State Deputy’s Message

Want some good news? We will have a new council in our state this December. That will bring the total number of councils to 37 with 3460 Knights state wide. Council 17140 will be established at Immaculate Conception parish in Copperon under the guidance of Grand Knight Alex Aerts. Council 17140 will be assigned to District 9 under District Deputy SK Billy Sandoval and Assembly 3758 lead by Faithful Navigator SK Barry Stine. This new council will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Immaculate Conception parish social center.

Congratulations to District Deputy 6 SK Jerry Angus and New Council Development Coordinator SK Andy Airriess for leading the way to establish this council. Looking forward to integrating Council 17140 into the Utah state brotherhood.

Time to beat the new membership drum – again. With five months behind us, the month of November was fairly strong with new members joining our ranks. We’re still 50% behind our goal to bring in new men to help us offset the inevitable losses we experience due to suspensions, withdrawals, transfers and deaths. Fortunately from last month’s report, the recruiting councils increased by four for a total of 17 of our 36 councils. During November these four new recruiting councils and a one from last month increased our ranks by 13 new members.

Congratulations to Councils 9731 Our Lady of Lourdes - Magna (133%), 10304 St Martin De Porres - Taylorsville (100%), 15741 Our Lady of Guadalupe - Salt Lake City (100%), 1136 Father Escalante - Provo (100%), 8350 Saints Peter and Paul - West Valley City (71%), 7961 St James the Worker - West Jordan (50%), 1129 St Mary’s - Park City (38%), 14399 Holy Family - South Ogden (43%), 16127 Deacon Sliger - Hill AFB Base (33%), 12181 St Teresa of Calcutta - Draper (28%), and 13646 St Theresa of the Child Jesus - Midvale (25%). These 11 councils are leading the charge. By the way, Online Membership is also working great. Six new members have signed up using this new method.

Shifting gears, when’s the last time you consulted your 2018-2019 Fraternal Leader Success Planner. It’s a great tool that provides look aheads and reminders for forms or event deadlines, important dates, Supreme office events, membership activities, programming activities, and measurements for success. December’s reminders are 1) Meet with your Pastor to set council program dates on the parish calendar, and 2) Prepare for the District Mid-Year Membership Meeting of council officers to be held within two weeks after the State Mid-Year Meeting.

For your planning purposes, the State Mid-Year Meeting will be held on Saturday, 5 January 2019 at the Cathedral of the Madeline. All Knights are invited. Detailed agendas, locations, and meal reservations can be found on the utahknights.org web site. Hope to see you all in January.

Lastly, want to know what’s going on in the state? One of the best tools we all have at our disposal is the utahknights.org web site. In addition, information from Supreme can be found at KofC.org. It’s all there for your convenience – please use these valuable tools.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy
“TO WHAT DEGREE”
Fourth Degree News and Views

Thank You

I want to thank everyone one of you Sir Knights, Knights, and a special thank you to my partner in charity Kristen Mason on behalf of the US Veterans for donating and participating in Socks for Heroes. This was an idea to bring the Fourth-Degree together in Utah; I cannot tell you how proud I am of all of you pulling to make this happen. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We manage to collect over 8000 pairs of socks; we have distributed 2500 pairs in the SL VA Hospital morning regulars, 1000 at the VA Home in Payson UT, and 2300 that the VA Home in Layton. We still have little over 2200 pairs to distribute in December. Keep them coming and let’s do it again September of 2019...

The Patriot Degree Exemplification Nov. 3, 2018

Thank you, Fourth-Degree team, FN Ed Ortega, and Assembly 3586 for hosting this wonderful event at the Cathedral of the Madeline. Congratulation to the 18 Sir Knights to take the step to FULL KNIGHTHOOD:

Emmanuel Amboy
Alejandro Flórez
Dámaso Igúez-López
Alejandro Meléndez
Omri Odulio
Mario Perez

Arnulfo Castillo
Stephen Gillette
Reynaldo Martínez
Pablo Moreno
José Palestino
Gabriel Ulibarri

Ismael Cervantes
Jesús Gomez
Paul Márquez
Federico Odulio
José Perez
Santana Villanueva

Award of Merit

I would like to congratulate our Worthy District Marshal of the North Daniel A. Castelli for receiving the Award of Merit from the Fourth-Degree for all his hard work, leadership, and impact on Sir Knights. He was a huge part on me as a red cape and motivated many like me. Keep up the great work and keep on doing Gods work. God bless you.

