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Let me start by wishing you a prayerful and enriching Advent season. Let yourself be pulled into the historical scriptural anticipation of His coming and incorporate that feeling into your daily routines. Anticipation sharpens one's senses, be constantly aware and prepared for His coming. Advent is not just a time of remembrance of the journey to Bethlehem, it's also about our journey to judgement and entry into the Kingdom of Heaven. Journey well, just as Joseph and Mary traveled for a census, we are traveling to our accounting and eternal reward.

These past few weeks have been something of a journey of change for me. I was in Orlando the week before Thanksgiving for the State Deputy Midyear with the Supreme Knight and his staff. Change was evident in every talk and presentation given to us. I will be addressing most of the change at our Midyear meeting, but for those for didn't attend I will give you a summary.

First of all, the initiative to make councils more family friendly took a huge leap forward. Since our creation by Father McGivney, the Knights of Columbus has been a "guy's thing", cloaked in secrecy which was appropriate for the time. After all, that was the common draw for all the other societies of the day, it drew men in by giving them a feeling of togetherness. Most of those societies were born out of the bonds between military and war veterans and had elements of uniforms and secrecy associated with them. In this setting, Father McGivney wanted to have a Catholic men's organization that appealed to the male sense of bonding together and so our Order started out with the initiation, lessons and meetings restricted only to the membership. Certainly the Knights were public in all their works for Church and Community but, like the other associations of the day, the business side of the councils were for members only. This approach was successful in 1882 and has been throughout our existence. But now, we are changing in reaction to our cultural climate.

We are not only Knights of Columbus but Knights of Christ and we must react to the growing attacks on our Catholic beliefs. Just as we were created to fight bigotry and protect families, we are again being called upon to fight the dwindling numbers of the faithful brought on by the growing number of attempts to eliminate consideration of religious beliefs in the public sector. At the same time, we Knights are experiencing a loss of membership. If we are to defend our faith and all its virtues, we must grow our membership. We must become more attractive to more people. We must change. If we are to protect families and defend our faith, why not let people know what constitutes our initiation and lessons; our ceremonials. Men and families today need to understand what organizations are before they are willing to commit to joining. Yes we are going "public" with our ceremonial lessons. Beginning in January, families and parish members will now be able to observe and better appreciate who and what we are.

Building on this theme of removing the cloak of secrecy and letting more people know more about who and what we are, an updated version of “Everyday Heroes” is in production with one of the first released being about Kendrick Castillo. These presentations highlight the type of men who are Knights and demonstrate the enrichment these men and their families have received through membership in the Knights of Columbus. If you haven’t seen any of the series, go to the Supreme Council website and click on the Everyday Heroes box for a listing of the available videos.

Along with these two initiatives, on-line membership is a way for men to self-identify to us their interest in joining. It gives men a way to learn about us at their own pace. Joining on line makes a man a member but does not bestow on him the honors and lessons of a ceremonial. He is a member but to join a council he must still go through our Admissions ceremonial. There were other items, mostly administrative, discussed that apply mainly to the Supreme Council and State Council operations.

There are a few important activities each council should be preparing to undertake; the annual fraternal survey and the semiannual audit. These are extremely important to maintaining our tax status. Please be as complete and accurate as you can on these reports.

Before I close, I go back to a thread from our Organizational Meeting, we must change and council leaders must be the catalyst. I encourage you to embrace this change in ceremonials. It will help each council to grow. Grand Knights will now bear the awesome duty and privilege of elevating men to Knighthood.

Our journey of change continues to make men leaders in the fight to preserve religious freedom, protect our families and restore trust and respect for our Bishops and Priests.

