



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

Charity Begins at Home

These are words we hear in every First Degree. Sure, it means that we protect our families first, but the same thing can be applied to our brother Knights. Charity also begins with our Knights family.

We have many opportunities to support with money, time, and talents the Knights and our worthy causes, from the Fisher House to Special Olympics to supporting Christians in the Middle East. These are wonderful causes that deserve our attention.

We also should support as we can our brother Knights in our councils and assemblies in their efforts by helping out whenever possible. We can do this by attending dinners, breakfasts, bingos and other events that will not only be better due to our financial participation, but by adding to the fraternity at the event as well.

Charity can also be expressed in the phrase taken from the Sermon on the Mount: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We Knights are infamous for doing, booking, returning, signing up, confirming, paying, and notifying at the last possible moment . . . and AFTER the last possible moment. Where is the charity in that? It is charitable to let someone know if you are going to be at a dinner in enough time for them to prepare for you. It is charitable to be helpful and to make the work of our brothers easier by not waiting until later to help them out. If someone asks for something, help them to do their job more easily. Do what they ask by signing up, paying, sending the email, signing

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Master's Musings

Brothers,

Allow me to add my appreciation and gratitude for all the officers that led their units in Utah in the past Fraternal Year. You have accomplished much, and whatever role you serve, I am sure you will assist our new leaders. We all represent our Catholic Church and through our membership and programs we will continue to espouse the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

The Admission Degree is where we add new members to the Council. Every Council will be conducting these degrees. The Formation Degree is where we advance them in our purpose and programs. Every District will conduct at least one of these degrees this year; there will be at least one Formation Degree held every month. The Knighthood Degree is when they become full Knights. We currently have six of these degrees scheduled. The Patriotic Degree is the visible arm of the Order. We need more Sir Knights and more Regalia Knights. We will have three Exemplifications this fraternal year in November, February and June. **The Exemplification is formal and each candidate and observer is required to wear a traditional black tuxedo without tails, no vests, and a lay down collar shirt with black bow tie.** Check the website calendar for all the upcoming degrees. Remember we all need to be involved in recruiting and advancing our brother Knights.

In closing, remember that **PATRIOTISM one nation under God.** *Proclaim liberty throughout all*

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the form, or whatever else it takes as soon as you can. That kind of charity won’t cost you a dime.

When we are hurried and have to do everything at the last moment we are more likely to make mistakes. By letting your brothers know you are going to be there for them early, they can do a better job in less time. They get the gift of less hassle, you get the gift of a smoother-running event.

The same sort of charity extends to your brothers' time. Keep your meetings short. Start on time. When people see you respect their time, they will be more inclined to respect yours. When you do unto others, it’s always a win-win.

Andy Airriess

State Deputy



Giselle Airriess and Andy Airriess outside Saint Mary’s Church in New Haven after Andy is installed as the new State Deputy.

Master’s Musings (Cont.)

land unto all the inhabitants thereof. ~ Leviticus 25:10
– inscribed on the Liberty Bell.

July 4 is a day to reflect on our nation’s religious roots: The Declaration of Independence is the official and unequivocal affirmation by the American people of their belief and faith in God. It affirms God’s existence as a “self-evident” truth that requires no further discussion or debate. The nation created by the great Declaration is God’s country. The rights it defines are God-given. The actions of its signers are God-inspired. The Declaration contains five references to God – God as the supreme Lawmaker, God as Creator of all men, God as the Source of all rights, God as the world’s supreme Judge, and God as our Protector on whom we can rely. It declares that each of us is created equal. This means equally endowed with unalienable rights. It does not mean that all are born with equal capabilities. Nor does it mean that all of us can be made equal, as Communist dogma alleges. As the modern discovery of DNA now confirms, each of God’s creatures is unequal and different in every other way from every other person. The Declaration of Independence proclaims that life and liberty are the unalienable gifts of God – natural rights – which no person or government can rightfully take away. It affirms that the purpose of **government is to secure our God-given** unalienable individual rights, and that government derives its powers from the consent of the governed. Our Declaration reduced government from master to servant, for the first time in history. ~ *Crosswalk*

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under ~ President Ronald Reagan.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

William T. McCauley
District Master - Utah



State Secretary's Corner

Brother Knights,

In trying to set goals for ourselves, I recommend visualizing several things. First, look at where we are now and then honestly envision where we think we'll be by the end of the summer if we make no significant changes in our behavior or habits. Next, think about where we would like to be at the end of the summer. And finally, decide what we will have to change in our behavior or habits to obtain our goals. This exercise sounds simple, but I can tell you from personal experience that it's very easy to drift through life without taking the time to look ahead and make plans.

