones.

Spaghetti Dinner Parish Fundraiser – This was a parish event that was a fundraiser to raise funds to replace the roof on the STM Catholic Church Roof. We had eight to 10 knights involved with the set-up, tear-down and cooking for this very successful event.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – This is our annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner that we serve

STM Parish Picnic – Each year in August we hold our annual STM Parish Picnic. Although this is officially a Parish Council event, our Council Knights always take a lead role in the set-up, tear-down, transferring games and the equipment for making Snow-cones. We manage a great deal of the purchase and set-up of food, soft-drinks, Ice and the PA system for the Mass announcements and prayers.

St. Patrick Day Parade – Our 4th degree Knights always play an active role in representing the Utah Knights of Columbus in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Fall Fundraiser – This year we had a large event to raise money for our Capital Campaign. We had our bar team serving bar and keeping the crowd well hydrated. We were also involved in the set-up and clean-up for the event.

After Storm Campus Clean-up – This past spring saw plenty of big storms that created a great deal of fallen branches, leaves and mud in our parking lot and driveways. We had a group of about 10 Knights that contributed their time and effort cleaning up the campus for our next Mass sessions.

Hot Water Tank Redesign and Replacement – Throughout the course of the year, we had the unfortunate experience of running out of hot water during community events. This was a challenge to our sanitary needs in doing dishes. We assessed the needs for upgrades, improvements and replacements and redesigned our hot water equipment. The Knights Council covered the cost for this important improvement project.

Walk for Life March – Each April we participate in this annual walk to support the Sanctity of Human Life. Several of our Council Knight support this event.

STM Summer Barbeque – This summer we held our 2nd annual Knights Summer Barbeque. This was a very well attended event at the Parish. We cleaned the parking lot, set up our grills and cooking equipment and provided dinner and musical entertainment for about 150 guests. We accomplished this while simultaneously holding a dance competition at Meyer Hall. Needless to say, it was a very event filled evening and a very crowded parking lot!

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Page

SK Larry E. Page, District Deputy 03

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

It is with admiration of the councils of district 4 and knights that I provide this report. I pray that these knights continue to grow and build comradery in their councils through Christ our Lord.

Father Escalate Council 1136, Orem (Saint Francis of Assisi Parish)

- Grand Knight: Dennis Robles; Financial Secretary: Bruce E. Rolie

- Membership: Net Gain of 160%.
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted. Council Compliant with Safe Environment.

Events and Programs 2023 - 2024

- Council raised \$9,131 at the Carmelite Monastery Car Raffle in one weekend at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
- Donated funds for financial support of one seminarian in our Diocese RSVP Program and a Religious Sister.
- Supplied and grilled hamburgers & hotdogs at the Annual Parish Picnic.
- Donated funds to the Utah Special Olympics.
- Donated funds for the Coats for Kids Program and assisted with giving out the coats to kids.
- Held an Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch Event for the Veterans and First Responders in our Parish.
- Held the annual Soccer Challenge event for the youth in our Parish.
- Held the annual Basketball Free Throw Championship event for the youth in our Parish.
- Maintained the Monthly Bingo Night Program to raise funds for our Church Mortgage Fund.
- Donated funds to support Brothers in Need in our Parish.
- Donated funds to the American Fork Pregnancy Resource Center for the ASAP Program.
- Sponsored and conducted a Eucharistic Revival Event for parishioners at our Parish.
- Donated funds to our Church CCD Program and had Knights who served as teachers.
- Sponsored the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for the youth at our parish.

DD Comments: Council 1136 continues to do great work! 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. Be sure to conduct events that build comradery among the council knights!

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

- Grand Knight: Rogelio Castaneda Jr.; Financial Secretary: Robert E. Carlson, Jr.
- Membership: Conducted Membership drive and registered 7 new knights.

Based on Council 8606 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Disbursements and Hours of Service

- \$1000 and 62 hours of Faith Activities.
- 44 hours of Family Activities
- \$147 and 24 hours of Community Activities
- 2 visits to the sick and bereaved.
- 10 hours of service for sick and disabled members and their families.

DD Comments: Continue having membership drives and delegate positions and events. Get all of your knights involved!

Suggestions for improvement: Conduct a formalized planning meeting this summer with all your knights to plan out what your council would like to do and when you will do it. Be sure to conduct

events that build comradery so that your knights can serve your church, community and your fellow knights! Complete Safe Environment and other forms in a timely manner.

Father Dominguez Council 9561, Payson (San Andres 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.
- Distributed Turkeys for the Parish's Thanksgiving Dinner Program for the needy.
- Participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Program with the Parish youth.
- Provided Santa and candy for the Parish Christmas Party.
- Donated funds to the Bishop's Vocation Fund.
- Council members serve as Lectors.
- Council led a "Food for Families" and a "40 cans for 40 days" drive to collect non-perishable food items as well as a Thanksgiving food drive to be donated to a local food pantry.
- Council provided funds to the Parish Church for remodeling and repairs.
- Council members helped maintain the Parish grounds and facilities.
- Council teamed with the San Andres Women's Society to provide meals at funerals.
- Maintained a "Building the Domestic Church" kiosk in both Spanish and English.

Community

- Collected / donated funds and supported the Coats for Kids program in Utah County.
- Donated to the "Operation Combat Boots" project to assist veterans suffering with PTSD within the Veteran Community.
- Sponsored a Science Fair Award for the local Science Fair

Culture of Life

- Maintained the Memorial to Unborn at Payson Cemetery.
- Donated to the Agnes Dei Foundation to support the "Lamb of God Maternity Home."
- Donated funds to the Pregnancy Resource Center, SLC, UT.
- Donated funds to the Bishop's Culture of Life Fund.
- Donated funds to support the purchase of Ultrasound Machine.
- Council led America Needs Fatima Rosary for the Culture of Life.

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. Be sure to conduct events that build comradery so that your knights can serve your church, community and your fellow knights!

My brothers of the Councils in District 4, thank you for welcoming me to your council meetings and parish events and for your friendship. I wish you all the very best and may you grow in Christ!

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Ortega

SK Edward G. Ortega, District Deputy 04

District 05 Report (2611, 6147), Jon Gauchay, District Deputy

Saint Anthony Council 2611 – Helper

Msgr. Giavonnoni Council 6147 – Price

My Brother Knights, even though I am fairly new to this position (submitting this less than a month after being appointed to the position) I am pleased to report on the happenings of District 05.

Although these two councils are smaller in size, that doesn't slow them down in what they do for their community. It truly is inspiring.

Council 6147 has

- Donated cards and gifts to the widows of their communities to help support them in their time of need.
- Donated to their local Fire Department's Sub for Santa program
- Hold their monthly meetings on the second Saturday of the month at 9 am
- Hold biweekly bingos every other Friday at their Parish
- Hold a bingo game after their St. Patrick's Day celebration

Council 2611 has

- Held a pancake breakfast after their Palm Sunday mass for their Parish
- Run a monthly Bingo
- Continue to perform maintenance on the Church and Rectory
- Serve Breakfast to their community following their 930 am Mass
- Work well with their neighboring Council

I am excited to begin working with these two wonderful Councils, and cannot wait to see what amazing work they continue to do this coming year!

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Gauchay

SK Jon Gauchay, District Deputy 05

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

Saint Joseph the Worker Council 7961, West Jordan (Saint Joseph the Worker Parish)

Grand Knight: Andy Airriess; Financial Secretary: Louis Lopez; Membership: 54. This council is in good standing.

- Membership: As of March 10, they have a gain of 2 (40% of goal). Live ceremonials were conducted in English for the new members, with a CUF scheduled for their March meeting. Active recruitment of eligible members of the RCIA class is underway. Recruitment drive scheduled for April.
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted. Council compliant with Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly business meeting held on the third Wednesday of the month. Rosary held before meetings.

The St. Joseph the Worker Council has run fundraising programs for the Pregnancy Resource Center and St. Marth's Baby Project. We collected donations of gloves, socks, and other winter wear for the VA Hospital's support of homes veterans. Parish support includes bingos what Knights keep the kitchen proceeds and the parish gets bingo proceeds. The council bought a new American flag for the parish and have an active matching program for individual Knights' DDD donations. Family and Knight of the month have been named every month so far and two families have been presented with an icon by Supreme. We will be supporting a new seminarian next year as Scott Shumway will be ordained in June. The council hosted the state Soccer Challenge. The council supports those in RCIA and confirmation classes by presenting rosaries to all completing the courses. Finally, over \$1,000 was raised for Coats for Kids.

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

Grand Knight: Luke Mercier; Financial Secretary: Ed Manuell; Membership: 257. This council is in good standing.

- Membership: As of March 13, they have a gain of 17 (121% of quota).
- 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 participated in a nocturnal adoration on Oct. 21, 2023, coinciding with the parish CCW hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Display by Blessed Carlo Acutis. The council hosted a nocturnal viewing for Monsignor Terence Moore, who passed away Dec. 19, 2023, and laid in state in the St. John the Baptist worship space overnight Jan. 8-9, 2024. The third annual Nocturnal Adoration for Life was held on Jan. 20-21, 2024. Sponsored a Blue Mass and BBQ for first responders on Sunday, 9/10; hosted a "Pie and Beer" day on Sunday, July 23rd; and hosted a "Day at the Lake" in early August where families enjoyed a day of fun, fellowship and Mass at Willard Bay. Fundraising at their Council Christmas Party resulted in a \$1000 donation to Pro-Life Utah for the Utah March for Life in with conjunction the ASAP program. The council supported the state Soccer Challenge, the Diocesan Science Fair, and the council, district and state Free Throw Championship. A successful Coats for Kids fundraising weekend included a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 15th resulted in \$2,250 donated to the Utah State Council to purchase coats.

Saint Andrew Council 14239, Riverton (Saint Andrew Parish)

Grand Knight: W. Michael Gray; Financial Secretary: Robert Diaz; Membership: 49. This council is in good standing.

- Membership: As of March 15, they have a gain of 1 (20%).
- 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 \$7,400, breakfast and lunch fundraiser that raised over \$775, conducted a BBQ fundraiser, and successful participation in the Coats for Kids campaign that provided \$500 and gave out 40 coats. Weekend activities included a Veterans weekend that raised \$395 for Vets to Lourdes, a men's BBQ social, a Christmas Social, and a back-to-school picnic for the St. Andrews school. In addition, St. Andrews will present Casino Night evening for the State Convention on April 27.

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. Together with very active programs and the aggressive enrollment of new members, all three Councils earned Star Council for 2023. These Councils continue to be very active once again in their programs, surging once again to provide service to our Parish, Community, and their 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 (Saint Francis Xavier Parish)

- Membership: Net Gain of 1 (17% of Goal), currently three prospect eKnights, and membership is ongoing
- Insurance: Attended 2 Benefits (100% 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 and Community. A few highlights: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest; Diocesan Science Fair; Regular weekly donuts and coffee; Utah Special Olympics; Food for Families; March for Life Activities; and Stations of the Cross. The Council coordinates very closely with their Parish priest, as they continue to provide whatever the Parish may need! They plan to host a Delta Church Drive to boost their membership, and with five new members, they could qualify for Star Council. Keep up the effort Bishop Hunt Council!

Saint Vincent de Paul Council 13297, Holladay (Saint Vincent de Paul Parish)

- Membership: Net Gain of 2 (40% of Goal), and no prospect eKnights
- Insurance: Attended 1 Benefits (50% Goal)
- Programs: Faith, Community, and Family submitted to State Convention, as well as Knight and Family of the Year; Completed at least 2 programs per month in the fiscal year; 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 if they just recruit 3 additional members. Good luck St. Vincents!

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Council 13646, Midvale (Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish)

- Membership: Net Gain of 6 (120% of Goal); Spanish/English membership drive in April
- Insurance: Attended 1 Benefit (50% 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 48 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 Andre Sicard. Even though the Council has 2 current prospects, and they plan to recruit at least 3 more members by the end of the year. They will qualify for Star Council. Great job 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 or All-Star District. As of early March, both councils are Safe Environment compliant and have submitted the required reports. Membership is growing in Southern Utah and both councils are confident about reaching their goal in this area. They have conducted or planned programs and fraternal benefit seminars which will fulfil the requirements for the Columbian Award and Founder's Award. All required reports will be filed prior to the required due date.

Both councils serve as the "Strong Right Arm" of their parish where they serve as leaders of many church activities. The two Round Tables within the district have stable membership and are active in their respective parishes

Vic Glasson Council 10733, Saint George

Grand Knight: Louis Mandrigues; Financial Secretary: Ken Wischmeyer; Council Membership: 184

- **Membership:** As of 3/9/2024, there has been a net gain of 6 members (55% of their goal). There are no online members waiting to be brought into the council. The council will be recruiting members during the remaining Fraternal Year and anticipates reaching their goal.
- **Insurance:** The council has a Fraternal Benefits program with the agent present planned for April 2 and will conduct another one prior to the end of the Fraternal Year.
- **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 active in all aspects of parish life and participate in nearly all 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 prayed outside Planned Parenthood, led Patriotic Rosaries and Holy Hours as well as participating in the RSVP, Special Olympics and ASAP programs.

The council participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and had 24 entries. A successful Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay contest was also held, with 54 entries. St. George youth entering this contest won First Place in all 5 of the categories for the State Council.

