



# STATE UPDATE

## UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

### State Deputy's Message

Preparation, not perspiration. With the right amount of preparation, the need for perspiration is greatly reduced.

The Fraternal Survey is right around the corner. Will your council report accurate numbers? Ask ALL your Knights now to total their numbers for the year and they will be a lot more accurate than they would be if you asked them next month. Anybody visit the sick? Give blood? How many hours did they spend on that breakfast in August? Next year, make a New Year's resolution and track your hours from day one (that's January 1st). There are some tools on the Utah Knights web site (under Forms/State Forms) to help you track your hours, pints, dollars, and more. I'm convinced we under-report our hours. In years past, my own council used to just copy the hours from the year before. Then the Grand Knight wanted to make sure the numbers were accurate and guess what? We were under-reporting by nearly 50%.

Have you been keeping score of your council's projects to enter your Columbian award? We have Star Council tracking forms to make it easy. There are also tracking forms in your Fraternal Planner. Writing down your eligible projects now means you don't have to think about them later. Submit your award application as soon as it is done. That way, if there is an error, you have time to correct it. In addition, partially completing your Columbian Award application now will help you find categories where you might be falling short. You have time to correct that problem now. You would not if you started filling out your form on June 10th.

Sometimes, the sweat you save is not your own. Included in this State Update is the reservation form for the Mid-year meeting. Filling it out and sending it

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### State Secretary's Corner

Worthy Brothers and family,

Advent is an exciting but busy season. It would be nice to be able to slow down and devote more time to prayer and traditions. However, most of us are busy people – we have work, school, or children with their own busy schedules. It's hard to find the time to enjoy and celebrate the coming of Jesus.

It is very easy to feel out of sync with Advent. Slow down? Don't set up and light the tree? Don't sing Christmas carols until Christmas? How can one avoid all the shopping and gift-buying? It seems totally unrealistic, even Grinch-like.

But the Church is right - Advent is about slowing down. It's about a world in darkness yearning for light and warmth. It's about stepping back from the frantic pace of our lives - even if it is just for a few minutes - to think of how the world is and how we dream it could be as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, wait for his coming again in glory, and in between remember all the ways we encounter him every day.

If we lived in a monastery, we might be able to devote every waking moment to prayer and ritual. But Advent is for busy people with work and school schedules too. There are many small ways to enter into Advent and to let it grow in our hearts and enrich whatever else we do in this season.

#### **Advent is for you!**

The important thing is to catch a sense of how Advent can enrich your life, faith, and spirituality, and then find ways to celebrate that work for you. Advent, like all of Catholic life, is meant to slowly change and transform us, so that, more and more, we not only recognize Christ, but become the Body of Christ, living and active in our world.

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## State Deputy's Message (Cont.)

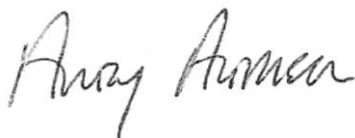
now will save those who organize the event many headaches. That's charitable isn't it? However, I'm not sure the time you spend filling out the Mid-year meeting form is enterable on your Fraternal Survey.

How about your entries for the state awards? Nobody has time to do things at the last minute. Nobody can do a good job trying to do things at the last minute. Sure, they are not due until March, but really, why wait? If you have a good project, document it now while your memory is good. Include pictures, and enough text to properly describe your project. Two pages is about right unless you need more to describe it properly.

You are right; we don't do what we do to win awards. However, awards do two things. First, awards help recognize the hard work you and your Knights do. It is important to give your Knights a pat on the back for a job well done. Proudly displayed, the awards your council win pay dividends for years. Second, awards help attract new Knights as well as new and continued support for your council's activities. When presented to the council at a Mass, the award says to the congregation and to prospective members "This is a successful group of men whose work is recognized and honored by their peers." A council so trusted by their parishioners has an easier time raising funds and gaining new members.

Let us all also prepare for the coming Christmas season. Give abundantly. Give joyfully. And give to yourself the time to reflect on all we have done to help those in need this past year. We have accomplished some wonderful things. Thank you for your outstanding efforts. You are the greatest gift any parish, community, and diocese could get.

Vivat Jesus,  
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

## State Secretary's Corner (Cont.)

### Give the gift of membership!

Be thankful you live in a country where you are free to:

- Choose to help others
- Choose to make a difference
- Choose to support life
- Choose to stand up for what is right
- Choose the truth over what is popular
- Choose to get involved
- Choose to live your faith
- Choose to mentor other men as they strive to become:
  - Better fathers
  - Better role models
  - Better Catholics
  - Better human beings

Remember to choose, and choose well. Invite others to join us as we choose to make the world a better place as we do God's work here on earth.

