



State Update

State Deputy's Message

For those of you who missed the State Mid-Year Meeting held on Saturday, 5 January 2019 at the Cathedral of the Madeline, a very informative and enjoyable day was had by all attendees. Although many topics were covered, the main focus was on membership and programs. Should be no surprise – that’s what we do as Knights to remain viable and continue to grow. Membership topics covered recruitment initiatives and incentives, online membership, Star Council requirements and individual council status tracking, retention processes, and how to conduct a successful church drive. Programs focused on Faith in Action updates, and specific success stories conducted by councils and individuals were presented. It was a busy and productive day.

Additionally, I reported on the State Deputy Mid-Year Meeting Workshops attended in Houston, TX back in early November. Several key topics are 1) Supreme is moving toward a paperless system and phasing out paper Form 100s in time, 2) moving toward on-line process as the preferred path to membership, 3) Ceremonials – discussion of combining 1st/2nd/3rd Degrees with family members present, 4) councils should have strong working relationships with their pastors and leverage pastors/chaplains in recruiting efforts, 5) regarding Hispanic Growth and Development - engaging with the Hispanic community is not an option, 6) benefits of attending Supreme Webinars - direct correlation between jurisdictions that attend Webinars and those that do well in recruitment and retention, and 7) who are we? – new branding campaign coming soon.

Lastly, all the briefings and handouts from the Mid-Year Meeting can be found at UtahKnights.org, Forms, Files and Links, scroll down to File Archives and pull information from 2019 January Mid-Year Meeting links (thank you Sir Knight Karl VanMaren). A big shout out to Council 602 for hosting the meetings, preparing breakfast and lunch, and providing a cash bar at the dinner after Mass. Also, Chef and Brother Tom Catrow provided delicious dinners for both the Friday night District Deputy and after Mass events.

Time for the monthly membership status update. With seven months behind us, the month of January gained another 12 new members another 5 alone coming from Council 7961. Congratulations again (second month in a row) to GK Andy Airriess! Council 7961 St James the Worker - West Jordan (325% of goal). Overall, we’ve recruited 71 new members this year and are now at 35% of 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 reporting, the 19 total recruiting councils have increased by one. As we continue to grow, our total statewide membership surpassed the 3450 mark.

Let’s take a quick refresher course on SMART Goals to help us guide and measure success. SMART is an acronym for - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely or time sensitive. Effective council officers set goals, evaluate their performance, and plan for the future. Bottom line – SMART Goals provide SMART Planning and incorporating this methodology into any phase of your council planning process will reap rewards. Supreme offered a very informative webinar called the Council Officer Training course where Council SMART Committee Operations were discussed in detail. The link to the transcript of this presentation can be downloaded from the Supreme web site (www.kofc.org) at http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/councilofficer_course_transcript.pdf. I highly encourage you to take the time to review this presentation and many other past presentations to help you with successful recruiting and retention methods.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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Special points of interest

2019 State Convention of the Knights of Columbus Utah State Council will be held on May 3-5 in Park City.



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"TO WHAT DEGREE"

Fourth Degree News and Views

Congratulations

I would like to take this time to thank Assembly 1146 for hosting an Exemplification and congratulate all the NEW Sir Knights that took their final step into Knighthood. That was the easy part, now it is time to serve your country as true patriots. Please meet with your Faithful Navigators and your Assembly Officers and find out how you can help.

The Patriot Degree Exemplification March 23, 2019, @ Saint Thomas Moore Parish

Do you have a dark suit, dark sports coat, dark slacks, a dress shirt, tie, socks, and black shoes? Then you can join the Patriot (4th) Degree of the order. We have invited Arch-Bishop John Webster, Bishop Oscar Solis, and Vice Supreme Master Michael Kingman to this 4th Degree Exemplification to honor our District Friar John Evens at the Banquet Dinner. Candidates have 1st rights or refusal for the banquet; so fill out your form 4, give them to your GK along with \$70 or contact Faithful Comptroller Bill Kelly @ kellywbill@msn.com or call him 435-830-4163 for more info. The \$35 Banquet is open to everyone and must RSVP with Ray Bachiller for the dinner only @ bachiller1@aol.com or call 801-430-8762. These are feeling up fast.