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

Round Table Coordinator: Mark Borowiak; Round Table Membership: 10 members

Members of the Hurricane Round Table meet each month and are involved in every ministry in their parish. They provide support for their home council as well, participating in council activities and fundraising projects. In their local parish, they serve as ushers, choir members, Rosary leaders and participate in 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. They have also begun to display Eucharistic Miracles within their parish on a regular basis.

They are a perfect demonstration of the belief that there should be a Knights presence wherever the Gospel is proclaimed.

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 meet approximately every other month and provide a solid base for their parish priest. They reported over 1,900 volunteer hours during the 2023 calendar year.

They participate in every area of the Liturgical ministry and parish life. Serving as ushers, lectors and members of the Parish Council, these Knights can always be counted on.

They maintain the grounds and make repairs to St. Christopher Parish. From shoveling snow to picking weeds to repairing the parish sign, these Knights are doing whatever needs to be done.

They collect food for the needy, visit the sick and the families of the deceased and in inmate programs in the nearby state prison. They even distribute flowers to parishioners on Mother's Day and provide a free breakfast for all commuters. 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: Thomas Whalen; Financial Secretary: Michael Villarreal; Membership: 111

- **Membership:** As of 3/9/2024, there has been a net gain of 3 members (50% of their goal). There is 1 online member waiting to be brought into the council. It is anticipated that the council will achieve their goal prior to the end of the Fraternal Year.
- **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 is 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. They have also recently joined efforts with Youth Futures to provide shelter and housing for homeless youth in the Cedar City area.

The primary fundraiser for the council is to operate the beer sales booth at the Iron County Fair and Rodeo. Funds raised from this event allows 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 at local grocery stores for the needy, Youth Futures as well as 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 for District 8 in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Townsend

SK Michael R. Townsend, District Deputy 08

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

Council 6739. Saint Marguerite Parish. Tooele:

Grand Knight: James W McManaman; Financial Secretary: Barry B Stine.

St Marguerite Council has had a very awesome year, they have done some many great activities listed below.

- Membership: 140%
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted. Council compliant with Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly business meeting held on the second Monday of the month, at 7pm.
- On track for Star Council

For a total of 11 hours of regular business hours, a total of 1 Social hour and a total of 2 hours Special/Committee.

312 hours to visits to the Sick, 42 hours to visits to the Bereaved, 9 hours for Blood Donations, 243 hours to the Sick/Disabled Members and their Families.

Faith Activities: donated \$300 to Church Facilities, \$220 to Catholic School/Seminaries, \$100 Religious/Vocations Education, \$90 Sacramental Gifts, \$100 to Miscellaneous Faith Activities. total Contribution \$810 and 1226 Service Hours.

Family Activities: donated \$320 for Food for Families, \$100 for Family Week and \$25 for Miscellaneous Family Program. In total \$445 and 354 Service Hours.

Community Activities: donated \$70 to Disaster Preparedness/Relief, \$150 to Scouting Youth Groups, \$100 to Athletics, \$200 to Scholarships/Education, \$200 to Veteran Military/VAWS, also donated volunteer hours to Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities, Elderly/Widow(er) Care, Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities. Total \$145 and 345 Service Hours.

Life Activities: donated \$250 to Special Olympics, \$25 to Marches for Life, \$420 to Pregnancy Support. It totals \$695 and 132 Service Hours.

Other activities Council participated in

Church: Rosaries for Confirmation students, Hosted the St' Joseph Icon, Hosted the Silver Rose, Hosted the Saint Joseph Icon, CCD teaching, church Lectors, hosted and served two Fish Frys.

Community: Participated in Coats for Kids, Bingo, German Food Booth at Parish Fall Festival, Security St. Marguerite's School Gala, Supported the Carmelite Fair, Collected and Donated Backpacks and School supplies for Kids,

Culture of Life: Donated funds to the Bishop's Culture of Life Fund, Security Church Fall Festival, Essay Contest, Council donates funds, food, and clothing on a regular basis to support the Fisher House.

Family: Hosted Council and District Free Throw Championship, Soccer Challenge, Bratwurst Booth at Tooele Arts Festival, , Donated funds to Support Special Olympics every year, Council donated funds to the Utah Knights State Scholarship program.

Council 9731, Our Lady of Lourdes. Magna:

Grand Knight: Richard Manzanares; Financial Secretary: Sal Velez.

Our Lady of Lourdes council has been very busy working on many activities.

- Membership: 20%
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted. Council compliant with Safe Environment.
- Meetings: Monthly business meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7pm.

For a total of 12 hours of regular business hours, a total of 4 Social hours and a total of 1 hour Special/Committee.

20 hours to visits to the Sick, 10 hours to visits to the Bereaved, 10 hours for Blood Donations, 200 hours Sick/Disabled Members and their Families.

Faith Activities: donated \$500 for the RSVP Program, \$250 to Church Facilities, \$100 Religious/Vocations Education, \$100 Sacramental Gifts, \$100 to Miscellaneous Faith Activities. total Contribution \$1050 and 180 Service Hours.

Family Activities: donated \$3500 Miscellaneous Family Program, also volunteer to Family Prayer Night. total contributions \$3500 and 100 Service Hours.

Community Activities: donated \$250 for Coats for Kids, \$400 Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities. total contributions \$650 and 380 Service Hours.

Life Activities: donated \$50 to Special Olympics, \$100 to Ultrasound Initiative, \$200 Miscellaneous Life Activities. total contributions \$350 and 16 Service Hours.

Other activities Council participated in

Church: Helped pay for RCIA class fees for families in need, Helped support 2 Seminarians, Helped our Priest Father K Orphanage in Nigeria with monetary support, Help Father K to pay for plane ticket to attend a loved one's funeral, Maintain heating and cooling in the church, classrooms and gym area, Collected 40 cans for 40 days of Lent and Donated to our community, Support and maintain church computers, Support and maintain church Wireless access, Snow removal, CCD teaching, church Lectors, Choir singing, hosted and served 1 Fish Fry.

Community: host and serve Annual Magna Community 4th of July Breakfast at Copper Park, Bingo. 12x's. once a month. Every second Saturday of each month, Coffee, and Donuts 12x's. The first Sunday of each month, Spaghetti Dinner. Organizing, Planning, participating in many capacities and setup and clean up, Family in Need for Christmas, Participated in Coats for Kids by purchasing and distributing at

this event, Collected and Donated Backpacks and School supplies for Kids, hosted with the help of the CCW Ladies New Year Eve Party, Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard.

Culture of Life: Donated funds to the Bishop's Culture of Life Fund, Church outside LED lights, Church beautification by cleaning up around the church and parking lots by removing weeds and debris, Helped pay for outside lighting with the help of the CCW Ladies, Church interior painting, Food and funds donation to the Carmelites every year, Council donates funds, food and clothing on a regular basis to support the Fisher House, Council helped by showing off the car and selling tickets to raise money for the Annual Carmelite Fair, with the help of the CCW Ladies paid for the Security Cameras and access card keys.

Family: Hosted Council Free Throw Championship, our 50/50 at Bingo goes to many charitable places as well as many other families in need, once per month. examples are the Kidney Foundation, the Alzheimer's Foundation, and the Dementia Foundation, Fisher House to name a few, Collected and donated nonperishable food for Magna High School Pantry, Collected and delivered warm socks, gloves and many more winter clothing to the Fisher House, Volunteered and donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive, Donated funds to Support Special Olympics every year, Council donated funds to the Utah Knights State Scholarship program.

Council 17140, Immaculate Conception, Copperton:

Grand Knight: Gerardo J Montanez; Financial Secretary: Gregory Tlachac

Immaculate Conception council has been working on these activities.

- Membership: 20%
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted. The council will be compliant Safe Environment by the end of June.
- Meetings: Monthly business meeting held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm.

For a total of 430 hours of regular business hours with a total of 510 Social hours.

Immaculate Conception council Faith Activities donated \$120 for Sacramental Gifts, \$116 for Miscellaneous Faith Activities. total Contributions \$236 and \$50 Service Hours, including Church Facilities.

Family Activities: donated \$250 for Food for Families, \$75 for Keep Christ in Christmas. Total Contributions \$325.

Community Activities: donated \$270 to Coats for Kids, \$200 to Scholarships/Education, \$953 Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities. Total Contributions \$1423.

Life Activities: donated \$500 to the Ultrasound Initiative. Total Contributions \$500.

Other activities Council participated in

Church: Planning to host the Silver Rose

Community: Participated in Coats for Kids, Support the Food Bank, 6 Knights once a quarter, Collected over 650 pairs of socks for "Socks for Heroes"

Culture of Life: "One Rose, One Life" Campaign. Keep Christ in Christmas.

Family: Staff the monthly Bingo at the parish; 4 to 5 nights each month!

Respectfully submitted,
Gabino Chacon Escarcega
SK Gabino Chacon Escarcega, District Deputy 09

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

Saint Rose of Lima Council 6010 (Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Layton):

GK Steve Sevier; FS John Biotti

Faith: The council hosts a Rosary in the St. Rose of Lima Chapel on the first and third Fridays; we launched our Cor program in January and invite men of the parish every second Saturday for food, prayer, formation, and fellowship; the council financially supports a seminarian from the diocese every year, as well as regular communication with him to let him know we thinking of and are praying for him; we present to the parish the Silver Rose every summer.

Family: This year the council held it's 22nd annual Easter Egg Hunt at Chapel Park in Layton, driven in large part by our Worthy Treasure Joe Neid; we've always encouraged the youth of the parish to enter the Knight's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest – we had 3 State Winners this year; our Safe Environment training has been maintained 100% with no issues during the Fraternal Year.

Community: Once a month the Knights of the council contribute to the delivery of food via the Utah Food Bank at Layton Hills Baptist Church; the men of the council participate in the monthly Food and Clothing distribution with City of Hope at Nations for Christ Church, which gives to over 400 families; we host Bingo on the last Friday of the month, except between Christmas and New Years and during Lent; for the Lenten season we host two Fish Fry's; the council cooks breakfast for the parish on the second Sunday each month; we make homemade donuts for parishioners on the third Sundays; through the leadership of our Community Director Dennis Martinez, we distribute coats to kids big and small via the Coats for Kids Program, with approximately 450 being distributed at two locations this year; twice a year we invite the parish to make the trek with us to St. Vincents Dining Hall in downtown Salt Lake City to serve the homeless, always on the first weekends of April and October, which are the weekends of the LDS General Conference, when the dining hall needs more assistance; our men participate once a month in transporting food donated from the Hill AFB Commissary to the local Fish and Loaves Center; lastly, we collected canned and dry food via the 40 cans for Lent program.

Life: The council has collected donations for Life via the ASAP Program from Mother's Day to Father's Day, and were able to donate over \$3,000 to our local Pregnancy Medical Center; we contributed financially to the challenge for another ultrasound machine in the community of Logan, UT.

Bishop Joseph L. Federal Council 14399 (Holy Family Parish, South Ogden):

GK Mike McMahon, FS John Tekverk

Faith: Under the leadership of our faith dr. John Sincere, we have added a few more programs. The knight's hosted a stations of the cross during lent. We are starting a rosary program before mass and holy hour after mass on first Saturdays at noon. We support 3 seminarians. We hosted KCIC poster contest and purchased a KCIC billboard. Some of our knights are involved in RCIA and religious education. Many of our knights are ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and choir.

Life: Under the leadership of our life dr. Dave Cooper, we were able to support the nuns at GMAC. We sponsored 3 golf teams at their tournament with the bishop. We sponsored 3 tables at their garden dinner in the fall. Some of our knights and wives regularly tutor students many days each week at the GMAC building. We support ASAP. We support special Olympics. Because of the success of our golf tournament, we were able to give \$10,000 towards the ultrasound machine in Logan this year.

Community: Under Tom Turner, our community dr. leader, we supported free throws, easter egg hunt, Carmelite car, backpacks and coats for kids at two locations. GMAC and CCS in Ogden. We host monthly bingo and breakfast. We host 2 fish fries during lent. We supply much of the help for our parish picnic.

Family: Jim Keegan is our family dr. We sponsor family of the month. We donate and deliver food to CCS each month. We support the science fair. We support the scholarship fund. We give flowers to mothers on Mother's Day.

Deacon Douglas R. Sliger Council 16127 (Hill Air Force Base):

GK Richard Houghton; FS Douglass Johndrow

Faith: Council 16127 holds Monthly Rosaries on the 2nd Sat/Sun every Month also we have sponsored and supported the Holy hour led the Friday Stations, Rosary and soup socials this year.

Family: Held a Family Chili Cook off and Spaghetti dinner.

Community: Continuing on with our award winning food drive.

Life: Donated to the Lamb of God Maternity home.

District 10: Looking back Council 6010 set up their COR program as one of the few Councils to do so, 14399 had such a great success with their annual golf tournament that the State reached out on how to fill your spots. I believe the answer was hold a premier event. Council 16127 is still leading that charge on the food drive that created a KofC video, State award and the first KOY from a base council in Utah. So all in all District 10 is doing OK!

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Yeager

SK Stacey A. Yeager, District Deputy 10

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

In District 11, FY2024 was Council 14764 GK Daniel Quintanilla's second year in office while GK George Lukasiewicz took the reins in Council 15418. Both men were supported by great officer teams, and it was gratifying to witness their great work this year.