Julie and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Blessed New Year!

Vivat Jesus!  
Rick Kump



Utah State Secretary

## Family Director's Note

I received a copy of the Utah State K of C Directory, that is the best of such publications that I've seen in my 46 years as a Knight. I noted my name as Family Director which prompts this blurb to help you in identifying your Council's candidate for Family of the Month. It's not that difficult and it's easy to submit.

I can't recall the exact words from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta but the gist was: "Perform little acts with good intentions rather than trying to fix the world."

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## Insurance Assurance

### Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

As the holidays approach, it's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

For us Knights, the answer is easy. Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance Company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

Don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus. Contact your agent today.

"Crowdfunding Funerals: What You Need to Know" by Kayleigh Kulp, Fox Business. Accessed August 15, 2016. <http://www.foxbusiness.com/features/2014/08/08/crowdfunding-funerals-what-need-to-know.html>

## Family Director's Note (Cont.)

So, at your next meeting, look around and talk to your members. Some of you are aware of small deeds done lately by a member's family. We are not looking for the deeds at the level of Joan of Arc, Juan Diego, or Mother Teresa but small occurrences that were different than the member's normal duties and chores.

Examples:

- While waiting for the traffic light to give you the "Go," did you notice and take pity on that person holding a sign for food or work? Did you give him some money for his daily subsistence?
- Did someone call you for help in babysitting when they had an emergency? And you came through and supervised their kids for them?
- Was there a friend or neighbor who asked you to help him when his car was inoperable?
- Did you see a charitable opportunity and respond? A meal for a family in need?
- And the very popular neighbor request: "I was called into work, had to work late, etc., can you pick up my kids at school?"

Small stuff but with Charity as your motive. That's the key; a positive response to your conscience. That's who we are. That's what we are all about. Single out that Knight and submit his Family of the Month Form. It's in the GK's Surge With Service Guide book or on line at the K of C Supreme website. Come on, it's easy. And remember, citing these deeds may prompt future good deeds done.

Dave Loftus, Retired Field Agent  
Utah State Family Director

## State Program Updates

**Supreme Program Kits** All kits can be ordered by calling 203-752-4016 or visiting [www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms)

- **DECEMBER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT – Holiday Blood Drive** with American Red Cross and Fox 13 will be taking place on Tuesday, December 13th at the American Red Cross (6616 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84121). Contact State Community Director Jerry Angus by email [j.angus@comcast.net](mailto:j.angus@comcast.net) or call him at 801-580-9540. Volunteers needed to help walk donors through the system. To sign up follow link <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cn4-rztVSJIogxFCzCR1GMDLtoecGp9ovFDzNwbPkxs/edit?usp=sharing>
- **Order Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kit (#CPC-KIT)** [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/cpc\\_kit\\_%209\\_13\\_p.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/cpc_kit_%209_13_p.pdf). Also, it's not too early to begin planning how your council will celebrate the birth of Christ and observe the religious season. Consider sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest or hosting the *Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration* (#9898) <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/communications/posada.pdf> at your parish or council hall. For details on these programs, please visit [kofc.org/christmas](http://kofc.org/christmas)
- **Order Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT)** [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/freethrow\\_kit\\_p.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/freethrow_kit_p.pdf)
- Start planning your **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest (#EA-KIT)** [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/essay\\_kit\\_p.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/essay_kit_p.pdf) and start planning now school has started. Contact Tom Giron [giront58@msn.com](mailto:giront58@msn.com) 801-867-3347
- Begin collecting data for the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)** [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/fraternal\\_survey1728\\_p.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf) due 31 January 2017
- **New Requirement for Columbian Award:** To earn the Columbian Award, councils must now conduct at least four Surge With Service activities that are also designated as domestic church programs. Visit [kofc.org/domesticchurch](http://kofc.org/domesticchurch) for the most up-to-date list of eligible programs and activities and to find resources that will help your council conduct them.
- Host a **Renewal of Wedding Vows** program <https://www.kofc.org/uns/en/resources/domestic-church/wedding-vows-renewal.pdf>
- Other Monthly Planning Items
  - Be sure that all council officers are familiar with all the resources available at [kofc.org/domesticchurch](http://kofc.org/domesticchurch)
  - Meet with your pastor to discuss your council's continued implementation of the Building the Domestic Church initiative.
  - Ask for monthly feedback from your pastor on how your council can help strengthen parish family life.