I wish you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ut Prosim,  
*Chris Foley*  
Colorado State Deputy

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## STATE OFFICER MEETINGS

- The State Officers and Coordinators meet on the third Saturday of each month to conduct the business of the State Council. These meetings are open to all interested Knights.
  - Local councils are requested to avoid scheduling events that require State Officer participation on that day.
  - There is no set location for these meetings. Local councils, districts and chapters are encouraged to host one of the meetings to allow Knights in their areas to experience the work of the State Council.
  - On occasion, these meetings are conducted by conference call.
  - Anyone interested in attending or hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Secretary at [co.kofc.exec@gmail.com](mailto:co.kofc.exec@gmail.com)
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVOCATE

Brothers in Christ,

What are by-laws? What do they accomplish? Why do we need them?

A by-law is a rule or law established by an organization or community to regulate itself, as allowed or provided for by some higher authority. The higher authority, generally a legislature or the Supreme Council in our instance, establishes the degree of control that the by-laws may exercise.

Corporate and organizational by-laws regulate only the organization to which they apply and are generally concerned with the operation of the organization, setting out the form, manner or procedure in which an organization should be run.

By-laws cover topics such as the purpose of the organization, who are its members, how directors are elected, how meetings are conducted, and what officers the organization will have and a description of their duties. The wording of the by-laws has to be precise. Otherwise, the meaning may be open to interpretation.

The Supreme Advocate has responsibility for reviewing and approving the by-laws of newly formed local councils and assemblies and amendments to the by-laws of existing local councils and assemblies. In order to streamline the approval process, local councils and assemblies must submit their proposed by-laws or any amendments to their by-laws to the Legal Department by using the "By-laws Online" program, an electronic application that is available on the Supreme Council's website. This program enables local councils and assemblies to create a new set of by-laws, amend existing by-laws, receive automatic approval, and maintain a historic file of by-laws that had previously been approved.

Since the By-laws Online program was established, the Supreme Council is no longer accepting or reviewing council or assembly by-laws that have not been prepared using the online template. If a council or assembly wishes to amend its existing by-laws, it must use the online template to do so.

In order to access By-laws Online, you will need a registered account on Officers Online, which is an online resource that offers a menu of helpful applications. Go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), click on "Sign In" in the upper right hand corner of the home page to access Officers Online. Once you have obtained access to Officers Online, officers who have access to by-laws on line program should click on the By-Laws Online tab. If you do not have a registered account with Officers Online, or if you need assistance obtaining a user name or password, please contact the Supreme Council Customer Service Department at 1-800-380-9995.

We recommend that each council's by-laws are never older than 10-years. If your council's by-laws are older than this, please consider updating them using the above process.

If you have any further questions and/or would like to review this in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus,  
*Marc Solome*  
State Advocate

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## MASTER'S KNIGHTLY NEWS

As we approach our State Mid-Year 2019 meeting at the Antlers in Colorado Springs, I would encourage each of assemblies to make an effort to send a representative or two to attend the 4th degree breakout session. The session will be held in two parts as the first two hours will be conducted at 10:00 AM till noon. We will then break for lunch. There is a luncheon scheduled with the wives if you bring your spouse and it is a good time to fraternize with your Brother Knights. At 1:00 PM, the 4th Degree session will resume and go till 3:00 PM. If you stay around, there is a mass and banquet. Both the luncheon and banquet need to be registered for through the Mid-Year registration found on the state website.

There is some significant information being presented for the 4th degree both obtained from the Provincial meeting held in Albuquerque this past September and guidelines as it pertains to Honor Guards. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

On October 26, a 4th Degree exemplification was held at Our Lady of the Valley church in Windsor hosted by Assembly 3124. A total of 46 candidates were exemplified including 2 more priests. Father Bob Fisher, our District Friar was able to attend and again participated as part of the 4th Degree Team. It is always a special occasion to have our District Friar be a part of the team and help to exemplify new 4th Degree candidates.