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

Grand Knight: Daniel Quintanilla; Financial Secretary: Eric Domyan

Council Membership: 53

- Membership: Net Gain of 10 (200% of Goal), with one prospect identified. The council partnered with #602 for one live CUF ceremonial in March.
- Insurance: Attended two Fraternal Benefit Seminar(s)
- Form Submissions: All forms and audits submitted; Council is compliant with Safe Environment.

- Meetings: Monthly Business meetings held every second Sunday at 12pm

To kick off the fraternal year, the council again hosted the parish's Pioneer Day celebration, which featured a presentation by the Diocesan Archivist on the life of Catholic miners in Bingham Canyon. The council also sent two representatives to the annual College Council Conference in New Haven. Perhaps their biggest event this year was holding the first annual benefit dinner commemorating the council's namesake, Fr. Tom Kraft O.P. in February. The dinner was well-attended and all had a great time.

Promoting the faith life of the parish was a major emphasis of council activities this year. Newman Knights have: supported the monthly St. Catherine's First Friday Eucharistic Procession; successfully initiated the Cor program at St. Catherine by leveraging an existing men's Bible study; and served soup after Stations of the Cross during Lent. Newman Knights also led prayer vigils during 40 Days for Life and actively collected donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

After achieving Star Council status last fraternal year, Council 14764 has outdone themselves this year by hitting Double Star-level membership growth as of this writing. One fruit of their recruiting success is the number of young adult Knights actively participating in both council meetings and council programs. Congratulations and well done!

Saint Ambrose Council 15418, Salt Lake City (Saint Ambrose)

Grand Knight: George Lukasiewicz; Financial Secretary: Hal Sanderson

Council Membership: 82

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

Council 15418 maintained its usual high level of program activity in FY2024. The council hosted a parish picnic on a beautiful fall day in September, nurturing the social life of the parish through good food and fellowship. Other regular council programs such as Knights Coffee Hour, a parish picnic, Red Cross blood drives and their annual garage sale make sure that Knights are a consistent and visible presence in St. Ambrose parish life.

The council again facilitated strong participation by the youth of the parish and Cosgriff Catholic School in the State's youth programs—1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and 2nd place in the Citizenship Essay contest all went to C15418 kids. Their showing in the State Free Throw Competition was just as impressive, garnering six 1st place ribbons across age groups. The council also made significant contributions to other State programs, including Coats for Kids, the Carmelite Car drawing, the Ultrasound Drive, RSVP, and ASAP.

Council 15418 has a strong core of committed Knights who know how to make programs successful. As a result, they won the Columbian and Founder's Awards last fraternal year, and continue to make gains in membership. Congratulations on a great year!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Green

SK Richard L. Green, District Deputy 11

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

Saint Mary's Council 1129 (Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Park City)

Bishop Scanlan Council 7401 (Saint James the Greater Parish, Vernal)

This year our District has been very active and delivered outstanding results. Accolades go out to Council 1129 (Park City), Council 7401 (Vernal) and the St. Lawrence Roundtable. Success in unifying your Councils and Roundtable was achieved 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 qualification for the Star Council Award in 2024 after achieving Double Star Council in 2023. The Councils and the members of the St. Lawrence Roundtable 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 Council 7401's completion of their renovation and repairs of St. James parish facilities and systems. They delivered outstanding results through their donations, donations and repairs they solicited, and repairs made by their own service. The Councils and Roundtable 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, and numerous dining events for parishioners and guests throughout the year.

Council 1129 and its St. Lawrence Roundtable demonstrated the commitment to the community through Coats for Kids program delivering approximately 600 coats to the community. Other donation and service programs included Church facilities/schools improvements, blood drives, golf fundraiser with donation of \$6,500 to the Mountainland Affordable Housing and more to include donations/service to the Community by individual Knights, etc. Individual Knights matched donations made by the Council to Special Olympics.

Finally, the Councils demonstrated the commitment to the sanctity of Life through their programs such as Ultrasound Initiative donation and Special Olympics and the Lamb of God Maternity Home. My hat is off to the Councils and the St. Lawrence Roundtable – keep momentum and commitment to Charity, Unity and Fraternity going and the superior results in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas V. DeMars Jr.

SK Thomas V. DeMars Jr., District Deputy 12

District 13 Report (5347, 8350, 11812), Rafael Castillo, District
Deputy*

Father DeSmet Council 5347, Brigham City

- See report above by Andy Beck, District Deputy 01.

St. Peter and Paul Council 8350, West Valley.

- No report available by the publication deadline.

San Felipe Council 11812, Wendover

- San Felipe Council 11812 (Wendover) has been dissolved by Supreme.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafael Castillo

SK Rafael Castillo, District Deputy 13

State Directors Reports

Membership (Growth) Director: SK Doug Shane, PSD

March 27, 2024

Reverend Fathers, Worthy State Deputy Kelly, Worthy State Council Members and my Brother Knights,

As your Membership Director, I have worked to improve how manage the online roster. The online roster had people on it who had joined as far back as 2020. I worked the list by contacting each person who had joined before 2023 by attempts to contact by email and by text. For those who did not respond, I moved them back to the general Supreme online roster.

There was also a noticeable delay in reaching out to those who joined online if contact was attempted at all. When someone joins online, it is their expectation that they be contacted back as quickly as possible. I initiated the practice of reaching out immediately when a new member joins to encourage them to take the CUF online.

As of this date, over 70% of those who have joined online this Fraternal Year have taken the CUF and have been moved into a council and we have only 54 on the entire online list (going back to the beginning of the list in 2020) who have not taken the CUF.

These results are not just because of my efforts alone but are inclusive of efforts by those councils who are serious in building strong councils, our State Officer Team, our District Deputies, and our Insurance Representative Bill Mundy.

I do want to recognize the councils who have gone above and beyond: Councils 1136 and 14764, who have attained Double Star status. Councils 602, 1129, 6739, 12181, 13646 and 14399, who have attained Star Status.

I also wish to recognize Districts 2, 4, 6 & 11, who have attained Star District Status.

In terms of overall membership, we are slightly off target to meet the state per capita goal for this year.

We have run promotions for membership attainment and sadly, not many have been taken up. We have offered to support church drives, but only a few councils have taken us up on the offer.

There are those councils who do not need our support which is our goal for all councils. For those who do need assistance or encouragement, we have been always ready to support.

I challenge those councils who have not yet make their numbers to try to do so in the next couple of months. Bringing new Catholic men into the order is good for them, good for their families, good for the life of the parish, good for the community, and good for supporting our Priests and persons religious.

Great first steps would be to actively manage your prospects list, be present at parish activities (with prayer cards and info flyers) and just reach out and ask a Catholic man to join.

I am at the ready to support you in your efforts.

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Shane, PSD
SK Douglas Shane, PSD
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 the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) — due by August 1

Through March, only 23 Councils have reported a total of 187 activities.

FAITH	BREACH	ICON	KIOSK	ROSARY	REFLECTION	HOLY HOUR	GIFTS	RSVP	OTHER
46			2	17	1	2	3	3	18
FAMILY	FoM	KCIC	FAMILY ALIVE	FAMILY WEEK	HOLY FAMILY	PRAYER NIGHT	GOOD FRIDAY	FOOD	OTHER
47	26	6				1		2	12
COMMUNITY	DISASTER	FREE THROW	SOCCER	HELPING HANDS	ESSAY	COATS	WHEELCHAIR	HABITAT	OTHER
52		4	4		2	10			44
LIFE	RELIEF	SILVER ROSE	PC SUPPORT	NOVENA	SPECIAL NEEDS	MARCH	SPECIAL OLYMPICS	ULTRASOUND	OTHER
42		1	4			3	18	2	14

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 Chad Vargo

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

This past fraternal year from a community standpoint, I am happy to report another successful year in the State of Utah. We continue to be involved in multiple Veterans Affairs items, coats for kids, and the state scholarship.

From a veteran standpoint we rely heavily SK Joe Bouley, SK John Wainscott PSD, and SK Sid Cowand PSD; they do a tremendous job assisting in outreach. SK Chuck Dover PSD has coordinated many needs for the Fisher House, and ensures this relationship remains strong.

SK Bob Masse PSD again this year coordinated our Coats for Kids drive across the state of Utah. With his leadership we had more councils and assemblies participate this year, leading to a very successful coat drive. With cold winter we had, the Utah Knights helped ensure all who needed a coat got a coat. As a state we distributed over 6400 coats!

SK Chuck Dover continues to push our scholarship program and we are entering our 14th year! Because of his efforts the Utah Knights we now give away 3 scholarships. Thank you everyone across the state who continue to support this great cause.

Other items we push are MS Walk, the McGivney Guild, and assisting at the Soup Kitchen, the science fair, and many more. I encourage all Knights across the great state of Utah, to participate in the above-mentioned items, but also ask yourself how you can support your local community.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Vargo

SK Chad Vargo

State Community Director

Faith Director: SK Paul Tinker

Holy Hour and Processionals: The K of C State Council established the goal of participating in two Holy Hours in the FY2023-2024. The first of the intended Holy Hours (Adoration, Mass, and Processional) took place at St Catherine of Sienna (Newman Center) in September 2023. Every First Friday since Sept '23 the Knights have participated in the Holy Hour praying during adoration, carrying the canopy during the Processional, and participating in the services. This has been quite a nice series of events for the Knights to practice our Catholic faith.

Midyear Meeting: During the Midyear Meeting, another of the sponsored Holy Hours was completed. Fr. Cody Jorgensen provided an excellent Holy Hour for the Knights at the Midyear meeting. After the guided reflection, the Knights participated in the Rosary before returning to the Midyear Business Meeting. COR printed material supporting the COR initiative was distributed at the Midyear meeting. A presentation of this material and recommendation for Faith Activities (Divine Office, Praying the Psalms, Into the Breach) offered opportunities for Knights to learn of additional ways to study, practice, and participate in our Catholic faith. Fr Gabriel Mosher offered his time and talent to assist any Knight who wishes to learn about how to practice the Liturgy of the Hours.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Members of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through Utah in late May / early June 2024. Councils in the assigned parishes are providing support for the travelers. Activities are scheduled in Logan (Friday May 31), Ogden (Saturday June 1), Park City (Sunday June 2), SLC (Monday June 3), and Tuesday/Wednesday (June 4/5) in eastern Utah.

Deserving special mention are the activities scheduled in Park City on June 2nd during The Body and Blood of Christ Solemnity. On Sunday, in addition to many other activities, a Eucharistic Procession will take place in Park City from the Old Town Chapel to St Mary's church. The Knights have been asked to support the ~5-mile procession with Knights in numbers to escort the Eucharist and provide men to carry the canopy. The Procession is planned along the route of the free Park City Municipal Transit system, so it will be convenient for Knights to participate in the Processional for as much as their stamina will allow. Parishes have also been asked to participate in the Processional, carrying their Parish banners (previously used in the Eucharistic Revival in Sandy in the summer of 2023).

Of special note is that Bishops from several Dioceses have been invited to participate in the events of the day, as have all the parishes in the Salt Lake Diocese. The various activities scheduled throughout Sunday June 2nd are great opportunities to visibly support our Catholic faith. A website with additional details has been planned; when available, a link with details for activities associated with the Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be available on the K of C State Website (www.UtahKnights.org)

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tinker

SK Paul A. Tinker, FDD

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

June 22, 2024, will mark the two-year anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade. A lot has happened in the world of Life issues during that time, some good, some not so good. The battle rages on.

In Utah, we are still awaiting the ruling from the Utah Supreme court on the Trigger Ban law – oral arguments were heard in early August 2023. This is the law which would ban abortions in Utah, with exceptions, if Roe was ever overturned. The ruling has been on hold due to another piece of pro-life legislation which caused a conflict for the court. In a strange twist of events in this last legislative session pro-lifers found themselves arguing to remove a piece of pro-life law while Planned Parenthood and others argued to keep it in place. In the end, HB560 passed, opening the way for the court to make its ruling. As of this writing (March 30, 2024) we still have not heard from the Utah Supreme Court. Thus, abortion is still legal in Utah and is in full swing.

Despite all of this, Utah Knights have been stepping up to the plate big time this year to defend Life and support the various pro-life groups within the state who educate and support women who have found themselves in unexpected pregnancies and their newborns for whom they have chosen life.

Ultrasound Initiative: Our big project this year was spearheaded by Brother Knight John Wainscot. John was contacted earlier in the year by Rachel Woody, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Cache Valley. They were desperately looking for resources to purchase their first ultrasound machine. John got busy and began reaching out to our Utah Councils. The goal - raise over \$20,000, half of the funds needed to purchase a new machine.

Our Knights did what Knights do, they responded quickly and generously. I am pleased to announce that on Tuesday March 19th the Utah Knights of Columbus presented Rachel Woody with a check for a new ultrasound machine. Donations of over \$18,000 were matched by the Supreme Council. In addition, the Utah Knights presented Rachel with additional checks of \$2,500 to cover needed equipment & supplies. An additional \$500 will be made through the Knights ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. All combined, over \$40,000 were provided by the Knights to help save more innocent lives and help

mothers in need. A job well done, Brothers! This is the 5th ultrasound machine the Utah Knights have provided to help save the lives of the unborn.

