



STATE UPDATE

UTAH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEADERS

State Deputy's Message

Insurance matters. This more than a play on words, it is central to who we are as Knights. Our order was formed by Fr. McGivney around the principle of protecting the families of our members, and that is exactly what our insurance does. Sure, you can get insurance from another company, but why?

Knights of Columbus Insurance invests our money following our Catholic principles. The Knights have terminated their relationship with companies that change their focus and engage in practices that violate Catholic beliefs. Who knows what you will get from other insurance companies.

In addition to providing much of the operating budget for the Knights, profits from K of C Insurance are donated to support charitable activities such as feeding Christian refugees in the Middle East, Special Olympics, and helping the victims of natural disasters. Profits for other insurance companies are typically paid to shareholders and/or donated to organizations that fly in the face of Catholic beliefs and practices. Many major American insurance companies support Planned Parenthood. Is that where you want your money to go?

Our insurance has held the highest rating from A.M. Best for over 40 years. No insurance company has a higher rating. That means that you can trust Knights of Columbus Insurance to weather financial storms other companies may not. The Knights of Columbus has also been named one of the world's most ethical companies for the third year in a row. Only one other insurance company has been so honored.

When it comes to service, who can beat the service your Knights of Columbus insurance agent can provide?

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State Secretary's Corner

Worthy Brothers,

This is one of my favorite months to enjoy. In this spirit I would like to share with you some of the things I'm thankful for.

- I'm thankful for our Catholic faith and our Lord and Savior who died for us and he represents a power so awesome that its force cannot and will not be stopped on this earth.
- I'm thankful for Julie. She is truly the best thing that happened to me and she is an awesome person and wonderful wife and mother.
- I'm thankful for my children and grandchildren. I enjoy their wonderful company and watching them grow up.
- I'm thankful for living in a country with freedom. Though things here aren't perfect, I'm grateful to live here.
- I'm thankful for Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and his vision. He founded the Knights of Columbus in his home parish in New Haven, Connecticut to serve a mutual aid and fraternal insurance program. Today we are recognized as the largest catholic fraternal organization in the world.
- I'm thankful for my membership in the Knights of Columbus. I enjoy my relationship with each and every one of you. I also know I can always rely on you at any time.

You have heard me mention this numerous times: Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated "it is not only our duty but our moral obligation to ask every eligible catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus."

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For example, invest with most insurance companies and when you die (yes, it is going to happen), your widow will get what? A packet with dozens of pages of forms for them to fill out and send in. If you have multiple policies from different companies your heirs will have to fill them all out on their own. If you have a Knights of Columbus policy, your agent will help your widow to fill out not only the Knights' claim form, but those from other companies as well.

Try this: When your council is having an event, ask your non-Knights agent to come by and help. Now ask your Knights of Columbus Insurance representative to help. Compare the answers.

When your Knights of Columbus agent comes by for a visit, their job is to make sure that you and your family are protected. Their bosses are perfectly content with your agent telling them that they did not have to write a policy for you because you are already well covered. That's because these men are not salesmen, they are your brothers who only have your best interest in mind and to ensure Fr. McGivney's vision of protected Catholic families is in place.

My wife and I are both covered by multiple types of Knights of Columbus insurance policies, and I am looking at another. We have been very pleased with our purchases and I only wish we had bought more and bought it sooner. OUR insurance company has Permanent Life Insurance, Term Life Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance, Retirement Annuities, and Disability Income Insurance.

You are performing a great service to your family, to the needy of the world, and to our faith by having coverage for your family and by inviting your agent into your home, your council, and your parish. Who is your agent? See www.utahknights.org/insurance

Vivat Jesus,
Andy Airriess



Utah State Deputy

State Secretary's Corner (Cont.)

Reminders:

- Review how your council will participate in our annual Coats for Kids and Food for Families programs.
- Start planning Christmas activities and participation in the order wide Keep Christ in Christmas initiative.
- Keep collecting donations, charitable disbursements and volunteer hour data for Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. #1728
- Is your council on the path to Star Council Award?

