

KNIGHT KEITH T  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KNIGHT KEITH T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION INC  
[KNX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/30/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
(check applicable line)

PHOENIX, AZ 85043

(City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount or Price  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/29/2011                           | Â  | G                              | (2)   | 97,088 \$ 15.52  | I  | Trust   |
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| Common Stock                    | 12/27/2011                           | Â  | G                              | (2)   | 11,327 \$ 15.66  | I  | Trust   |

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|              |            |   |   |                |   |          |                  |   |       |
|--------------|------------|---|---|----------------|---|----------|------------------|---|-------|
| Common Stock | 12/28/2011 | Â | G | 32,363         | D | \$ 15.3  | 5,570,049        | I | Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2011 | Â | G | 849            | D | \$ 15.3  | 5,569,200        | I | Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2011 | Â | G | 849            | D | \$ 15.3  | 5,568,351        | I | Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2011 | Â | G | 849            | D | \$ 15.3  | 5,567,502        | I | Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2011 | Â | G | 849            | D | \$ 15.3  | 5,566,653        | I | Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2011 | Â | G | 141,753<br>(3) | D | \$ 15.64 | 5,424,900<br>(3) | I | Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2011 | Â | G | 141,753<br>(3) | D | \$ 15.64 | 5,283,147<br>(3) | I | Trust |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2011 | Â | G | 125,645<br>(4) | D | \$ 15.64 | 5,157,502<br>(4) | I | Trust |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se B O E I F (I    |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| KNIGHT KEITH T<br>5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD<br>PHOENIX, AZ 85043 | Â X           | Â         | Â Executive Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Keith T.  
Knight

02/14/2012

    \*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The amount of securities beneficially owned by Mr. Knight has been adjusted by 3,960 shares pursuant to an amended Form 4 filed immediately prior to this Form 5.
- (2) Gift of shares to an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Knight's child and the reporting person is the trustee.
- (3) Gift of shares to a grantor retained annuity trust for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Knight and their children, but controlled by a third party trustee.
- (4) Gift of shares to an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Knight and their children, but controlled by a third party trustee.

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