ASAP: We have had several Councils participate in the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. Both monetary and material donations have been raised and donated to Pregnancy Resource Centers, Pro-Life Utah & St. Martha's Baby Project. Our big winner so far this year is Council 5214 in Kearns. Partnering with other local churches in the area, they collected over \$8,000 in material goods including 20 Pack & Plays and over 95 cases of diapers and wipes.

Our participation rate in the ASAP program so far this year is down from last year. However, the difference is more than made up by the participation in and donations raised for the ultrasound initiative. There is still time to participate this fraternal year, so please consider doing a diaper drive or special fundraiser.

Pro Life Events: January is designated Pro-Life month. The weekend of January 19-21st was packed with events. We started off Friday evening at the Cathedral with Bishop Solis for the annual Mass for the Unborn & Celebration of Light. We had a good showing from our Fourth Degree Honor Guard members who participated in the Mass processional and then stood guard over the candles which were placed on the front steps of the Cathedral. These candles are a public witness and memorial for all the lives lost to abortion.

Saturday morning, we headed to the State Capital to participate in the Utah March for Life which is put on by Pro-Life Utah. Council 12181 was a sponsor of this event. From there we headed down to Draper where Council 12181 at St. John the Baptist held their 3rd annual Nocturnal Adoration for Life. This event ran from 6pm Saturday evening until 8am Sunday morning. Knights manned the church throughout the evening.

And finally, on Sunday afternoon we headed to Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Salt Lake for the annual Bi-lingual Rosary for Life.

In addition to January events, the 40 Days for Life campaign took place both in the Fall and this Spring.

One thing I noticed at all these events this year – attendance was down by roughly 40-50% from previous years. Brothers, if there is one thing our Knights can do to up our pro-life game, it would be to have more members participate in these events and become a greater visible presence in the public arena. As Knights and as men, we need to engage in this cultural battle on the front end to help change hearts and minds. This is not easy work and to be completely honest, it is not always fun. This work can be intimidating, but the reward is great and the people in this battle are some of the best you will meet anywhere. But don't take my word for it, come on out, participate in a few events and see for yourself.

Lamb of God Maternity Home update: Some of you have asked how the new maternity home is doing. I reached out to them to find out. I am pleased to announce they are doing well. Here is their report: We have had good success during our first year. We've been able to serve six women in the home giving them the space they need to make life affirming decisions and get on their feet moving forward. We field crisis calls regularly from all over the state (and beyond) helping women find resources or giving them a listening ear. We've seen time and time again how God is in the smallest details of the home and the lives of the women we serve. We've been able to forge a good relationship with Pro-Life Utah helping each other to give women every chance to choose life for their babies. Having the support of the Knights of Columbus has been a huge blessing to us and has allowed us to provide for the needs of the women staying in the home.

Special Olympics: Our Special Olympics chairman, Brother David Matyjasik has continued his excellent work as our ambassador to Special Olympics Utah (SOUT). With a big smile on his face, Brother Dave makes his monthly rounds to various Council and Assembly meetings to provide updates and put in a fundraising pitch. He is at every opening SOUT opening ceremony. I can think of no better person to represent our Knights in this program. One of my favorite 4th degree honor guard events to participate in are the opening games ceremonies. The athletes and their families are awesome, and they love the Knights. It is truly an honor to support them. Thank you, Brother Dave, for all that you do!

Silver Rose: We have a new Silver Rose chairman this year – Brother Michael Leith. Michael has taken over for past chair Peter Abercrombie who retired in 2023 and is now traveling the world. We don't have many councils who hold a Silver Rose ceremony. If your Council has never held one, I would highly encourage you to do so. This beautiful ceremony is one in which you can engage several of your members to participate, and you can even choose to include a fourth-degree honor guard! If you would like to discuss this event and some of the ways to engage your members and parishioners, please feel free to contact me. Resources are available to review online at www.KofC.org/SilverRose

Brothers, thank you for all that you do and have done this year to support a Culture of Life. Your efforts have helped to save many lives and support many women and their families. Our work continues. There are some exciting potential new opportunities for you to become involved with as we continue to partner with our local pro-life groups. I hope to share some of those programs with you in the coming months.

Vivat Jesus!

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

Youth Director: SK Jon Gauchay

My Brother Knights, this has been a great year as I settle into the role of Youth Director. It has been my opportunity and joy to learn and participate in all the youth programs we've held around the state. It is important we keep our youth strong in their faith and provide good examples of leadership and service to the future of our Church.

We had great turnouts for our programs and we look forward to expanding our participation from both the youth and brother knights, in the coming year.

I want to extend a special thank you to our Program Chairmen for each event, without whom, none of these programs would be able to get off the floor:

Bill McCauley	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Alex Reynoso	Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
Stephen Gerichs	Soccer Challenge
Ron Mecham	Free Throw Championship
Bill McCauley	Science Fair

I want to also thank the councils who frequent these events, for your support in growing and improving our youth programs year after year.

In addition, I would like to pose a challenge to the councils who did not participate, to choose one youth event to try this coming year. Once your council sees the joy on the children's faces, I am confident that you'll be inspired to do more.

Let us work together to make this coming year a strong year for our Youth Programs, Brothers!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerichs

SK Stephen Gerichs, State Warden

State Youth Director

Ceremonials Director: SK Karl A. VanMaren

Worthy Sirs,

This fraternal year was a mix of the online on-demand video CUF ceremonial offered through Supreme, and some in-person ceremonials by a few councils. Membership is up, so councils seem to have found what works for them. For the live CUF ceremonials, they were reported for Councils 602 (Cathedral), 6010 (Saint Rose of Lima, Layton), 14399 (Holy Family, South Ogden), and Council 14764 (from the UofU, partnered with 602 at the Cathedral on March 24, 2024). Council 9849 (Saint James the Just, Ogden) rescheduled one for March, but it didn't take place. Please continue to check the online calendar for upcoming ceremonials. **When your council schedules one, give your District Deputy the details so he can add it to the calendar.** I know Council 7961 at Saint Joseph the Worker in West Jordan has done live CUF ceremonials, but they've never made it onto the calendar.

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 ceremonials). 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.

The in-person ceremonial can be done using the supreme video; just do all the paperwork and hand-outs like normal, just leave the speaking to the recording.

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). Note: The "First Degree Date" listed for someone who joined online, is the date they joined online; leave that alone when updating the second and third degree dates in Officers Online.

D - Dues! It's highly recommended to have the new members join online and then transfer into the council (after the council vote & the new ceremonial). Usually when people enter their own information online, they get it right. 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 ceremonials live (English and Spanish). It's a great opportunity for the new Knights and the existing council members to meet. Remember, the new ceremonial is simpler. The presenters don't need to memorize all the words, just be able to deliver them in an effective manner. The script is available publicly from the website at www.KofC.org/ceremonials as are the video recordings. Everything is available in English, Spanish and French. That's also the webpage with the PDF invitations that can be sent to online members for the online ceremonial.

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

*Evangelization and Faith Formation Director: SK Giancarlo
Gazani*

Gregory A. Keller, EFF Assistant Director

WHAT and WHY COR

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

Why? Because families need strong husbands and fathers, and the world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. Through Cor, men will be formed and sharpened as disciples of Jesus, who are committed

to serving him and willing to boldly live and share their faith. It is the mandate of every Catholic man to bring Jesus to a broken world. To live his faith and engage in this mission, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments. Catholic men need to proactively invest in their ongoing faith formation, to be a part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them to be holy men, husbands, and fathers, and to engage in the mission of the Church.

The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. The goal of each Cor gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.

Several councils in Utah have started using the Cor principles because it is at the heart of our mission as Knights. For further information, please contact the following Knights:

Evangelization and Faith Formation Director – Giancarlo R. Gazani

Evangelization and Faith Formation Asst Director – Gregory A. Keller

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Keller

SK Gregory A. Keller, PSD

State Evangelization and Faith Formation Assistant Director

State Chair Reports

Affiliate/Retention Chair: SK Bill McCauley

The task of member retention begins as soon as a man signs up online or expresses a desire to sign up for a CUF degree. After Knighthood is conferred, new members should be encouraged to be active.

Membership retention is every member's responsibility. Personal follow-up is the most productive form of retention. If you notice your friend, neighbor or co-worker is not as involved in your council as he once was, a phone call, handwritten note or personal visit is recommended. Here are some steps to take to ensure your members succeed:

- Set the service program calendar early in the fraternal year and publicize it to the membership.
 - Regularly review service programs to determine if they were successful.
 - Send out a Member/Prospect Interest Survey (#1842) annually to determine the interests of your members.
 - Utilize the suggestions of members for new service programs or to improve current service programs.
 - Ask different members to take leadership roles in service programs and your council.
- Make Council meetings productive.
 - Utilize members' time efficiently on meeting nights. Present information in a clear and concise manner. Hold officer meetings to limit lengthy discussion in council meetings.
 - Follow a meeting agenda.
 - Invite the Field Agent to council meetings and allow him to speak.

- Ask the Field Agent to contribute an article to your council's newsletter or Web page.
- Your Council's Financial Secretary should provide your retention committee with a list of brother Knights in danger of being suspended. Contact these members and discuss their reasons for being inactive. Urge them to become active again in an upcoming charitable or fraternal activity.

However, after all that work, we still lose Brother Knights. Tempus fugit. Memento mori! We have lost 39 Brothers YTD, eight Brothers sent letters to the Supreme Knight withdrawing their membership, one Brother was suspended, and 533 (an increase on 69 this year) are listed as Affiliate Members.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Affiliate/Retention Chairman

APSC Liaison: 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 27, 2024, Knights of Columbus Assembly 2577 will sponsor the 14th 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 Liaison

Carmelite Chair: SK George Jockisch

Brothers, Thank you again for all your support for our Carmelite nuns. As many of you have seen when we helped with cleaning up the fallen trees, there's a lot of ground to maintain and regular maintenance. So, all your help is appreciated, with cutting grass, grounds work, helping with the fair, dropping off some groceries or just keeping the Carmelite nuns in your prayers, as they keep us in their prayers.

Once again, we had a very successful fair. Really appreciated all the Knights support on the presale tickets for the car. I was blessed to be able to help the week before in the setup for the Carmelite fair, and it was truly amazing to see all the people that were there in support. Like every other setup, there were plenty of frustrations and problems, but I never once did I see or hear anything but a positive attitude. The nuns are a good influence. It was great to see all the Knights from different councils helping with preparation, setup, during the fair and takedown. Also all three Catholic schools helping out was appreciated.

If you get a chance, there is daily Mass at 7:30 am everyday. It's a great way to start off your day. Lots of grass to cut, so if you're available to give an hour or two every week to help out it would be appreciated. Carmelite jam and candy are always available and your support is appreciated, and it's mighty tasty.

Brothers, thanks again for all your support. Mother Therese thanks all the Knights and keeps us in her prayers. Looking forward to another great year.

May God bless and protect you and your families.

Respectfully submitted,

George Jockisch

SK George Jockisch

Carmelite Chairman

Carmelite Car Chair: SK Michael Griffin

Carmelite Car Fundraiser

2024 Utah State Convention Report

On behalf of the Sisters of the Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, greetings to the honorable Knights of Columbus for the state of Utah. Please know that they are so every grateful to you all for your ongoing support of their Annual Fair. This important fundraising event continues to allow them to focus on their commitments for prayer for you and all that are in need!

As we begin to prepare for this year's fundraiser event, I would first like to thank all of you that made the 2023 Fair such a huge success! The Fair was held on September the 17th of 2023. It was perfect early Fall Day, and we were blessed with a robust Fair attendance! With the hard work of so many volunteers, including members from the Knights of Columbus Councils, the Fair ran smoothly from set-up to tear-down! The Sisters are so very grateful to all that contributed!

The Knights Councils that supported the event delivered a coordinated effort through the collection of donations and achieved a new pre-Fair collection record of just over \$51,000.00. As a result of the donation of the Carmelite Car by the very generous **Jerry Seiner Auto Group**, all the funds collected went right to the bottom line for the Sisters. Although all the Councils that host the car are vital to the success of the fundraiser, there are several Council's that distinguished themselves in collecting donations. These Council's include:

Council 1136 – St. Francis of Assisi (Jonathan Gauchay)	\$ 9,131
Council 1129 – St. Mary's Park City (John Carty)	\$ 9,000
Council 12181 – St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta Draper (Luke Mercer)	\$ 7,180
Council 5214 – Bishop Hunt Kearns (Chad Vargo)	\$ 4,220
Council 11479 – St. Thomas More Cottonwood Heights (Chris Lentz)	\$ 3,587

Council 602 headed by Giancarlo Gazani built a strong team that supported the donations the day of the Fair. They arrived early and stayed until the Fair's conclusion at 5:00 with the drawing of the winning ticket. The winner was Paul Barbiero from St. Vincent De Paul, Holladay Utah.

Preparations for this year's event is well underway! If you have not been contacted to RSVP for your assigned weekend, you will be contacted very soon. **We once again have received the very generous donation of a 2024 Kia Sportage from the Seiner Auto Group.** This year we plan on bring the car to the Convention for your review and consideration.