Election Day is almost upon us. Hopefully the results from this fall's election will spell better times for all of us! Until then we will continue to be bombarded with phone calls and election propaganda in the mail and on the radio and TV trying to influence our vote. No matter what your choices might be, I encourage all of you go to the polls or vote by absentee ballot. Where our country goes from here is crucial to all of us.

Julie and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Kump



Utah State Secretary

Hurricane Victims Need Your Help

In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, thousands of people in the Southern United States, and especially in the Carolinas and Florida, have found themselves displaced with their homes either flooded or destroyed. As rescue efforts continue, and with recovery work yet to begin, join the Knights of Columbus in helping provide immediate relief for these people. Donate through Supreme: <http://www.kofc.org/en//hurricane-matthew-relief.html>

Knights Urge Prayer before Election

As the election nears, the Knights of Columbus is urging its members and other Catholic Americans to pray. The prayer will be in the form of a novena — nine consecutive days of prayer — and will run from Oct. 30 to the eve of the election on Nov. 7.

The prayer is addressed to the Holy Trinity through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Individuals, families, councils and parishes are all invited to participate.

“The Church teaches that Catholics are called to form their consciences based on Church teaching and vote in accordance with that well-formed conscience,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. He added: “Pope Francis has said in reference to the U.S. election that we should ‘study the proposals well, pray and choose with your conscience,’ and this novena is designed to help Catholic Americans do that.” The text of the novena reads:

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity.

Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners — on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

Article taken from Supreme website at <http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/nine-day-novena-2016.html>

Safe Environment

All questions about youth protection/safe environments coming from dioceses regarding Knights of Columbus compliance with diocesan safe environment/youth protection requirements (fingerprinting, background screenings, training) are to be immediately referred to Brian Gedicks, Associate General Counsel, Office of the Supreme Advocate at (203) 752-4634 or brian.gedricks@kofc.org.

State and local fraternal officers should not enter into any negotiations with diocesan safe environment administrators regarding the application of diocesan safe environment requirements to Knights of Columbus members in parish based councils.

All questions regarding the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program requirements should continue to be directed to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Helpline at (203) 800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org.

Here is the link to the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City: <https://www.dioslc.org/safe-environment>.



2016 Soccer Challenge 1st place winners

State Program Updates

Supreme Program Kits All kits can be ordered by calling 203-752-4016 or visiting www.kofc.org/forms

- **NOVEMBER PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT** - Fund raising for Coats for Kids is underway. The better we prepare, the better the results. Different areas of the state will be distributing the coats at different times. Contact Michael Derrik for ideas and information mderr548@gmail.com 385-444-8143. Coats for Kids Order Form https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/coats_for_kids_p.pdf
- Order **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kit** (#CPC-KIT) http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/cpc_kit_%209_13_p.pdf. 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
- Order **Free Throw Championship Kit** (#FT-KIT) 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 and start planning now school has started. Contact Tom Giron 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 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 <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 <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.
- **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 at 801-580-9540 or by email at j.angus@comcast.net. 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>

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Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

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My Brother Sir Knights and Brother Knights,

There is one scheduled Fourth Degree Exemplification coming up very shortly.

- The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held at St. Thomas More Church, 3015 East Creek Road, Sandy, UT on Saturday, November 12th, 2016 commencing promptly at 1:00 PM.
- The Exemplification honoree is Worthy Sir Knight and our past District Master, William T. McCauley.

As the Utah District Master, I strongly encourage all State Officers, Faithful Navigators, and Grand Knights to engage all Third Degree members to advance to the highest degree of our Order. Also, if any current Third Degree member who has not achieved the level as a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, please encourage them to advance.

The Patriotic Degree is based on a theme of Catholic Citizenship and celebrates the contributions made by the Catholic Church to the United States, from its discovery, exploration and development to its present greatness. Our members are challenged to be always ready to sacrifice everything for our Faith and our Country. The response of our Order to the needs of our Country in times of war attests to the fact that we are true to our commitment. From the foundation, the Fourth Degree has provided Honor Guards for religious and civic ceremonies. Marching in our regalia, with the flag of our Country before us, we are clearly identified as individuals who are not afraid to publicly display our devotion to our Country and our Church.