Since this degree was held, we have 2 more exemplifications scheduled for 2020. There will be one held on February 22, 2020 in Northglenn hosted by the Bethlehem Assembly 1966 and a second one held on June 13, 2020, in Littleton hosted by Padre Pio Assembly 2813. Every Sir Knight should recognize the date for the exemplification to be held at Northglenn. If it, the 22nd of February, is not familiar, then make sure that you attend another 4th Degree exemplification with a candidate so that he can remind you from the ante-chamber instructions, that on February 22nd, 1900, the very first 4th Degree exemplification was held in New York City in honor of George Washington's birthday. At that exemplification 1000 candidates, 283 choir members and 100 NYC police officers serving as Section guides for a total of 1,382 candidates took their 4th Degree. That makes February 22nd., 2020, the 120th anniversary of the 4th Degree. I am not expecting us to match the number of candidates from that original 4th degree but we can strive to make this a very special day by reaching 120 candidates, one for each year. I have notified Supreme of our intent to hold this degree and requested that Supreme provide a special certificate in honor of this occasion. I have not yet heard back from the Supreme Master but in any case, the plan is to put together a special certificate. You will probably get tired of hearing from me, as District Master and the Marshals about getting out and recruiting new members to bring as many new Sir Knights as possible in recognition of this 120th anniversary hoping to achieve 120 new 4th degree members. Do not wait till January 30th to recruit, do so now and recruit and promote the 4th Degree of our Order.

As another gentle reminder, March or April will be the time for another Biennial meeting. I will need an Assembly to host this event. Remember that the biennial meeting this time will solicit three names for submission to Supreme as there will be a new Master to start as of September 1, 2020. It is also the time to submit any resolutions that an assembly wishes to be heard by Supreme at the annual 4th Degree meeting. Resolutions must go through the resolution process to be submitted to the District Master to be placed on the agenda and then to the Vice Supreme Master for approval to go on to Supreme.

Finally, I would again stress the importance of assemblies to consider hosting an exemplification. Remember that the Master's Advisory team will assist and walk you through the process. Growth is important to foster new ideas and new leaders. Help grow your assemblies and the 4th Degree. Lead by example and develop active assemblies and members.

Vivat Jesus, Vivat Maria  
*Roger G Muller*  
Roger Muller, PSD  
District Master

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### **Upcoming 4th Degree Exemplifications**

Assembly 1966

Saturday February 22, 2020

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Northglenn, CO 80234

Contact: Ken Allscheid 303-901-5508 [kenallscheid@yahoo.com](mailto:kenallscheid@yahoo.com)

Assembly 2813

Saturday June 13, 2020

St Francis Cabrini

Littleton, CO 80128

Contact: Tony Schaffhauser 303-263-8295 [acsha@gmail.com](mailto:acsha@gmail.com)



# A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CEREMONIALS COORDINATOR

## CEREMONIAL CHANGES

Greetings Brother Knights,

On November 24-25, 2019 I attended an event with the Supreme Officers and fellow state Ceremonials Coordinators in Orlando, Florida where there was a historic meeting concerning changes in the degrees. We spent two days in workshops and practical demonstrations of what will be the new "Exemplification". This took place after the State Deputies were introduced to the new Exemplification at their meeting.

The meeting resulted in changes where there will no longer be separate 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees in the Order. The new "Exemplification" will be one ceremony that will include elements of all three of the previous 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees and will be conducted at the council level. The new Exemplification will be rolled out by the Supreme Council in the beginning of 2020. Realizing that it will take some time to get council teams in place, it will be up to the individual states to implement the new Exemplification. The Exemplification will be approximately 1/2 hour in length. The Council will need to establish an Exemplification team, which will probably include elements of the prior 1st degree teams but with an emphasis on individuals that are good readers and presenters. The other new change is that the degree will be open to anyone that wants to observe. That means wives and fellow parishioners. The Exemplification has 5 parts in addition to an opening and closing prayer by the Chaplain and will preferably be conducted in the church. It was suggested that it occur after Mass (with a Corporate Communion) where parishioners can stay and learn about the history and principles of the Order.

The Exemplification will be read from the podium and the men will be Knighted with a Rosary (not Sword). Knights will still be Knighted with a sword at the Patriotic Exemplification. Robes will no longer be utilized, and the teams will have to purchase the ceremonial baldrics (sashes) to wear with a suits or sport jacket. There will be books published in English and Spanish to start with other languages to follow.