The 2024 Fair will be held on Sunday September the 15th. On behalf of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, thank you again for all the heart-felt dedication demonstrated by the Knight's of Columbus for the State of Utah. They are humbled by your acts of love and mercy as you continue to support and advance the success of the Fair!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Griffin

SK Michael G. Griffin

Carmelite Fair Car Giveaway Chair

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chair: SK Bill McCauley

2023 – 2024 ESSAY TOPIC

Pope St. Paul VI wrote: "The task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church."

In an essay of 500-750 words, How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?

In Biblical times, the only way to "carry" good news was to bring it physically, walking from one place to another. Technological advances, however, have opened up numerous additional communication channels, all of which we can use to amplify the rate at which we spread the Word. – Romans 10:14-15

JUDGING

- Judges (three or more) will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus council, assembly or circle. Council and/or assembly members, teachers, clergy, civil officials and/or members of

the community may serve as judges.

- Essays will be judged on a 100-point scoring system:
 - 35 points: Content How clearly is the theme presented?
 - 30 points: Grammar Does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph structure and utilize correct spelling?
 - 35 points: Style Does the essay show creativity, imagination and development of the topic in a compelling style? All scores should be recorded on the entry form/score sheet

RESULTS

- Five Councils took part in the Contest
- 89 essays were judged at Council level
- Three Districts submitted seven winning essays
- The five winning essays from State were submitted to Supreme
- 1st Place Awards went to:

○ 8th Grade	Excelle Godwin B Nollan	C10733
○ 9th Grade	John A Carbajal	C10733
○ 10th Grade	Ashley Castro-Luna	C10733
○ 11th Grade	Alexa Vargas	C10733
○ 12th Grade	Yareli Molina	C10733
- 2nd Place Awards went to:

○ 8th Grade	Ryan Bland	C15418
○ 9th Grade	Brittany Mendoza	C6010

Respectfully submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman

Christian Refugee Chair: SK Richard F. Hall

3/30/2024

Got this note from Karl last night: "...Don't seem to have your Christian Refugee report for the state convention...could you resend?.." Fact of the matter is I needed to SEND. I had put down notes but not real facts and figures collected other the past year. I was assigned this position a few years back due to the work done for the city of Karamles in Iraq up on the Ninevah plane. The town was decimated by ISIS and KofC Charities had taken on funding of \$2,000,000 to rebuild homes and the catholic church in the city for those who did not want to be refugees but just go back home when they had grown up and pick up their lives.

What has been done since? At first, "I thought what can I account for over the last year? Was it sadly nothing specific?"

I thought back to a recent discussion at the Padre Pio 2636 Assembly meeting with Rev Gabriel, we were having a discussion of how to vet all the charities that come across my desk almost every day. Which charities are valid? How can I give enough to make a difference? Do I need to focus on another big project? These Charities range from Doctors Without Borders, Boys Town, Indian missions, CCS.

I concluded that knights and parishioners are doing something although not quantifiable in big numbers and head counts from about the state. I can ask for that information, but is it just feel-good reporting?

I have reviewed what I have seen from my council, parish, and assembly over the past year. Vetted charities that make a difference. Please consider these worthy organizations that with a little collective help make a difference in our world.

Knights of Columbus Charities (100% of funds are passed on) <https://kofc.org/charities>

Catholic Community Services (CCS) resettlement project right here in Salt Lake City, Utah (Mariza Gallegos) <https://ccsutah.org>

Unbound <https://unbound.org>

Support an individual person with food, education. A rewarding effort that you can share with a real catholic person from childhood through a career.

Mary Queen of Heaven <https://mghm.org>

Join in the fight against sex trafficking in the Philippines. This charity has reached out and touched over 60,000 children since 2007.

Catholic Relief Services <https://support.crs.org>

Works overseas in Agriculture, Microfinancing, Education, Emergency Response, Health, Water Security,

International Fellowship of Christians and Jews <https://help.ifcj.org> 800-486-8844

Aid to the relief efforts in Israel

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Hall

SK Richard F. "Dick" Hall, FMFD, PGK, PFN

Christian Refugee Chairman

801-891-9792

Coats for Kids Chair: 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 2023 exceeded all expectations. This year's pledges and donations were the largest ever, over \$37,000 and 6200 coats distributed state wide.

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 220 cases of coats. With the generosity of Knights of Columbus Supreme Council that doubled to be 440 cases of coats. Additional cases were ordered for the Sister's in Ogden.

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 6200 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 Northern)
- 12959 (St Thomas Aquinas) Logan

Weber County

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

Salt Lake County

- 602 (Cathedral of Madeleine)
- 5214 (St Francis Xavier) Kearns
- 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 2023 Coats for Kids a huge success. My goal was to increase last year's total, and we 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 2024.

Again, I want to thank everyone for getting the pledges and helping distribute over 6200 coats throughout Utah. God bless.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Masse Jr., PSD

SK Robert "Bob" Masse Jr., PSD

Coats for Kids Chairman



Diocesan Science Fair Liaison: SK Bill McCauley

The 28th Annual Utah Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair was held on February 3, 2024 at Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper, Utah. The science fair was held for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

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 (25 5th and 6th graders, 50 7th-8th graders, and 23 High School students).

Awards were given in the 6th-8th grade, 1st to 4th Place, for Behavioral and Social Science, Biology/Microbiology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Energy,

Engineering. Medicine/Health Sciences/Biomedical, Physics/Astronomy/Math, and Plant Science. There were also 19 Special Recognition and Seven Specialty Awards. All the Award Winners are listed on <https://www.UtahKnights.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/20240203-Utah-KofC-Diocesan-Science-Fair-Awards-List.pdf>

Twenty councils, five assemblies, and six individual sponsors made it possible to present 82 ribbons, one certificate, one plaque, 23 trophies, 52 cash prizes, and an annual event t-shirt to all 134 students. Thank you to all the sponsors, judges and State Deputy Bill Kelly, State Treasurer Frank Carmona, State Warden Stephen Gerichs, Andy Airriess PSD, and Karl Van Maren for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill McCauley

Bill McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Diocesan Science Fair Chairman

Family of the Month Chair: 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 we have received 30 Family of the Month from several different Councils. Supreme has recognized seven Families with a gift. The State Council awarded a gift for Utah Family of the Month.

Thus far we have awarded seven families from five different Councils. The Utah Families of the Month were Art and Pam Grant (13297), Joe Nesi (5502), Louis and Gail Lopez (7961), Todd and Katerina Holzhauser (11479), Roger and Mary Rakowski (7961), Jon and Gabby Gauchay (1136), Christopher and Shauna Christiansen (1136), and...*the report book deadline has already arrived.*

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. Just submit the Form #10784 online.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Family of the Month Chairman

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

Twelve years ago, the Fisher House opened its doors in Salt Lake City. The Knights of Utah have supported this endeavor from its inception to its completion. And we continue to provide support for Fisher House so it can continue its mission of providing a place for families of veterans to reside while their loved ones are receiving treatments at the VA Hospital. The program continues thanks to the many donations it receives. Many thanks to all who have provided a helping hand this past year. Thanks for the donation of goods: thanks for the monetary gifts: and thanks for volunteering your time to keep the program alive and well.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Dover, Jr.

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

Fisher House Chairman

Free Throw Championship Chair: SK Ron R Mecham

Worthy Sirs,

The afternoon of Sunday, March 10, 2024, the gym at Blessed Sacrament School in Sandy was busy with our state Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship!

We had at least 17 volunteers led by State Chair Ron Mecham, State Deputy Bill Kelly, State Advocate (and State Program Director) Bill McCauley, and State Warden Stephen Gerichs.

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

Prizes: (for each age/sex)

1st place - new basketball & trophy

2nd place - ribbon

3rd place - ribbon

We had 44 entries with 35 actually participating from 7 of Utah's 13 districts, representing 8 (of 34) councils.

B/G	Age	Place	Council	District	Score	Name	Champion's City
Girl	9	1	15418	11	11	Katerina Aerakis	
Girl	9	2	5214	7	9	Olivia Simons	Sandy
Girl	9	3	14399	10	5	Jahnavi Kates	S. Ogden
Girl	10	1	15418	11	15	Blaire Simmons	
Girl	10	2	12181	6	4	Aba Presley	Draper
Girl	10	3	5214	7	0	Nevaeh Hancock	W. Jordan
Girl	11	1	12181	6	13	Olive Kiger	
Girl	11	2	14399	10	12	Olivia DeSantis	South Ogden
Girl	11	3	15418	11	8	Hannah Ross	
Girl	11	4	6966	3	4	Elizabeth Grai	Sandy
Girl	12	1	12181	6	11	Olivia Ellis	Draper
Girl	12	2	15418	11	6	Ella Lanspa	
Girl	13	1	15418	11	15	Victoria Petrogeorge	Salt Lake City
Girl	13	2	9731	9	8	Sydni Miller	West Valley City
Girl	14	1	9731	9	4	Chloe Allen-Gibby	Magna
Boy	9	1	15418	11	16	Manousos Salevurakis	
Boy	9	2	9731	9	14	Cason Allen-Gibby	Magna
Boy	9	3	14399	10	13	Charlie Bunn	South Ogden
Boy	9	4	14239	6	8	Andrew Rios	West Valley City
Boy	10	1	15418	11	17	Finn Gardner	
Boy	10	2	9731	9	13	Creighton Miller	West Valley City
Boy	10	3	6966	3	8	Jack Gherardi	Sandy
Boy	10	4	12181	6	7	Jaden Reese	Draper
Boy	11	1	9731	9	20	Dillon Rowley	Magna
Boy	11	2	14399	10	18	Tommy Tuner	South Ogden
Boy	11	3	12181	6	13	Cooper Armijo	Draper
Boy	12	1	15418	11	18	Kellen Argust	
Boy	12	2	12181	6	14	Ted Anderson	
Boy	13	1	12181	6	21	Simon Rohling	Draper
Boy	13	2	9849	1	18	Drew Johnson	North Ogden
Boy	13	3	9731	9	15	Cash Bailey	Magna
Boy	13	4	6966	3	12	Cyrano Martin	Sandy
Boy	14	1	9849	1	15.4	Owen Johnson	North Ogden
Boy	14	2	9731	9	15.2	Ernesto Herrera	
Boy	14	3	15418	11	5	Benjamin Lowe	Sandy

Boys 14: Owen Johnson scored 4/5 tie breakers; Ernesto Herrera scored 2/5 tie breakers.

Top scoring boy was Simon Rohling (age 13) with 21 of 25 baskets. Top girls were Blaire Simmons (age 10) and Victoria Petrogeorge (age 13) each with 15/25.

We did have a third-place champion 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, many were blank from Council 15418 at Saint Ambrose Parish in SLC.)

The District Deputy Shootout had some real competition this year. Five District Deputies were present, but one was on the disabled list and unable to compete. Two initially tied with 2/5, then Gabino took the victory in the tie-breaker round.

DD 1 Andy Beck (1/5)
DD 6 Tom Odle (N/A, disabled list due to back surgery)
DD 7 Tim Soran (0/5)
DD 9 Gabino Chacon (2/5, won tiebreaker)
DD11 Richard Green (2/5, lost tiebreaker)

Not all of the districts had a first-place winner this year. Of our 12 first-place winners, half came from Saint Ambrose Council 15418 of District 11. All nine of their champions placed in the top three! The other half came from just three other councils (3 from 12181, 2 from 9731 and 1 from 9849).

Total Champions (35 competitors of 44 eligible):

1st Place: 12
2nd Place: 11
3rd Place: 8
4th Place: 4
N/A Place: 9 (no-shows)

It really did happen! Without PSD Andy Airriess (or IPSD Nick Nielson) there to take photos, it took a bit longer to get them online. This link should work. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7NJPqLEhb4QEANhN8>

The other saying is “the program isn’t over until the paperwork is done,” and scans of the entry forms (scoresheets) of the 12 winners were emailed to FraternalMission@KofC.org as a PDF document.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Mecham

SK Ron Mecham

Free Throw Championship Chairman

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator: SK Rafael Castillo

Worthy Sirs,

No report available by publication deadline.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Rafael Castillo

SK Rafael Castillo

Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator

Historian: SK Andy Airriess, PSD

The primary task this year was to document the archives of Salt Lake Council 602. Records in nine (9) tubs and boxes were reviewed, often page-by-page, and documented. Many documents, including council meeting minutes, correspondence, and communications, date back to within months of the council's founding. A spreadsheet was created and sent to an archivist at the Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center where a decision will be made as to what they want. The remainder will be transferred to the state council for them to do with what they will.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Airriess

SK Andy Airriess, PSD

Historian

Holy Hours and Processionals Chair: SK Paul Tinker

See report above under "Faith Director."

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tinker

SK Paul Tinker, FDD

Holy Hours and Processionals Chairman

Honest Abe Chair: SK Art Grant

The Honest Abe Shop was started in 1968 by Ted Comins of St. Olaf Council 5502. After becoming dormant it was eventually restarted by State Deputies Joe Ligor and Chuck Dover. Joe Vrazel oversaw it for many years. He and Chuck expanded the inventory to include clothing, hats and jackets. Joe made sure the store was at all State meetings for the convenience of all knights. Art Grant began working with Joe about 2016 eventually taking over from Joe. He has added council names and numbers to the clothing upon special order. Orders can be placed at a state meeting or by email: aagrant.slc@gmail.com

Thanks to all who continue to support the shop. Proceeds go to the State Council for special projects like the Carmelites, the scholarship fund, the science fair and any many other special needs.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Art Grant

SK Arthur A. Grant, FDD

Honest Abe Chairman

Insurance Promotion Chair: SK Bill Mundy

Worthy Sirs,

Part of a council earning the Star Council Award is earning the Founders' Award!