Patriotism is, of course, more than waving the flag. It goes beyond expressing love of country and support of its values and institutions. In its best sense, Patriotism involves commitment and action. It requires us to live our lives in such a way that it will strengthen our society, and actively involve ourselves in whatever action may be necessary to remedy our weaknesses.

Remembering our Veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th

Throughout the nation's history, Americans have often found it necessary to go to war in order to preserve basic liberties. The Revolutionary War, for example, was fought to gain independence from the British. Without the servicemen and women who fought in these wars, American history may have run a different course.

Servicemen and women who serve in wars often undergo great sacrifices. Some are killed in action, and some are badly injured. Even those who leave the military unscathed have had to endure sacrifices such as long separations from their families and putting their personal lives and civilian careers on hold. Honoring these veterans is a way for Americans to offer thanks for their sacrifices.

Honoring a veteran can be as simple as verbally expressing thanks to a veteran on the street or writing a letter to a soldier overseas. Some people volunteer their time by visiting wounded veterans in the hospital, delivering care packages to elderly or disabled veterans in need or looking after families of veterans who did not come home.

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This is my first opportunity as Utah District Master to write an article on our former Utah District Master, William T. McCauley.

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of all Sir Knights in Utah to thank the one person who has led our Sir Knights over the past years. The person responsible for putting our reputation up where it is now...as he literally shouldered the awesome challenge of improving our image and reinforcing our ethos so that today we who are Sir Knights stand proudly before all as the honored image of all that is Knightly.

Bill McCauley was appointed District Master in late September 2012 and committed to establishing a dedicated presence throughout the state of Utah. As our preeminent Sir Knight who sought to keep all informed and involved, Bill and his wife Maria set out to participate state wide in every 4th Degree event. Together they visited every corner of the state and supported activities displaying the true image of a Knight's family.

To give a short synopsis Bill accomplished the following: He attended over 100 Assembly Meetings; conducted four District Meetings; went to three Provincial Meetings; participated in countless Honor Guards and orchestrated over 15 4th Degree Exemplifications resulting in new members which saw our total population of Sir Knights rise to 1,108!

This leadership is truly uncommon and Bill's adroit planning and execution was exemplary throughout his tenure. Travel and time management alone single him out as among the most focused and accomplished leaders in our Utah history of the Knights.

The list of accomplishments is rather spectacular...his establishment of a regular training program for ceremonies and individual drill resulted in an overall improvement in execution and overall pride of accomplishments. Add to this the innovative changes such as the inclusion of more families in our events; the presentation of a rose to each bride of a new Sir Knight at the Banquet dinner and presentation of a US Flag to each new Sir Knight. The newly established folded flag ceremony to the Honoree and the continued emphasis of the Absent Warrior table setting. These gestures and procedures have heightened the Patriotic Image of our 4th Degree from the moment each Knight enters the 4th Degree ranks.

Bill's attention extended to the increased opportunities for Honor Guards and Color Guards...as the Master of the 4th Degree he has mandated more support to the priests and parishes and delegated more authority to the District Marshalls while retaining full responsibility for all that happens...he led by example and made it all happen. There has been a significant rise in annual ceremonial support throughout our Diocese. Every support request for Communion, Confirmation, funeral and other occasions was carefully examined and supported by our nine assemblies.

To list all of the accomplishments would take far more space than allotted here. Suffice to say that Bill has led our District with amazing efficiency and enthusiasm. He embodies the lead by example style for which we are eternally indebted.

His devotion and dedication to the Diocese are reflected in the countless hours and miles he and Maria have logged over the past four years. A noble Sir Knight, Bill has served our Knights at all levels both here in Utah and through the entire country. This image is the finest Knight's model of how to talk the talk and walk the walk. He embodies all that is revered by our order and defines the very words he presents to each new Sir Knight.

"Sir Knight is more than a title....it's an honor!"

Yours in Christ,

Utah District Master

V.J. Simonelli

