



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

Which comes first, the chicken or the egg? Which comes first successful councils or councils that attend meetings? Asking another way, are councils successful because they attend meetings or do successful councils attend meetings? A fine point to be sure, but as I've been going around to district meetings and having the recent organizational meeting as examples, I see that councils who are active, in sync with the state and supreme and humming along are typically those that attend state meetings such as the convention, organizational, and mid-year meetings and their district meetings. Those councils who are struggling a little, or a lot, exactly those councils who really should be attending the meetings, often don't.

Will simply attending these meetings be enough to pull a council out of the doldrums? Not likely. But attending the meetings, talking with your brothers, getting new ideas, staying up to date with procedure and rule changes, and learning about new programs and incentives can be a great way to invigorate yourself, and when you are excited, passing that excitement on to others in your council to get them energized.

Are meetings as fun as playing golf? If you play as well as I do, the answer is likely a resounding YES. But while these meetings might not be actual fun, attending them can ease a lot of frustration down the road from forms that get sent back because they are now in some way incorrect, or finding out that something that worked in the past does not work that way now. If only you had known! Where would you have found out? At the meeting a couple of months ago.

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State Chaplain's Summation

Recently our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori commented that every Knight should be a recruiter. A recruiter for what? For the Order? Well, yes but not just that. Each and every Catholic is called to be a recruiter for Jesus.

Before Our Lord ascended into Heaven, He gave His disciples commands, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" Matt 28: 19-20. Before you say, "Well it looks like you priests have a lot of work to do. Get cracking!" realize that this commandment is for the whole Church: lay, religious, and clergy. Yes, we all are called to do it in different ways depending on our state of life, but it is the responsibility of each of us.

Most converts come to the Faith because they have seen a relative, friend, neighbor, or co-worker living the Faith well and have been impressed. You don't have to stand on a corner and preach to spread the Gospel.

We are also called to recruit for vocations. When was the last time you asked an unmarried man whether he has every thought about the priesthood or a brother Knight if he has considered the diaconate? God often calls, but He often calls others through us.

And we recruit not just for 'Church' vocations but also for the vocation of marriage and family life.

By living this vocation well and endeavoring to live it

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Abraham Lincoln was quoted as saying "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe." That what these state meetings, state and supreme webinars, and other training opportunities are; ways for you to sharpen your axe and get your Knights work done in less time and with less effort. Please, take advantage of them. They are there to help you.

Supreme webinars:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/membership-webinar.html>

Supreme training is available by logging in to the supreme web site and clicking the Fraternal Training icon. You should have received an email from supreme with credentials to log into the web site. If you do not have access to the supreme web site and you are a Grand Knight or Financial Secretary, call supreme at (800) 380-9995.

State training webinars will be announced soon. The mid-year meeting is scheduled for January 7th, 2017 at a location to be announced.

Your determination to have your council succeed, and from that having your parish, community, order, and diocese succeed, comes easier when your skills are sharpened.

Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

State Chaplain's Summation (Cont.)

better, we give a powerful witness and help to others who may be struggling. Through "Building the Domestic Church", the Order is helping each and every Knight strengthen their own vocation and the vocations of others.

And yes we should recruit more men to the Order not just to raise numbers but because we have found a great way to live out our vocation as Christian men and want to share with others what we have!

Fr. Erik Reichsteig
Utah State Chaplain

State Secretary's Corner

A New Fraternal Year:

Venerable Father Michal J. McGivney formed our global fraternal organization in 1882 in order to offer aid to members and families. Since then it has brought economic stability to the families and poured endless energy worldwide in service to our communities and parishes.

As we begin our new fraternal year let's ponder on a few things. There are three words that can release us from past regrets or "I should have done this" and guide us forward to a positive new beginning. These words are: **"From now on"**

So, from now on ...

Let the things we can't control GO: Positive things happen when we emotionally distance our self from the negative things. Don't let things we can't control interfere with the things we can control?

Accept and Embrace reality: Life is simple. Everything happens for us, not to us. For everything we lose we gain something. We need to pay attention to our outlook on life. We can either regret or rejoice: it's our choice.

Change our mind: Change is like breath-it isn't part of the process, it is the process. In reality the only thing we can count on is change. Prepare for the positive. Prepare for the new. Growth is impossible without change. If we cannot change our mind, we cannot change anything in ourselves. Let's look at things with a different prospective.

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Master's Mussings

Yes, it is the Dog Days of summer; many people have vacation plans and family activities, but do not forget the Knights. Now is the time to budget and plan for all the activities for this fraternal year. We need to encourage our brothers "to advance to full Knighthood in the 3rd Degree." There is a combined Formation and Knighthood Degree in both September and October. Please check the utahknights.org website for further information.