Worthy Brothers the Patriot Degree is scheduled to go away by 2029 if we do not recruit new members in these next upcoming years. Please do your part and recruit a new Sir Knight today.



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

Father Dominguez Assy. #1144

Serving Councils: 5214, 7961, 8350, 10304

Father Escalante Assy. #1146

Serving Councils: 1136, 8606, 9561

Monsignor Cushnahan Assy. #1429

Serving Councils: 777, 5347, 6010, 9849, 12959, 14399

Carbon Assy. # 1570

Serving Councils: 2611, 5663, 6147, 7401

Bishop Scanlan Assy. #2393

Serving Council: 10733

Reverend Thomas J. Meersman Assy. #2577

Serving Councils: 6966, 11479, 12181, 13297, 13646, 14239

Padre Pio Assy. #2636

Serving Councils: 1129, 14764, 15418

St. John Paul the II Assy. #3501

Serving Councils: 11246

Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Pollock Assy. # 3586

Serving Councils: 602, 5502, 12264, 15741, 16006

Msgr John J. Sullivan Assy. # 3758

Serving Councils: 6739, 9731, 11812, 17140

Fourth-Degree 3rd Quarter Program

American Patriot Service Corp needs your help to locate the Veterans and their families that are struggling with the red tape to obtain their Veterans benefits. APSCNP.org has helped Veterans collect on millions of dollars changing their lives forever. Brother Knights this is what we do help our Veterans in need, what a better way than to set them up and change their lives just by referring them to APSCNP.org. I know if I was a struggling Veteran I would love a Knight of Columbus to refer me to this program. So let's so what we do best Knights lets help our Vets and those widows in need.

New Uniform Information

Change is hard I get it Sir Knights, but not all change is bad. If we focus on the negatives of change we will never see the positive outcome that change can bring. I joined the KofC to help humanity and to make a difference, not to wear the regalia. The regalia does not define me, my actions do. "This new uniform is just that, a uniform." - District Marshal Richard Vigor stated. Please, I ask of you to participate in our honor guards, when we don't we only hurt those around us, those who count on us, and all those kids who love our shiny swords.

Order your new 4th-Degree Uniform before the deadline of July 1st, 2019 and begin participating with the Honor Guards with it today: <https://www.kofcuniform.com/CustomPage/OrderNow>

Quotes

If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living.

Gail Sheehy

Yours in Christ,

Francisco "Frank" Carmona

Master of the Fourth Degree

State Secretary's Corner

If you don't ask.....

Administrative notes, 3 councils have not submitted their Chosen Officers (Form 185) report, and 11 councils have not submitted their Program Personnel (Form 365) report. After the Midyear meeting we had a couple get their Form 365 submitted, thank you. Do you know your council's status on membership, insurance, what forms the council does or doesn't have in? At the Midyear meeting we shared a new tool with you so you can see all of this information in one place. Simply go to our state website (www.utahknights.org) and then put your mouse over the "Recruiting" menu at the top and a drop down of submenus will appear. Click on "New Council/District Tracker." Here is the direct link to the tracker you can click on: [New Council/District Tracker](#)

We have recruited 81 new members this year, that is 35.22% of our annual goal. We are 32 behind where we were last year, and 53 behind where we need to be to reach our goal. Online Membership continues to do well and assist our efforts, YTD we have brought in 19 and 10 of those have transferred to local councils. The prospecting "landing page" discussed at the Midyear meeting can be a great tool for you, feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or need assistance getting this set up.