The Founders' Award recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits. All councils must host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefit Events (FBEs) during the fraternal year. The required sum total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed:

- 10 for councils with 99 or fewer members
- 14 for councils with 100 or more members

These events are coordinated in conjunction with your local field agent. In order for the council to receive credit, the grand knight must submit the new online form #11077 within seven days of the seminar.

Occasionally virtual seminars are offered to all members. These FBEs aren't recorded, so members do need to watch live, and currently the grand knight does need to report who was in attendance from his council. Supreme is looking to automate this reporting in the future (as they have record of who attended); you'll still need to report manually until that automation is in place.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Mundy

SK William A. Mundy

Insurance Promotion Chairman

Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard Chair: SK Ed Ortega

As the first state chairman of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard program, it is my honor to report on the councils that sponsored advertising billboards. The Utah Knights of Columbus worked with Reagan Outdoor Advertising provide a billboard display of a nativity scene of the Holy Family with the statement, "Keep Christ in Christmas". The billboards were along roads and highways to remind our family, neighborhoods, communities and strangers passing through what is the true meaning of Christmas. The billboards show the Knights of Columbus emblem with the council numbers to show everyone that we are men of Christ.

The following Utah Councils and Assemblies sponsored billboards in their area:

Hill Air Force Base Council No. 16127

Layton Council 6010

Councils representing Brigham and Logan (Northern Utah)

Bountiful Council 5502

Cedar City Council 11246

Magna Council 9731

South Ogden Council 14399

May our work continue to spread seeds of Christ's love and message to the world and may we grow as well in Christ's love. I look forward to having more councils participate in our KCIC Billboard Program.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Ortega

SK Edward G. Ortega

Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard Chairman

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chair: SK Alex Reynoso

January 24, 2024

The **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** had entries from eleven Councils (1129, 1136, 6010, 6966, 9561, 10733, 12181, 14439, 14399, 15418 and 17140 representing eight Districts). Reported to me were 263 posters from the eleven 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 <https://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 five grade groups — Grade Kindergarten, Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6, and Grade 7-8. This represented an increase of two new groups from last year which represented three grade groups. Certificates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners along monetary awards will be presented to winners either by the State Deputy, District Deputies or Grand Knight respectively.

	Kindergarten	Council
1st Place	Helena Szewczyk	12181
2nd Place	Aranza Nunez	1136
3rd Place	Christopher Lowe	15418

	Grade 1-2	
1st Place	Aranza Valdez	6010
2nd Place	Lily Anderson	12181
3rd Place	Lucia Blavo	14399

	Grade 3-4	
1st Place	Emma Ashby	6966
2nd Place	Van Jeffery Linginh	15418
3rd Place	Naomi Maynard	12181

Grade 5-6

1st Place	Kate Lanspa	15418
2nd Place	Carla Haro	1136
3rd Place	Khole Gaytan	12181

Grade 7-8

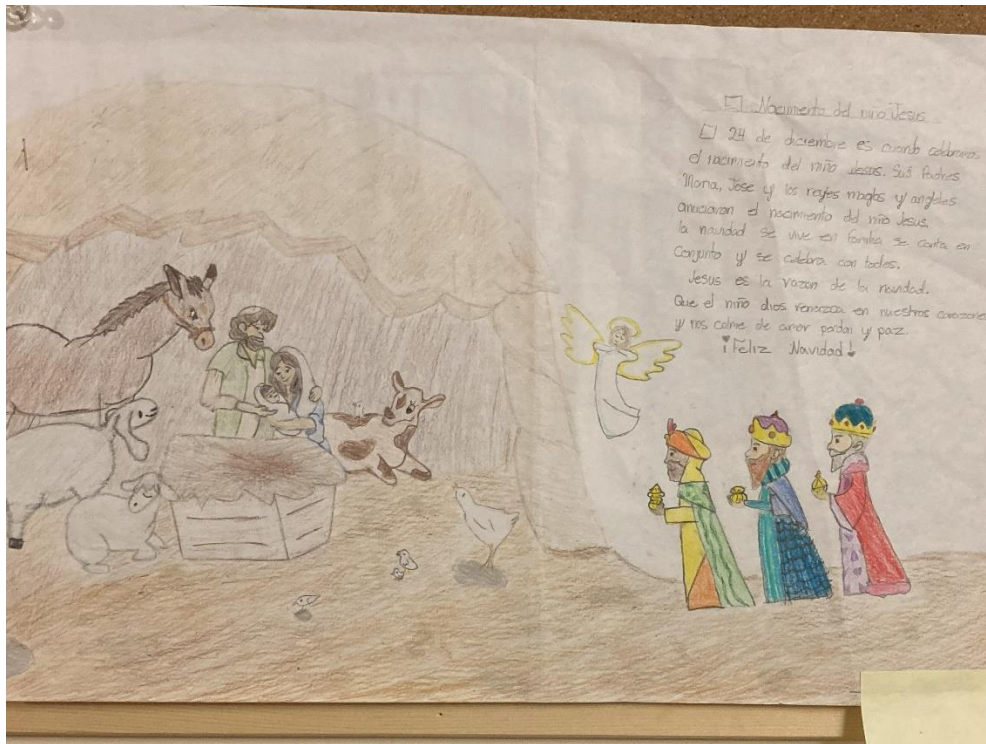
1st Place	Dayani Rodnguez	6010
2nd Place	Kaitlyn Selway	17140
3rd Place	Nina Razuvayeva	6966

GRADE KINDERGARTEN

HELENA SZEWCZYK

12181





GRADE 5-6

KATE LANSPA

15418



GRADE 7-8

DAYANI RODRIGUEZ

6010



Respectfully submitted,

Alex Reynoso

SK Alex Reynoso

State Keep Christ in Christmas [KCIC] Poster Contest Chairman

Knights on Bikes Liaison: SK Nick Nielson, PSD

The Knights on Bikes in Utah continue to grow and are becoming more and more active. This last year since the previous convention Frank “Chico” Carmona stepped down from president of the Utah Knights on Bikes to devote more time to his duties as a state officer and preparing for his run as the next State Deputy. Nick “Pitbull” Nielson, PSD was chosen as the next State President along with Matt “Mateo” DeOllos as the State Vice President. We supported the Special Olympics opening ceremonies. We held our first 4th of July ride after supporting Council 9731 in Magna at their community breakfast. We continued to support and ride in other major rides in Utah like the Ride to Fight Suicide out of Ogden, the Ride to Zero out of Salt Lake, the Fire Ride supporting fallen firefighters, and the Ride for Fallen Police Officers. This coming year we look forward to the riding season. If you would like more information or to join, go to www.UtahKnightsOnBikes.org

In God we Trust and Ride!

Respectfully submitted,

Nick “Pitbull” Nielson

SK Nick Nielson, PSD

State President, Utah Knights on Bikes

Mass for People with Special Needs Chair: 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Tom DeMars

SK Thomas V. DeMars, DD12, PGK

Mass for People with Special Needs Chairman

McGivney Guild Chair: SK Chuck Dover, Jr., PSD

The Father McGivney Guild is alive and well in Utah. Order wide the Guild membership sits at about 9% of the Order membership number. In Utah, we can boast that our Guild membership number is equal to 40% of our membership number. The Guild membership is open to anyone who wishes to know more about Father McGivney and the cause for his canonization. There is no cost to join. Please help promote his cause for sainthood by encouraging prayers for his intercession. Keep up the great work you do!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Dover, Jr.

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

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

MS Walk Chair: SK Tim Lozano

No report available by the publication deadline.

Notes:

The SLC MS Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024. Site Opens: 8:30 am, Walk Kickoff: 10am
Location is Veterans Memorial Park at 1985 W 7800 S, West Jordan, UT 84088.

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1768>

Join the "Utah Knights of Columbus" Team

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=56580>

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Lozano

SK Tim Lozano

MS Walk Chairman

Newsletter/Bulletin Editor: SK Brian Duncan

Issues of the “Utah State Update” Newsletter are posted to the state council website’s homepage at www.UtahKnights.org at the beginning of every month. You may have noticed that there have not been any new State Update Newsletters posted since last fall. Due to scheduling conflicts and time constraints, I was unable to fulfill the commitment to publish the newsletter each month and asked to be relieved of that position.

The newsletter can be a very valuable tool. It is a handy reference to use when you need to see upcoming events. There is information posted in the newsletter on upcoming Knights of Columbus programs. There are inspiring messages from not only your state officers but from the Knight’s Supreme Chaplain and from the Pope. It can be an excellent resource to chronicle historical events from the councils in the section “Knights in Action.”

Once a new editor is named, the deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month for the following month’s issue. This allows the publisher time to format and publish all the information prior to the first of the month. If you are interested in taking on the task of editing the newsletter, contact the State Deputy or Executive Secretary.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duncan

Brian R. Duncan, FDD

FORMER EDITOR, “Utah State Update” Newsletter

Perpetual Memorial Fund: SK Bill Kelly

Worthy Sirs,

No report available by publication deadline.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kelly

SK William I. Kelly, State Deputy

Perpetual Memorial Chairman

Pilgrim Icon Program Chair: 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 third year since receiving our two Icons last year to spread devotion to St. Joseph. At the time of this year’s state convention the last weekend in April, the following councils have participated in this year’s celebration:

Icon #175: Council 12959 St. Thomas Aquinas (Logan) and Council 9849 St James the Just (Ogden).

Icon #176: The actual Icon is missing after last year’s rotation. The carrying case and printed materials are at St. Joseph the Worker in West Jordan. I have sent out several emails asking to look around the parishes; no response to date. There are councils waiting to host a prayer service, so please help find the Icon.

There’s still time this year to host the Saint 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

Public Relations Chair: SK Andy Airriess, PSD

Public Relations, the process of telling people about what we do as Knights, is not a "pat ourselves on the back" exercise. Public Relations is an import part of growing the charity we provide, inspiring others, and growing the order.

Growing the charity we provide is so necessary today when the need is so great. By publicizing what we do we give confidence to givers that their contributions are going to be used appropriately.

Inspiring others is achieved in two ways. First, we inspire donors who have not previously given or only given a little to give more and in different ways. Second, and probably far more important, we inspire our brothers to greater heights; trying things they haven't tried and trying harder to achieve more than others have. This has the effect of growing the charity we provide.

Growing the order is a natural result of growing the charity we provide and inspiring others. People notice and want to get some of what we have. That means more members. More members means more men and their families living their faith more completely, more inspiration and more charity. Win. Win. Win.

This is the frustration of the PR Chairman position: One council provided about 75 percent of content on Facebook (576 followers) and Twitter (87 followers) and story ideas submitted to the Intermountain Catholic. I know our councils are running food, blood, clothing, and other drives. I know that councils are contributing to pro-life, family, faith, and community projects. Some I find out about only after they occur. What you do makes a difference. What you do can make a greater difference. Work with your new Public Relations Chairman to get your story into the public. Your story becomes the Knights' story, which will help the world become a more faith-filled, charitable place.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Airriess, PSD
Andy Airriess, PSD
Public Relations Chairman

Rosary Chair: SK John Valdez

ROSARY PROGRAM

Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer. The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services. Kits with rosary rings, rosary prayer guides, and leader books are available for councils to order.

Overview

This program encourages devotion to Mary, the patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family. The Rosary Program encourages councils to schedule 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 and offer attending families a copy of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service's A Scriptural Rosary for the Family (#319). Encourage families to read this booklet and learn how their faith can be strengthened through a devotion to Our Lady, while praying the rosary at home together regularly.

The Rosary Program outlined above is a great example of putting our faith into action. Synod results state in part that the faithful, our brothers and sisters in Christ, are seeking more opportunities where all are welcomed and to have an active faith formation program. The K of C Rosary Program, with all of its resources, can be employed to meet these needs and so much more. Let us make a difference in our parish communities this year.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
John Valdez
SK John Valdez, FDD
Rosary Chairman

Round Table Coordinator: SK Bill McCauley

Brothers,

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 help strengthen our personal faith and often helps create a better place for our families to grow theirs in spirituality and service.