Once a Brother is a Knight in the 3rd Degree, the GK or FN and others need to talk to him about the Patriotic Degree. Our next Exemplification is November 12 at St. Thomas More. Let's have another successful Exemplification with several candidates and a great banquet.

The lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are not to be taken lightly for they are the basis for which we live our Catholic lives at home, at church and in our communities. They help in establishing a firm foundation as Catholic men. But there is another principle that we would like our brothers to consider on their journey as a Knight of Columbus and that is the Principle of "Patriotism." For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. And for those who are called to take it one step further, the Patriotic Degree is the way.

In closing, remember that **PATRIOTISM is leaving the world in good hands.** *Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.* ~ Deuteronomy 4:9.

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State Secretary's Corner (Cont.)

Take chances: Taking a chance or trying something new can be scary. But what is even scarier is regret. Let's not regret our time. Always smile and gain strength as we rise above it and gain strength as we move forward. Let us live our life so we never regret the chances we never took. Freely give of the gifts we all have.

Keep climbing: Every person who is at the top of the mountain didn't fall there from the sky. Good things come to us as we work for them. We gain confidence and grow stronger by every experience in which we truly push ourselves. In the end it's not what we've been through that defines who we are; it's how we go through it that makes the person we are today and the person we are capable of being tomorrow.

Your state council team wishes each and every one of you success as you define and lead your council as we further the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney and his mission of charity, unity and fraternity.

Food for thought: -- "The key to success is to focus our conscious mind on things we desire not things we fear." Found in the book- *How Successful People Think.*

Reminders:

- July 1st – Report of Officers chosen for the term (#185)
- August 1st – Service Program Personnel Report (#365)
- August 15th – Semiannual Council Audit Report (#1295)

Make sure your council is on the path to earning the Star Council Award.

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Kump
Utah State Secretary

Helpful Tips

If you use FedEx-Kinkos to print material for your council, please be aware that there is a Knights of Columbus corporate account that you can use to save money. When you place your order, whether it be online or at the physical location, ask for the Knights of Columbus corporate rate before you order. The savings are can be significant. Make sure you have your member card on you when you pay because they may want to have proof you qualify.

Master's Mussings (Cont.)

The most compelling question that every Christian man must ask is this: What am I doing today that will be an influence for Jesus Christ in the next generation? We cannot hold on to the world, we can only hand it off to others. It's as if you are a father with your arms wrapped around your young son's shoulders, helping him get the feel of the bat. Swing and miss. Swing and connect. Swing and miss. There is no glory in that moment – only hints of glory as a pattern is established. It may be years before your son can swing for the fence. Someday, though, he will stand at the plate where the balls come hard and fast. It's a game where they call real strikes, and some men strike out. When your son hits that home run in the game that counts, you may not be around to see it. But there will be a piece of you in that swing. That's your reward for leaving the world in good hands. ~ Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks

What kinds of activities can your Council or Assembly engage in to leave the world in good hands?

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble. ~ C.H. Spurgeon.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

William T. McCauley
District Master - Utah



State Program Updates

- **5th Sunday Rosary Program** encourage greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, order a program kit at supply@kofc.org or contact Greg Keller for additional information gregory.keller@ngc.com
- **Soccer Challenge** Order kits/materials from Supreme (#SC-KIT) Contact Pat Dougherty for more info, patrickdougherty123@comcast.net 801-352-0697
- **Essay Contest** Order kits from Supreme (#EA-KIT) and start planning before school starts, Contact Tom Giron giront58@msn.com 801-867-3347
- **Coats for Kids** Start fund raising now or plans to fund raise. Contact Michael Derrick for ideas and info., mderr548@gmail.com, 385-444-8143
- **K of C Family Week (Aug 8-14)** for ideas/activites contact Greg Keller gregory.keller@ngc.com or visit supreme website: <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/family-activities/family-week.html#/>
- **World Day of Prayer for Peace** (Sept 11) contact Greg Keller for more info gregory.keller@ngc.com or visit Supreme website <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/community-activities/world-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html#/>
- **Ultrasound Initiative**/Park City Pregnancy Help Center, trying to raise another \$9,946 to reach \$18,000 by September, has your council made a donation? Contact John Wainscott wains@sisna.com
- **Clergy Appreciation Dinner** Assembly 2636, August 11 at St Ambrose, contact Dick Hall rhall5323@gmail.com, 801-891-9792

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