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**“TO WHAT DEGREE”  
Fourth Degree News and Views  
By Utah District Master, V.J. Simonelli**

**My Brother Sir Knights and Brother Knights,**

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our new Sir Knights who made their Fourth Degree on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at St. Thomas More Church in Sandy. Also, I would like to thank all Sir Knights who attended the Exemplification banquet and by paying tribute to our Honoree William T. McCauley, F.M.

I would like to express my appreciation to all our dignitaries in attendance and a special thank you to all our Fourth Degree Team Members. What a superb performance. And last but not least a special thanks to Assembly #2577 for their dedication, support and commitment in spearheading the Exemplification.

**Each month I will be introducing to you a short biography of all District Marshals and Color Corps Commanders.**

**Senior District Marshal Todd B. Holzhauser**



Sir Knight Todd is a member of Assembly #2577. He is a very active member of Council #11479 and has served at nearly every officer position to include Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. He currently serves as Trustee. Sir Knight Todd is married to his lovely wife Katherina and has two girls who attend college in Seattle, Washington.

Sir Knight Todd exemplifies what it means to be an honorable Knight in every way. He lives his Catholic faith actively through the many contributions to his church, youth groups, council and the larger community. Todd makes his greatest impact with his positive attitude, magnanimous personality, and energy which magnetically draws people to him and his beliefs. Not surprisingly Todd's dedication to the Knights does not just end at his contributions to his Council. Todd's commitment to the Knights is best exemplified by his ongoing support and active participation with the State Fourth Degree. Todd is the District Marshal for the Salt Lake City East District. A standout among his peers, Todd is the Faithful Captain for Father Meersman Assembly #2577. He is also the dedicated Marshal for all of the Fourth Degree Exemplifications in the State thereby ensuring consistency and quality of this important role in the Exemplification experience for new Fourth Degree Knights. Over the past year he has travelled thousands of miles locally and attended over 65 Knight related events. Of these, 25 of them required the presence of a Knight in regalia...he is reliably the first to appear.

He is a team builder of the highest order and steps to the front to fill any void no matter the level of difficulty or mental importance...his image is uplifting and his actions inspiring. His style leadership is without equal...his knowledge is remarkable...and his spirituality is boundless. He is called on when the tough questions need answers and when the need is the greatest. Notwithstanding, Todd seems to be everywhere, always! It is not surprising that he leads our Knights as we march in downtown Salt Lake City for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade! He wears his regalia with pride and his devotion to what our Knights stand for is the hallmark of our success. In the crowd his hand will always be among the first raised...with humility and congeniality his words speak quietly but firm. His stature as a Catholic gentleman is confident and engaging.

Thank you Todd for your dedication, commitment, and support for the Fourth Degree. You are an awesome Sir Knight.

***“Sir Knight is more than a title....it's an honor!”***

Yours in Christ,  
Utah District Master  
V.J. Simonelli





# Knights of Columbus

## UTAH STATE COUNCIL

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### Invitation to Mid-year Meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Magna, Utah

#### MEAL RESERVATION FORM

**\*\*\*\*DEADLINE: Pay by Saturday- December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 \$25\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*DEADLINE: Pay between Christmas and Tuesday- January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 \$30\*\*\*\***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend the breakfast served between 7:00 to 8:45AM (no charge).

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend the lunch (no charge).

*Attendees who reserve breakfast and lunch will be served first.  
Those who do not reserve will be served after those with reservations.*

#### ***Dinner \$25.00 per person before Christmas or \$30/person by January 3rd***

Yankee Pot Roast with garden root vegies in rich merlot shallot demi-glace OR

King Salmon pan-seared w/sundried tomato puree Blanc & sautéed zucchini Blanc OR

Classic Eggplant Florentine AND

All of the above include a mixed green salad w/carrot, cucumber & balsamic ginger vinaigrette, w/ roasted Yukon potato & rosemary.

Strawberry and Peach Crisp with Chantilly cream

# \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pot Roast  
# \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ King Salmon  
# \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Florentine

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUE**

MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS INFORMATION AS NEEDED  
EACH KNIGHT WHO WISHES TO BE SERVED MUST SUBMIT AN RSVP

The business meeting is business casual dress. **No Levis.** Button down shirts, please.

**\*\*\*\*ALL DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST INCLUDE PAYMENT\*\*\*\***

Make checks payable to:

**Knights of Columbus Utah State Council.**

**PLEASE MAIL RESERVATION AND PAYMENTS TO:**

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