Fourth-Degree December Programs

• Virgin of Guadalupe Celebration: December 11, 2018, @ 6:00 pm Cathedral of the Madeleine. We need all available Color Corps members to attend this beautiful celebration of Hispanic Heritage. Please contact DM Stacey Yeager for more info 385-245-5103

• Hill AB Confirmation: December 22, 2018, @ 5:00 pm Hill Air Force Base. If you wish to attend this confirmation you must be in Classic Regalia and RSVP with DM Stacey Yeager for more info 385-245-5103 to get on the base guest list.

• Hill AB Special Mass: December 23, 2018, @ 8:00 am Hill Air Force Base. If you wish to attend this Special Mass you must be in Classic Regalia and RSVP with DM Stacey Yeager for more info 385-245-5103 to get on the base guest list.

• Christmas Eve Masses and Honor Guards: Please participate in your Parishes Honor Guards for this special celebration all around the state. Merry Christmas to all and God Bless America...

Quotes

“Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever. Jesus is God’s perfect, indescribable gift. The amazing thing is that not only are we able to receive this gift, but we are able to share it with others on Christmas and every other day of the year.”

Yours in Christ,

Francisco "Frank" Carmona

Master of the Fourth Degree
State Secretary’s Corner

Giving Back.

Administrative notes, the state of Utah has a new council! Congrats to our newest council Immaculate Conception Council 17140 out in Copperton. No changes have been made since last month and we still have 4 councils not submitting their Chosen Officers report (Form 185) and 13 councils not submitting their Program Personnel report (Form 365); and 3 councils are currently suspended. If you are in question as to if you are one of these councils, please contact your District Deputy or myself and we can help you. Year to Date we have recruited 55 new members as a state, as we are reaching the half way point of the year we are only at 23.91% of our goal. So we are a little behind but If we all work together I’m confident we can achieve our goal. Again, if you need help with anything, I and all of the state officers are here to assist you; please reach out.

This is the time of year where we are all so busy with the holidays and family... but this is also the time of year that we as Knights of Columbus shine! There are so many things to be involved with and I highly encourage you to take time to get involved, even if you feel you are too busy already. You will get so much more out of your efforts than you put in and it is so rewarding. Whether that be a Coats for Kids distribution, a holiday blood drive, or a council Christmas party. I’m looking forward to visiting as many events as I can and to sharing this season with you.

Last month I shared one of the reasons I joined the Knights, here is another of my many reasons. To give back. And as I previously stated this is one of the seasons that allows me the opportunity to do that. Thank you for allowing me to be a Knight, to serve you, and giving me the opportunity to give back during times like these. I encourage you to give back and to offer that opportunity to others to join the Knights so they can give back too.

Last comment, giving back and offering that opportunity to give back isn’t just for the men. Invite the families, the spouses and children to take part too. Whether someone is a Knight or not, a male or not, they are looking for this opportunity as well and we can be that for all. Merry Christmas from my family to yours and let’s finish 2018 strong with our charity and membership growth.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
State Secretary

Upcoming Degrees

Admission Degrees
12/14 — Hill Air Force Base, Chapel Annex. 6:00pm—7:00pm, candidates arrive at 5:30pm

Formation & Knighthood Degrees
01/12 — English/Spanish, Saint Francis of Assisi, Orem. 9am-12pm, candidates arrive by 8:30am.
01/19 — FORMATION ONLY Holy Family, Ogden. 1pm-4pm, candidates arrive 12:30

Patriotic Degrees
01/26 — BILINGUAL Information will be posted on utahknights.org

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Why is this important?

According to the State Department's annual reports on international religious freedom, the number of Christians living in Iraq has drastically declined from an estimated 1.4 million in 2002 to fewer than 250,000 in 2017.

Meanwhile, Christian communities in Syria are "considerably" smaller as a result of the ongoing civil war that began in 2011.

How have the Knights been involved with the U.S. government?

The Knights of Columbus, a proponent of the legislation, have advocated for the protection of Christians and religious minorities in the Middle East for several years. In December 2015, Supreme Knight Anderson testified before Congress, urging the House Foreign Affairs Committee to "adopt a resolution recognizing that the Christian communities of Iraq and Syria, as well as other vulnerable communities facing genocide," emphasizing these attacks preceded the rise of ISIS.

The Knights then provided a comprehensive report to the Obama Administration in early 2016 that recommended the State Department declare the persecution of Christians and religious minorities as a genocide. The recommendation was taken when then-Secretary of State John Kerry publicly issued a declaration in March 2016 stating ISIS's "entire worldview is based on eliminating those who do not subscribe to its perverse ideology."