Additionally, there will be state demonstration teams to show councils and districts how it should be conducted. The changes are necessary to adapt to changes in society where younger men and their families no longer need or want secrecy in the degrees and have less and less free time to spend away from their families to achieve the higher degrees. It will also allow men to become full members of the Order with the one Exemplification. I believe that once you observe the new Exemplification, you will see that It will also be a great recruiting tool when fellow Parishioners (men and their wives) are able to see what the Knights stand for as they profess their faith and pledge to be a Catholic gentleman dedicated to Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Currently, we have a Major Degree scheduled for January 25th in Brighton and there will probably be a few more before using the current degrees before we move to fully implementing the new Exemplification. We will also assist councils with the state team when necessary. The Supreme Knight feels the changes are essential to the success of the Order going forward. Watch for Supreme Council's roll out of the new Exemplification via emails and messages to the Grand Knights.

Vivat Jesus,  
*Jim Caffrey, PSD*  
Ceremonials Coordinator



## OCTOBER 2019 FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Knights of Columbus State of Colorado Family of the Month for October is Mike and Denise McGinnis.

Mike and Denise lead the Respect Life initiatives at Pax Christi and are devout Catholics who tremendously support the parish and fight for the rights of unborn souls.

They currently are heading up the “Baby Bottle” project where they hand out baby bottles at Mass and ask parishioners to fill a bottle with spare change. The donations go to support Alternatives Pregnancy which encourages women and men to choose life over abortion. They also are in the process of actively seeking registered voters in Colorado to sign a petition to get an initiative on the 2020 ballot in Colorado to end abortions of babies 22 weeks through birth. The Bishops of Colorado support this effort.

Because of their unwavering support and commitment to prolife activities.

Mike and Denise have been named “Pro-Life Volunteers of the Year” for 2019. Bishop Sheridan presented this honor to Mike and Denise at the annual Bishop’s Respect Life Dinner. We are extremely proud and honored to have Mike and Denise McGinnis part of the Pax Christi family!



## OCTOBER 2019 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The October 2019 Knight of the Month is Gregory Spawn, member of Saint Jude council 16052.

Ever since this month's Knight of the Month joined St. Jude he has been an active member. Gregory Spawn has participated in many facets of the Parish & KofC Council 16052. Greg has participated in the solicitation of funding for the Parish renovation. With the intent to become more active in the Knights Greg volunteered to coordinate this year's Tootsie Roll Drive. Not only scheduling the volunteers at the local super markets but working many hours there as well & at the Parish Tootsie Roll Drive. Most recently Greg helped out at the Family Breakfast. We congratulate Brother Gregory Spawn as Knight of the Month for October 2019.

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**Delta Church Drive Training Module  
via GoToMeeting**

Monday's at 7:30pm & 9:00pm Central Time  
Saturday's at 9:00am Central Time

**Meeting Link:**  
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**Meeting Access Code:**  
317-091-949

 **DELTA CHURCH DRIVE**





## St. Michael The Archangel Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" – October 2019 Part I

Our Knights of Columbus held its "Coats for Kids" drive along with Councils throughout the world. This year St. Michael's Knights donated coats for six boys and six girls to four organizations. Pictured here are The Little Flower Assistance Center and Clothes for Kids Denver.

Clothes to Kids Denver provides free school clothing to preschool-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from low-income or in-crisis families in a warm, welcoming store-like setting. When students have the clothing they need to feel comfortable and confident in the classroom, they will be able to focus on their studies and fit in with their peers better.

Lisa advised that they started with 500 children. Last year they provided school outfits for 10,000 and expect to expand in the future. The brand new coats will be a big hit.



Mark Gerlach, Lisa Maloney, and Dennis Johnson at Clothes to Kids Denver



Dennis Johnson, Mary and Richard Flammini, Mark Gerlach, Chester Kiaha, Grand Knight, and Nick Carbone at Little Flower

The Little Flower Assistance Center in Aurora provides food and clothing, family counseling, job search assistance, and money management and budgeting skills to local residents. Although they do receive used clothing, it is mostly for adults. The brand new coats will be a blessing for these low income children.