Our Roundtables continue to be at St Ann Catholic Church, Salt Lake City and St. Lawrence, Heber City. St. Jude Maronite Catholic Church, Taylorsville, and St. Christopher, Kanab, and St. Paul, Hurricane.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill McCauley

SK William T. McCauley, State Advocate, FMFD

Round Table Coordinator

RSVP Chair: SK Joe Lìgorì, PSD

Worthy Father; Worthy State Deputy; Worthy State Officers and Worthy Convention Delegates;

Over the last two years, I have made an effort to clean up the RSVP program as to which Councils were supporting each Seminarian for the Salt Lake Diocese. I feel that I have reached that goal and accomplished what I set out to do. Each Seminarian has at least 3 Councils support as seen in the attached list of Seminararians and Council support. There are six Seminararians and one Postulant that Councils are supporting in the Salt Lake Diocese. I am proud to add a Postulant, Sister Maria Stokes to our list of Council support. This has been a very successful program and I see it growing over the years to come. I have done my job and now it is time to pass it along to someone else to take care of. I want to thank the State Deputy Bill Kelly and all the State Officers and Councils for their support in making this a successful program. I really enjoyed getting this program going in the correct direction. Thanks to all for the opportunity to serve.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Lìgorì

SK Joe Ligor, PSD
RSVP Chairman

Note: Mt. Angel Seminary is at 1 Abbey Drive, St. Benedict, OR 97373

Supported through RSVP

Anthony S. Shumway

Mt. Angel Seminary

Supported by:

10304 — Taylorsville

1136 — Provo

7961 — West Jordan

6966 — Blessed Sacrament

Michael Weight

Mt. Angel Seminary

Supported by:

10733 — St. George

15418 — St. Ambrose

9731 — Magna

14399 — Holy Family, Ogden

Kenneth Parsad

Mt. Angel Seminary

****Parsad is now in his Pastoral Year at St. Mary of the Assumption at 1505 W. White Pine Canyon Rd, Park City, Utah 84060**

Supported by:

1129 — Park City

12181 — Draper

9849 — St. James the Just

Brian Schumacher

Pontifical North American

00120 Vatican City State

Europe

Supported by:

6010 — Layton

7961 — West Jordan

9731 — Magna

Jose Luis Gomez

Mt. Angel Seminary

****Gomez is now in his Pastoral year at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 9800 South 1700 East, Sandy, Utah 84092**

Supported by:

Assembly 2577 — Sandy

6739 — Tooele

11479 — St. Thomas More

13297 — St. Vincent de Paul

Sister Maria Stokes

St. Thomas Postulancy House

Religious Sisters of Mercy

1431 Michigan Ave.

Alma, MI 48801

Supported by:

5502 — Bountiful

1136 — Provo

Jaime Zuazo

Mt. Angel Seminary

****Zuazo is now in his Pastoral Year at Christ the King Church at 690 South Cove Dr., Cedar City, Utah 84070**

Supported by:

11246 — Cedar City

602 — SLC

Assembly 2393 — St. George

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?

- 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. Community and Family Director must also take the background check.
- The training is good for three years, but if personnel change with the new fraternal year, then those Knights must be trained.

A critical part of our commitment to protect children and other vulnerable persons is to work together with local dioceses to ensure that we all meet our respective duties to protect. Our members are “Parishioners First, Knights Second.” That is why the first requirement of our safe environment program is for our members to follow diocesan safe environment requirements applicable to members’ volunteer activities in their parish. Our policy on diocesan requirements is straightforward - if members of the Knights of Columbus volunteer in their parish, whether in activities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus or in Church or parish ministry, they are not only volunteering with the Knights of Columbus, but they are also serving as parish volunteers. Our members must complete diocesan safe environment requirements applicable to parish volunteers in their respective parishes and dioceses. I urge all Knights that volunteer at events where children are present, to attend the Diocesan Safe Environment training.

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 29, 133 of the 146 required Safe Environment positions are either compliant or pending. Seven of our Councils are listed as Non-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 Chair SK Chuck Dover, Jr., PSD

Our first scholarship was awarded in 2011. For fifteen years we have given scholarships at our state convention. Early on we partnered with Council 602 and the Columbian Society. They were to award a scholarship and the state council was also to award one. This has been the case for these two scholarships to the present day. In 2022, a Fourth Degree scholarship was added to the program. At our 2024 convention we will again award three scholarships.

For the members of the Knights to be able to maintain these awards is evidence of their commitment for the continuation of this program. I want to thank all who support this program. You make my work fulfilling. I see the icing on the cake each year when we award our scholarships at the state convention banquet. Thank you for keeping education as an important part of the American dream. May God bless you!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Dover

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

Utah Scholarship Chairman

Scouting Chair: 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Salazar

SK Ray Salazar, FDD

Scouting Chairman

DCCS, Diocese Committee Catholic Scouting

Silver Rose Chair: Michael Leith

Silver Rose – One of the few blessed Silver Roses passed through Utah in 2023 starting in June and departing in July for Colorado. Ten councils participated in Silver Rose activities. The Silver Rose is coming to Utah again June 9 through July 6 in 2024. Scheduling for 2024 is underway. Route 2 brings the Silver Rose to us from Wyoming and passing to Colorado, so proposed 2024 routing within Utah is similar to 2023.

The Silver Rose Prayer Service is a powerful and moving one. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. If your Council has not participated in this program before I would highly encourage you to do so. As a reminder, the Silver Rose adorations program is an effortless way for your council to excel in the Life programs.

To learn more visit www.KofC.org/SilverRose. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or if you need assistance with anything.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Leith

Michael Leith

Silver Rose Chairman

Soccer Challenge Chair: SK Stephen Gerichs

This year's event was held October 9th 2023 at St. Joseph the Worker in West Jordan. Thanks to Andy Aries GK/PSD and his council members for the use of their field, goals, tables, and help setting up. We had 13 participants and gave award out in 6 of the 12 categories. Thanks to all the people who helped in putting on the event.

Registration:	Bill McCauley, SA
Scoring:	Tim Soran DD; Mike Anglin DGK 9761
Ball placer:	Jon Gauchay; Bob Masse Jr., PSD
Ball shaggers:	Stephen Gerichs, SW; Bill Kelly, SD and many parents and kids.
Photographer:	Andy Airriess, PSD
Award Presenter:	Bill Kelly, SD

2023 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge winners

9yr Girls	1st	Nevaeh Hancock	Council 5214, St. Francis Xavier Kearns
9yr Boys	1st	Taylor Lopez	Council 1136, St. Francis of Assisi, Orem
	2nd	Sylas Hancock	Council 5214, St. Francis Xavier Kearns
	3rd	Ezra Langton	Council 1136, St. Francis of Assisi, Orem
10yr Boys	1st	David Horizante Bautista	Council 1136, St. Francis of Assisi, Orem
	2nd	Luke Shively	Council 12181, St. John the Baptist, Draper
11yr Boys	1st	Saul Sanchez Salgado	Council 1136, St. Francis of Assisi, Orem
	2nd	Matias Chica Troncoso	Council 1136, St. Francis of Assisi, Orem
13yr Boys	1st	Osmar Sanchez	Council 1136, St. Francis of Assisi, Orem
14yr Boys	1st	Jose Barragan	Council 5214, St. Francis Xavier, Kearns
	2nd	Andrew Soran	Council 13297, Saint Vincent de Paul, Holladay

The event went well, but there were a few things that we could improve on. The date and location needed set and confirmed farther ahead of time. Next year we already have lined up a Murray City field, looking at the last Sunday in September, TBD soon. Participation needed to be wider. Saint Francis of Assisi in Orem had a great turn out. I think messaging in Spanish needs to be included. There was one group that arrived late and could not participate. I will adjust the messaging to include the registration and start times only, not including an end time, that was possibly confusing. There was also one group that showed up at last year's venue. I think we can address that with stronger messaging to the councils and directly from the state council.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Gerichs
SK Stephen Gerichs, State Warden
Soccer Challenge Chairman

Special Olympics Chair: SK David Matyjasik

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNUAL REPORT 2024

SOUT Summer Games

June 7 & 8
Granger H.S. 9 AM - 4 PM
West Valley, Utah
Color Guard 6 PM

Golf Tournament

Sept. 14, 9 AM- 3 PM
Rose Park G.C.
SLC, Utah

Fall Games

TBD
Northwest Middle School
1730 No. Redwood Rd.
SLC, Utah
Color Guard 6 PM

For more information or to volunteer go to WWW.Sout.org or call 801-363-1111

For the past 17 Fraternal years, the SPECIAL OLYMPICS program has grown tremendously. I am proud to say that 29 council and 8 Assemblies responded through actives, volunteering, or financial support. This past year several Councils donated \$500 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 15th at the same venue. Please come or even better volunteer. With last year's donations over \$174,000 has been raised and this supported 700 athletes over 16 years. This is a great figure considering 2 ½ years were lost because of COVID-19. With the donations that have come in this year, we're sure to pass \$180,000. 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. on June 7th.

I've traveled over 1500 miles vising and promoting Special Olympics, from Logan to Provo. I've also attended Local, Area, and Regional games. 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 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 unto me."

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,
David Matyjasik
SK David Matyjasik
Utah Special Olympics Chairman

Ultrasound Chair: SK John Wainscott, PSD

Knights of Columbus
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

April 04, 2024

Worthy State Officers and my Brother Knights all,

In July 2023, we Knights of Columbus in Utah, started raising funds for our fifth Ultrasound machine for The Center for Pregnancy Choices in Logan, Utah. The pregnancy center has recently changed its name to The Pregnancy Resource Center of Cache Valley in Logan, Utah. The fundraising is now complete. Supreme has approved the matching funds and a check is on its way to the Logan Center for \$18,650 from the Culture of Life fund. The Alpinion Ultrasound machine will be installed on Saturday April 6, 2024.

A special presentation was made at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Logan to Rachel Woody, Executive Director, and other members of the Pregnancy Center Board of Directors on March 19. Thank you to Council 12959 in Logan for hosting the event.

Checks were given to the Pregnancy Center:

- 1) \$18,650 for 50% of the Ultrasound machine.
- 2) \$2,500 for a new laptop, Large TV screen for the exam room, and assistance with training.
- 3) An additional donation of \$500 will be made through the Knights' Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

Combined, \$40,300 will be provided by the Knights of Columbus to the Center for Pregnancy Choices to help save more innocent lives and help mothers in need. A special thank you to Holy Family Council 14399 for the donation of \$10,000 for the Logan Ultrasound machine. Council 9561 Payson, Council 12959 Logan, Assembly 1429 up North, Assembly 2577 Sandy, Council 15418 St. Ambrose, Council 6966 Sandy, Council 10733 St. George, Council 16127 Hill AFB, Council 1136 Provo, and Council 11479 St. Thomas More. Individuals have donated as well: Michael Leith, Chuck Dover, Frank Carmona, Bill Kelly, Nick Nielson, Dennis Robles, Art Reynozo, and Cesar Hernandez.

Thank you to all who donated to this amazing cause.

May Jesus Live in All of Us!

Respectfully submitted,

John Wainscott

SK John Wainscott, PSD, Former Supreme Director

Ultrasound Chairman

Tuesday evening, March 19, the Knights of Columbus of Utah presented Rachel Woody, Executive Director of The Pregnancy Resource Center of Cache Valley in Logan, Utah, with a check for an ultrasound machine for the center. Donations of over \$18,000 were matched by the Knights' Supreme Council in New Haven, CT through the Knights Culture of Life Fund.

In addition, the Utah Knights of Coumbus presented additional checks of \$2,500 for needed equipment. An extra donation of \$500 will be made through the Knights' Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

Combined, over \$40,000 was provided by the Knights of Columbus to the Pregnancy Resource Center to help save more innocent lives and help mothers in need. This is the 5th ultrasound machine the Utah Knights of Coumbus have provided to local organizations to save the lives of the unborn. Over 80% of mothers who see their child in the womb choose life for their baby.



Pictured above are the Knights who attended the check presentation on March 19th, made during a spaghetti dinner held for the parish by KofC Council 12959 in partnership with other parish groups.

Veterans Affairs Liaison: SK Joseph R Bouley

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

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 Veteran's Day, Christmas and Valentine's Day activities. A new program at the VA is the Compassionate Contact Corps. Volunteers visit with an assigned veteran via telephone weekly for 15-60 minutes, providing compassion, companionship, and support. Contact me if you want more information.

From August 24-29, 2024, the NATIONAL Veterans Golden Age Games will be held in Salt Lake City. Veterans 55 & over can compete in a variety of sports. But if you can't compete, there is a need for 1,000+ volunteers – something for every Knight to participate in. E-mail VHASLCGoldenAgeGames@va.gov for more information.

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

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<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center;"> <small>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration Voluntary Service</small> </div>	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 03/8/2024	
I. STATISTICS (From Representative)	THIS YEAR 3/1/23 - 2/29/24	LAST YEAR 3/1/22 - 2/28/23	GROWTH RATE (+ / -)	
A. 1. Number of R.S Volunteers	7	6	17%	
2. Number of R.S Volunteer Hours	1,396.65	1,120.25	25%	
3. Number of Occasional Volunteer Hours		15.50	-100%	
4. Number of All Volunteer Hours	1,396.65	1,135.75	23%	
5. Number of Youth Volunteers	0	0	N/A	
6. Number of Transitional Volunteers	0	0	N/A	
7. Number of Adult Volunteers	7	6	17%	
8. Number of New R.S Volunteer Assignments				
9. Total Monetary Donations	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0.00	
10. Total Estimated Value of Non-Monetary Donations	\$ 3,193.93	\$ 1,450.00	120%	
B. 1. Number of Units Volunteering		2	0	
2. Estimated Number of Local Organizational Units Within VAMC Area	35			
3. Estimated Total Membership	3298			
4. Number of Units Contacted	35			
II. ANNUAL REVIEW (From Representative)	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
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)				
Saw an increase in volunteer hours, in-kind and monetary contributions.				
New Goals:				
1. Increase reporting of occasional hours that support VAVS and Veterans. 2. Encourage participation by Volunteers in the National Veterans Golden Age Games 2024. 3. Increase CCC program awareness.				
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, Fisher House, etc. are reported in a timely manner.				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> VAVS Representative Joseph Beuley </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Chief, Voluntary Service Sarah Hallen </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"> (Attach additional pages if needed) </div>				

Webmaster (www.UtahKnights.org): Chris Hood

The site has been working smoothly the past year. Only maintenance and minor tweaks have been done on it. The website has usually between 100 and 200 visitors a day.