A few weeks ago, at Mass we had the gospel telling the story of the wedding at Cana. We all know the story how Mary goes to Jesus and asks for help because they ran out of wine and how Jesus basically says no to his Mother but ends up helping anyway and the miracle of turning water into wine happens. I love the relationship this shows between Jesus and Mary and to me basically shows how Mary can ask for things on our behalf. Pray your rosary and pray it often.

The other thing that stuck with me this time listening to the gospel, was you just need to ask. What's the worst thing that could happen when you ask someone to join the Knights? They say no, well that is the same result if you hadn't asked. So, what does it hurt to ask? But what if they say yes, you have one more brother to do the good work we do as Knights. What if like Jesus, who basically said no to Mary at first to help at the wedding, the person you ask says no but you asking gets them thinking and they join when the time is right for them or you ask and they start helping with the events and charity your council does even if they say no.

If you don't ask the answer will always be no. But if you do ask, even if the answer at the time is no, you will be better off. Keep up all the great things you do and be sure to ask others to join you.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Secretary

Upcoming Degrees

Admission Degrees

There are NO admission degrees on the State Calendar for the month of February!

Formation & Knighthood Degrees

2/21 —St. Thomas More, Sandy. 7pm—10PM, candidates arrive by 6:30PM

Patriotic Degrees

3/23 —St. Thomas More, Sandy. 12:15pm—9pm Information will be posted on utahknights.org

From Supreme: Americans Support Substantial Abortion Restrictions

1/15/2019

ABOUT 2 IN 3 WANT ROE REINTERPRETED TO ALLOW RESTRICTION BY STATES OR BAN THE PROCEDURE

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The eleventh annual Marist Poll Survey on American attitudes toward abortion finds that overwhelming majorities support substantial restrictions on abortion, and would like to see *Roe v. Wade* reinterpreted to allow restrictions.

Three in four Americans (75 percent) say abortion should be limited to – at most – the first three months of pregnancy. This includes most of those who identify as Republicans (92 percent), independents (78 percent) and Democrats (60 percent). It also includes more than six in 10 (61 percent) who identify as pro-choice.

Almost two-thirds of Americans (65 percent) also say that if the Supreme Court revisits *Roe v. Wade* then the Court should rule either to allow restrictions as decided by each state (49 percent), or to outlaw abortion (16 percent). Fewer than a third of Americans (30 percent) would want the Court to rule to allow unrestricted abortion.

In addition, the survey found that three-quarters (75 percent) of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion abroad, fewer than two in 10 (19 percent) support such funding. Opposition to this funding includes most Republicans (94 percent) and independents (80 percent) and a majority of Democrats (56 percent).

By a double-digit margin, a majority of all Americans oppose any taxpayer funding of abortion (54 percent to 39 percent). By 20 points (55 percent to 35 percent) Americans also believe medical professionals with moral objections should be allowed to opt out of performing abortions.

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For the Good of the Order

Richard Vigor (#6966), Our District Marshal, Richard Vigor's mother has turned for the worst, she is in Price UT very ill and the Vigor Family needs our bedtime prayers. Please keep the family in the prayers tonight and this weekend. .

Ed Goffaux (#14239), who is currently in hospice. Ed joined the KofC in 1985 is an Honorary Life Member in the council and a member of Assembly 2577. It wasn't that many years ago he was very active in his council and assembly. An Honor Guard will be requested for his funeral.

Chris Barrera Family (#14239), Chris's mother is currently in hospice in Texas.

Chris Venhaus (#13297) who has just been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Chris is a wonderful and very humble and spiritual person. Please keep him in your prayers. Please put him in the prayers of your meetings too.

Gene Mohr (#16127) who suffered a fall and broken femur while visiting his daughter in Texas. Gene underwent numerous surgeries to repair the damage

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

Membership Memo

We are just over half way of our Fraternal Year and we are at 60% of our recruiting goal. I am pleased to see more degrees being added to the calendar so I am hoping this will translate to more Knights.