This is the perfect time to plan our activities within our council and parish community. It's also the perfect time to make arrangements to install your officers and prepare your fraternal budget and membership church drives. It is the perfect time for us to sit down with our pastor and see what his needs and desires are.

I was recently visiting with our MPC, Ray Lopez and I would like to share a comment he made.

“Do our parishes close down for the summer?”

Let's all reflect on this as we go about our business furthering the mission and vision of venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

Reminders:

- 1) Report of Chosen Officers Due: July 1st
- 2) Order Soccer Challenge and Essay Contest material.
- 3) Order Church Drive Kits for October.
- 4) Think membership 365, 24/7

Finally I would like to share a thought with you.

Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.
~Oprah Winfrey

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Kump
Utah State Secretary

Insurance Assurance

Your Shield of Strength

As the economy begins to shake off a half-decade of turbulent times, the Knights of Columbus is celebrating 15 consecutive years of insurance business growth. We've weathered the storm when others haven't, because it's not our first. We've weathered the storm when others couldn't, because we know how to navigate. We've weathered the storm when others made costly mistakes, because we don't take on unnecessary risk. Our strength is undeniable. More members than ever before see it and are using our shield to protect their families. Are you? If you need life insurance-and chances are you do-why would you look anywhere else? Let us be your shield.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one the largest life insurers in North America? The Knights of Columbus has surpassed \$100 billion of insurance in force and is a member of the Fortune 1000.

Did you know the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest possible ratings for its ethical business practices and sound investment strategies? A.M. Best, a global leader in the rating and analysis of insurance companies, has given the Knights of Columbus their highest financial strength rating (A++, Superior) for 40 consecutive years. There is simply no more highly rated insurance company in North America than your Knights of Columbus. For the past three years, the Knights of Columbus was also named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute.

Did you know that providing financial benefits for members was the reason that Venerable Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus? Our founding charter from 1882 makes it clear: The Knights of Columbus' primary goal is "to render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members."

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Insurance Assurance (Cont.)

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus offers a full, top-quality product line of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities? We have products and solutions to fit your family's needs and budgets. A Knights of Columbus agent is available to provide a complimentary, comprehensive analysis to assess your situation.

Did you know there are a number of products and services that you may be eligible for, just for being a Knight? Whether it's our family fraternal benefits program, our survivor benefits or our Personal Planning workbook, there are a lot of ways that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program can benefit you and your family.

Did you know that there are more than 1,400 Knights of Columbus agents throughout the United States and Canada? They are dedicated, full-time professionals, who live to serve you, your family and your community. There might be quite a bit that you don't know about Knights of Columbus Insurance and about fraternal and financial benefits of your membership. Join the hundreds of thousands of your brother Knights who use our shield as their protection. Contact your agent today. Find your local agent and contact information on the state website at www.utahknights.org/insurance.



State Program Updates

- Fund raising for **Coats for Kids** will be beginning soon. The better we prepare, the better the results. Different areas of the state will be distributing the coats at different times.
https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/coats_for_kids_p.pdf
- Host a **Renewal of Wedding Vows** program <https://www.kofc.org/uns/en/resources/domestic-church/wedding-vows-renewal.pdf>
- Plan for your council's participation in
 - Knights of Columbus Family Week (Aug 8-14)
<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/family-activities/family-week.html#/>
 - The International **World Day of Prayer for Peace** (Sept 11)
<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/community-activities/world-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html#/>
- **Service Program Personnel Report** (#365), Due Aug. 1
http://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/service_personnel365_p.pdf
- **Semiannual Council Audit Report** (#1295), Due Aug. 15
https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/audit2_1295_p.pdf
- **Ultrasound Initiative**/Park City Pregnancy Help Center contact John Wainscott wains@sisna.com

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