## St. Michael The Archangel Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" – October 2019 Part II

This year St. Michael's Knights donated coats for a dozen boys and a dozen girls to four different organizations. Pictured here are the deliveries to Denver Rescue Mission and Mount Saint Vincent.

Denver Rescue Mission is changing lives in the name of Christ by meeting people at their physical and spiritual points of need with a goal of returning them to society as productive, self-sufficient citizens.

Shelly, Client Services Coordinator, was excited to get the children's new coats. Most of the clothing they receive is for adults, but they often have families seeking support. Since they do not normally have children's clothing, the new coats will be a blessing for those families.



Mark Gerlach, Shelly Harwood, Client Services Coordinator,  
& Dennis Johnson at Denver Rescue Mission



Nick Carbone, Mark Gerlach, Cindy Liverance, Director of Development,  
& Dennis Johnson at Mount Saint Vincent

Mount Saint Vincent was started by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas, as St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum in 1883. In 1969 it became a foster home and treatment center for children with severe behavioral challenges due to abuse, neglect, or mental illness.

Cindy, Director of Development, stated that they often receive children who have very few possessions. A new coat will be much appreciated.







**SAVE THE DATE!**

# **CELEBRATE LIFE RALLY AND MARCH**

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

**Colorado State Capitol**

**Rally - 1:00 p.m.**

**March - 2:00 p.m.**

**[respectlifedenver.org](http://respectlifedenver.org)**





Photos from the Midyear meeting, December 6-8, 2019.











## COMMUNICATIONS

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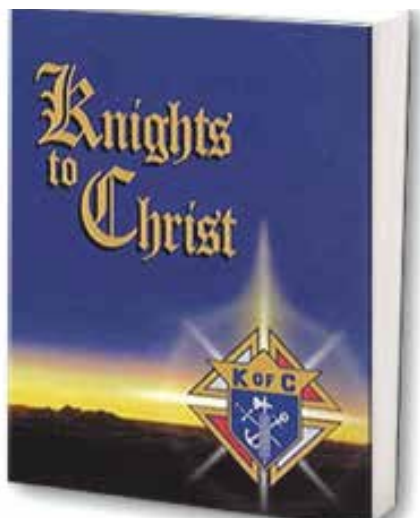
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Vivat Jesus,

*Clark Musser*

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Thank you,  
Kevin Caffrey  
Knights Call Editor



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If you have any questions

Please call

Jim Peterson 303-906-3733



## FORMATION AND KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS (2020)

### COMBINED FORMATION AND KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE

DATE Friday, January 25, 2020  
COUNCIL 3285  
LOCATION Sait Augustine  
ADDRESS 178 S 6th Ave  
CITY/STATE Brighton, CO 80601  
CONTACT Doug Ore  
PHONE 720-371-0293  
E-MAIL [dougore@yahoo.com](mailto:dougore@yahoo.com)

### PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS (2020)

DATE Saturday, February 22, 2020  
ASSEMBLY 1966  
LOCATION Immaculate Heart of Mary  
ADDRESS 11385 Grant Drive  
CITY/STATE Northglenn, CO 80233  
CONTACT Ken Allscheid  
PHONE 303-901-5508  
E-MAIL [KenAllscheid@yahoo.com](mailto:KenAllscheid@yahoo.com)

DATE Saturday, June 13, 2020  
ASSEMBLY 2813  
LOCATION St. Frances Cabrini  
ADDRESS 6673 W Chatfield Ave  
CITY/STATE Littleton, CO 80128  
CONTACT Tony Schaffhauser  
PHONE 303-263-8295  
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None of us know what the future will bring.

Take time to record your personal requests, preferences, information, and documentation to help your family when you're no longer able to.

*Schedule an Appointment Today to Get  
Your Complimentary  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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