Since then, Supreme Knight Anderson has met with members of the Trump Administration, including Vice President Mike Pence, encouraging the protection of vulnerable religious communities as an official foreign policy initiative. Vice President Pence pledged the government's direct aid, thanking the Knights for their "extraordinary work caring for the persecuted around the world."

Back in October 2018, the Knights commenced a joint effort with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in assisting religious minorities in the rebuilding and stabilization of their communities.
Since 2014, the Knights have allocated nearly $20 million to aid Christians and religious minorities in Iraq and Syria to provide food, shelter and clothing.

Last year, the Knights committed raising $2 million to rebuild the liberated Iraqi town of Karamles after it was demolished by ISIS soldiers.

The Knights also worked in conjunction with the Trump Administration to de-escalate tensions between Kurdistan and Iraqi governments that threatened a recently rebuilt Christian town.

What happens next?

The Knights will continue to support the efforts of providing humanitarian assistance to Christians at risk of persecution throughout the world. No Christian community is an island, isolated in itself. Every Christian is a member of the Body of Christ and therefore must never be forgotten.

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Hotel Information

Hampton Inn - Downtown Salt Lake City
425 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
P: 801-741-1110
F: 801-741-1171
www.saltlakecitydowntown.hamptoninn.com

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Hotel: Hampton Inn Salt Lake City-Downtown
Group Name: Knights of Columbus
Arrival Date: 04-Jan-2019
Departure Date: 06-Jan-2019

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

Please share this link with anyone who needs to book Knights of Columbus rates. We look forward to welcoming you to our hotel!

PS: You can change your Travel Dates Arrival and Departure by clicking on "Use flexible dates" and editing either of those dates.

What else have the Knights been doing in the Middle East?

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Fr. Patrick Elliott  Our faithful Brother, Father and Sir Knight Patrick Elliott passed away after coming off life support due to a brain injury. Last week, he was walking his dog and apparently slipped and hit his head on the curb and passed out. He was taken to the hospital where the Doctors put him in a medically induced coma because of the trauma to his brain. With very little brain function this week, the family decided to take him off life support yesterday morning. Father Elliot passed away last night at 7:35 PM. Please keep him in your prayers.

As funeral details become available, you will be notified.

Lou Bertram (#11479) A Knight for decades, many of you might have known Lou because of the TIPS training he did throughout the state. Lou was Past Grand Knight of Salt Lake Council 602. Sadly, Lou passed away earlier this week.

A retired veteran, FBI agent, and first responder, Lou was a strong supporter in his time and talents for our beloved Carmelite Sisters. A vigil will be held this Monday, December 3rd at St Vincent parish beginning at 6 PM. A funeral Mass will be held at St Vincent on Tuesday, December 4th beginning at 11 AM.

Richard Vigor (#6966), who is still recovering from cancer treatment.

Chuck Hodell, who is recovering from a serious auto accident.

A Knight who used to live in Utah. He is going through a family situation now that can only be described as horrific. The worst thing you can imagine, then worse. He asks for privacy and for prayers, and you would too in his situation.

For Men and Women in Uniform
We pray for the protection of our family members and friends serving in the Armed Forces and as first responders.

Please include these members and their families in the Good of the Order portion of your monthly council meetings.

If you are aware of a Brother Knight that should be included in this list, please forward his information to the editor: trever.hinckley@outlook.com

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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State Programs Update

December 2018 State Program Report

Program Spotlight - Coats for Kids:
• Dec. 1st Distribution 437 W. 200 S. SLC 10:45 am - 12:30 pm Setup at 10:30 am. Your help is appreciated.
• Start preparing your Councils for the Free-throw Competition. More info. to come.
• The Science Fair is just around the corner. We need judges and please send your participants. I will include more information in the next newsletter.
• Utah currently has two families in need of help for life in general, but also the Holidays. Please contact Ryan at 801-835-0450 if your Councils can help these two families in any way.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas Everyone

Ryan Graveley
State Warden
Program Director

See all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state. http://utahknights.org/
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 17 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.

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Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America? The Knights of Columbus has surpassed $110 billion of insurance in force, and is a member of the Fortune 1000.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest possible ratings for its ethical business practices and sound investment strategies?

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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 39 consecutive years. There is simply no more highly rated insurance company in North America than your Knights of Columbus. And, for the last 5 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been named a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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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.”

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. I am available to provide a complementary, comprehensive analysis to assess your situation.

Did you know that 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.

There might be quite a bit that you don’t know about Knights of Columbus Insurance and about the fraternal and financial benefits of your membership. Join the hundreds of thousands of your brother knights who use our shield as their protection.

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