An event plugin from the Wordpress plugin directory to handle ticketing events through the websites was selected so we can take payment through our own websites and not an external service. An add-on plugin was created to give it some custom functionality. It is currently on Council 1129's website with a St. Patrick's Day Dinner as the first event.

Most councils and assemblies don't have a photo on the state website. Every assembly and council has a page on the state website and a photo makes them look much better. Don't forget to let the Executive Secretary know of any changes to your council's or assembly's information.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hood

Chris Hood

Webmaster

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Past State Deputies Convention Remarks

SK Michael T. Cosgrove (1984-1986)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Cosgrove

SK Michael Cosgrove, PSD

SK Joseph B. Ligorí (1996-1998)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Ligorí

SK Joe Ligorí, PSD, FMFD

SK Sidney L Cowand (2000-2002)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Vivat Jesus!

Sid Cowand

SK Sidney L. Cowand, PSD

SK John P Wainscott (2002-2004)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Vivat Jesus!

John Wainscott

John P. Wainscott, PSD, Former Supreme Director

SK James N Leccia (2004-2006)

No report available by the publication deadline.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Leccia

Jim Leccia, PSD, FMFD

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

March 15, 2024

RE: 2024 Past State Deputy Letter

Worthy Brother Knights, Delegates, and Friends,

I wish all of my fellow Utah Knights and brothers a great state convention. I am hopeful it will be both successful and memorable for all who attend. I acknowledge the work of those who served in the many leadership roles this past year. I am thankful for the new men who have chosen to join our Order during this past year. We must reach out to nurture and mentor them to be our future leaders, directors, and chairmen. We need their new energy and ideas. I pray that those who we elect and those who come forward to serve in any capacity take their role seriously with the determination that they can make a difference. We are upon the cusp of a new fraternal year. We have an opportunity to serve and lead in ways that can spark greater life into our Order, but more importantly into lives of Catholic men. Our current world is so in need of strong, moral, Christian ideals and principles that we revere as Knights of Columbus and Catholic men. I look forward to the new fraternal year with anticipation and hope. I pray always for each of you and I pray that together we are always up to the tasks at hand to work in unity that we may accomplish greater things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior.

Serve the Lord filled with His Grace!

Vivat Jesus!

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 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 Jerry Hanten, 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)

See above for Ray's greeting as the official supreme representative at the 2024 Utah State Convention.

No additional report.

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Lopez

SK Ray Lopez, PSD

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

I want to thank all my brother knights for the support I've received as a Past State Deputy and Utah District Master. Congratulations to the State Deputy and all the state officers for an outstanding year making Pinnacle. Recruiting new members is a daunting task, and everyone stayed the course.

Bill Kelly and Frank Carmona worked with all the Councils to achieve circle of honor again. Our charity reached more Utahns, with food drives feeding the poor and hungry. **Coats for Kids** program putting a warm coat on over 6200 kids and adults throughout the state of Utah. The Ultrasound drive gives Utah women five locations to save a child. Help our Veterans and supporting the Fisher House.

I want to congratulate the newly elected officers and offer my continuing support for the coming years.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Masse Jr., PSD

SK Robert E. Masse Jr., PSD, District Master - Utah

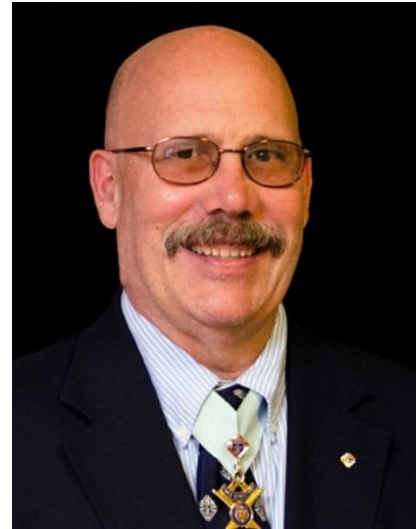
SK Jerald P. Hanten (2014-2016)

<https://www.starksfuneral.com/obituary/3564-etwrcuqfku>

Jerald “Jerry” Peter Hanten (June 4, 1954 - February 12, 2024)

Devoted husband, father, friend, and handyman

During the early morning hours of February 12th, 2024, Jerald “Jerry” Peter Hanten passed away while visiting a friend in Arizona. Jerry was 69 years old. Jerry was born June 4th, 1954 in Mitchell, SD to Alvin and Lorraine Hanten. Growing up on a farm, Jerry learned from a very early age the importance of a strong work ethic and being self-reliant. As a result, he was a talented athlete in his high school and college years, and an exceptional handyman.



In 1976, Jerry graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. Jerry would spend the next 38 years working for various mining companies across the western United States, and was by all accounts an expert in his field. Jerry left the mining industry in 2014 to pursue his passion for home improvement, which led to him becoming a private contractor, and working for Home Depot right up until his passing. Shortly after graduating from SDSMT, Jerry married the love of his life, Julie Hintze, on September 4th, 1976. They were married for 48 years, and had three children: Katherine (Kathy), Peter, and Elizabeth (Beth).

Besides being a hard-working, devoted husband and father, Jerry was a man of faith, and a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 40 years. In his time with the K.O.C., Jerry held many roles with the Knights, including State Deputy from 2014-2016, and his dedication to selfless service for others and the organization was an inspiration for many. When he wasn't busy helping those around him, Jerry loved riding his motorcycle, traveling, enjoying the company of friends and family, and living his best life.

Jerry is survived by his wife Julie, his children, Katherine (Nathan) Richardson, Peter (Jen) Hanten, and Elizabeth (Nicholas) Teynor; nine grandchildren; his sister Deb, his brother Kevin, sister-in-law Barb; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Lorraine Hanten, twin sons Nicholas and John, and grand-daughter Tillie.

Jerry will be remembered for his love of life, his willingness to help others, his love for family and friends, and for being the guy who could literally build and fix anything.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 22nd, 10:30 AM, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 9757 South 1700 East, in Sandy. Instead of flowers, Jerry's family would prefer you consider donating to

your local Veterans Association, Salt Lake City VA Fisher House, and/or the American Heart Association.

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Many Brother Knights and Sir Knights were in attendance at the funeral.  
There were nineteen (19) members of the honor guard, six of which were pall bearers.

Honor Guard participants (alphabetically by first name):

|                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Art Grant, PFN A2577               | Larry Kiefer             |
| Bill Kelly, SD                     | Michael Stephenson       |
| Bill McCauley, FMFD                | Nick Nielson, IPSD       |
| Bob Diaz, FN A2577                 | Patrick Schmitt          |
| Bob Masse Jr, PSD, District Master | Ray Lopez, PSD           |
| Bob Van Parys, FN A2636            | Ray Salazar              |
| Frank Carmona, FMFD                | Todd Holzhauser, Marshal |
| Greg Keller, PSD, FN A1429         | Tom Blockovich, FN A1144 |
| Joe Nesi, FN A3586, DD2            | VJ Simonelli, FMFD       |
| Kim Gold                           |                          |

Respectfully submitted in his memory,

*Jerry Hanten*

SK Jerald "Jerry" Peter Hanten, PSD

*SK Andy Airriess (2016-2018)*

Dear Brother Knights,

As my wife I and I prepare to leave Utah after 30 years for our new home in British Columbia, it is a time for real reflection.

Utah is where I became a Catholic. Utah is where I became a Knight. Because of you, Utah is where I became a better Catholic, a better husband, and a better father. Because of you I have enjoyed life so much more than I had before because you provided me the best example of what Catholic manhood could and should be.

Serving you and serving beside you have provided some of the best memories of my life. Although hundreds of miles away, please know that my wife and I will always treasure our years in Utah and at the center of those memories will be all the wonderful friends in Christ we made.

May God continue to bless you with more Knights in your life as he has blessed me with you.

Vivat Jesus!

*Andy Airriess*

SK Andrew Airriess, PSD

## *SK Greg Keller (2018-2020)*

Brothers,

This past year has been a challenge since my wife Kathy's passing in February 2023. However, throughout this last fraternal year my Brother Knights have provided support, strength and prayers for Kathy and me.

The good news is I was able to participate in numerous events and exemplifications. I will be more available to support activities going forward and am looking ahead to participating with my Brothers in all the great events throughout the state. Also, looking forward to this year's state convention and spending time with you and your families in Ogden.

It's been 12 years since I was elected State Warden in 2012, then advancing through all the chairs to State Deputy 2018-2020, Immediate Past State Deputy for two years, and the last two years as State Advisor. But I would have to say the State Advisor position has been one of the best jobs I've had on the state council. I certainly travel less nowadays.

Vivat Jesus!

*Greg Keller*

SK Gregory A. 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 39 Brother Knights who passed away this year (April 2023 – March 2024). In respectful commemoration of their lives and their service to the Knights of Columbus, I respectfully submit these brothers for the 2023-2024 Necrology report. “May the souls of our dearly departed brothers rest in peace.”

Msgr. Terence M. Moore (Council 12181, Assembly 2577)

**Council 602**

William E. Collins  
Jefferson K. Itami

**Council 777**

David J. Arlofski

**Council 1129**

Paul W. Willard

**Council 1136**

Richard L. Smith

**Council 5214**

Joel P. Barry

**Council 5502**

Michael J. Lemieux

**Council 6010**

Paul A. Bergeron  
J. Charlie Duran

**Council 6147**

Mark A. Carrillo  
James M. Thompson

**Council 6966**

Cyril M. Kinan  
Wayne E. Kirk  
Charle E. Price  
Thomas E. Wolters

**Council 7401**

Nick A. Maestas

**Council 7961**

Douglas R. Conner

**Council 8350**

Reuben F. Raymond

**Council 9731**

Michael J. O'Connor

**Council 9849**

George E. Steckel

**Council 10304**

Rick E. Kump  
Fred J. Montoya

**Council 10733**

Mark S. Anzalone  
Kevin O. Cook  
Kenneth J. Jensen  
Dean Sorensen

**Council 11246**

Howard R. Austin  
Tony A. Bodde

**Council 11479**

Frank G. Fuller  
Jennings "Bud" Mease

**Council 12181**

Brian C. Olson  
Douglas A. Saar

**Council 12959**

Edward Strickland

**Council 13297**

Joseph Cwik

**Council 14239**

Jerald P. Hanten

**Council 14399**

Daniel A. Frank

**Council 15418**

James M. Bledsoe  
Ralph H. Steffen

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Kelly*

**SK Bill Kelly, State Deputy**

## Late Reports

*Nate Raso, General Agent*

Brothers,

I look forward to seeing you all this upcoming 2024 Utah State Convention. As you know, I am native to Utah and always look forward to being home in the beautiful Wasatch range! I have seen and heard so many wonderful things happen at the state and council level. It's always so amazing to me that Utah drives so much change in the Order worldwide. We have always been leaders in the Catholic community, and we will, with God's good graces, continue to be at the forefront of change and charity.

For the fraternal year 2023-2024 we held many Online events to supplement and offer your councils the opportunity to achieve your annual Insurance goals. Many of you have made it, just like last year – remember, we had more councils achieve their Insurance Goals last year as a percentage than any of the previous of my tenure (15 years). That is a credit to worthy State Deputy Bill Kelly and his team – they are my friends, my brothers, and lifelong friends. With the recent passing of Rick Kump and Jerry Hanten it has never been more apparent how relevant our watchword of ***Tempus Fugit Memento Mori*** is – and how it applies to each of us. In the years past I have always thought of it as a call to action to protect your family (as a hammer all I saw were nails). Yet now, I can see that it also applies to our faith, our friendships, our legacy, and of course our Order. I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to these brothers and God Speed on their journeys. I can still think of many memories we made and shared over the last 20 some odd years as a Knight and ultimately as an Agent and General Agent.

This last year was not without its challenges in the Agency. However, it was also a very successful year for the Agency in Utah. Many of you know that the whole state is being operated and managed by myself, William Mundy and Bill's wife Susanna Mundy. That team achieved something that, quite frankly (and with all humility) hasn't been done since I was living in Utah. That is, achieving KofC Leadership status, Million Dollar Round Table, and being top in UT and AZ. I couldn't be prouder of the Mundy's achievements – they are hardworking and dedicated to the mission of the Order. Now, for all of our challenges – we need more teams like this one. Utah is a large state geographically and needs multiple agents to handle the territory. I am in no way saying Bill hasn't been hard at work – quite the contrary, as he puts in 15-hour days continually for his brothers and their families. Yet, with the Order growing and more and more people being interested in our Life Insurance, Retirement Annuities, Long Term Care, Disability Insurance and Investments, we need some help. As we work to grow the Agency, please keep that in mind this upcoming year. We would love to grow our Utah footprint, and we will grow, but growth and success can take some time. So, in closing, thank you for your trust, thank you to Bill and Susanna, and thank you for your continued support in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nate Raso*

SK Nate Raso

**General Agent, Arizona & Utah**

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