I enjoyed our mid-year meeting and am encouraged by the feedback I received to keep the councils on track and not wait until the end of the year to see where you stand. With our busy scheduled some things can be easily overlooked like submitting forms on time and it can be hard to stay on top of your safe environment requirements. I hope our data helped you to be able to find this information easily and will help keep your councils on track.

Our recruiting incentive award winners for the 2nd quarter are

1st Place Andy Airriess
2nd Place Steven Thatcher
3rd Place Greg Costello

Congratulations to the winners. Keep up the good work.

There are very few admission degrees scheduled in the next 90 days. Please make an effort to get them scheduled, on the calendar and administered. Any help you need please don't hesitate to ask. The State team is available to help everyone be successful.

Vivat Jesus,

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More than six in 10 Americans (62 percent) oppose abortions in cases of Down Syndrome, and nearly six in 10 (59 percent) would ban abortion after 20 weeks, except to save the life of the mother.

The survey also found that by more than 20 points, a majority of Americans believe that "scientifically" a fetus is "a unique life" (56 percent), while only about a third (35 percent) believe it is "part of a woman's body." A plurality of Americans say that life begins at conception (42 percent), while only about one in 10 say life begins at birth (13 percent). And by a margin of more than eight to one, most Americans also believe that laws can protect both the mother and her unborn child (83 percent to 10 percent).

The strong support for restricting abortion came despite the fact that a majority of Americans identify as pro-choice (55 percent).

The survey of 1,066 adults was conducted January 8 through January 10, 2019 by The Marist Poll, sponsored and funded in partnership with The Knights of Columbus.

"As in past years, this poll shows that the pro-choice label on the abortion issue is simply insufficient," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "The majority of Americans – in both parties – support legal restrictions on abortion. Two-thirds of Americans want Roe revisited to allow for state regulation of abortion or to ban it altogether. The majority of the American people deserve to have their opinions heard."

Methodology:

Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Mobile and landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from Survey Sampling International. Results are statistically significant within ±3.7 percentage points.

Council % of Membership Goal as of 02/05/2019

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
7961	Andy Airriess	350%	777	Gerald "Jerry" Bedel	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	200%	2611	John Flores	0%
9731	Gabino Chacon	150%	5347	George Fuller	0%
10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	100%	5502	Wayne Welninski	0%
15741	Jose Palestino	100%	6010	Dennis Martinez	0%
1136	Al Christianson	80%	6147	Tim Peczuh	0%
8350	Jose Munoz	71%	7401		0%
16127	Alan Gibson	50%	8606	John Mau	0%
14399	Wilber Meier	43%	9561	Michael E Hacking	0%
12181	Steven Thatcher	39%	10733	Thomas Kelly	0%
1129	Charles Hodell	38%	11246	Pat Mc Donald	0%
9849	Wayne Bauer	33%	11812		0%
6739	Barry Stine	25%	12264	Stephen Gillette	0%
13646		25%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
6966	Michael Carmody	22%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
5214	Phil Garcia	18%	14764	David Mohr	0%
13297	Timothy Soran	14%	15418	Dick Hall	0%
11479	Larry Page	8%	16006		0%
602	Tim Doubt	0%			

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 02/05/2019

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
6	Jerry Angus	148%	2	Ray Salazar	10%
9	Billy Sandoval	95%	1	Dan Castelli	0%
3	Dan Reading	34%	4	Frank Carmona	0%
7	Art Grant	29%	5	Cole Stapley	0%
10	Peter Abercrombie	27%	8	Harry Polland	0%
11	Frank Lesar	23%			

State Programs Update

February 2019 State Program Report

- State Free Throw Championship: March 24th at Blessed Sacrament School in Sandy. Check-in is at 12:30 p.m.
- The 2019 Utah Knights of Columbus Science Fair is February 9th at Juan Diego Catholic High School. Orientation for the judges begins at 8 a.m. as well as check-in and display set up.
- Brother Knights we are in need of Science Fair Judges. Please contact Science Fair Chairman, Al Martinez, at 801-706-3615 if you are interested in being a judge at the Science Fair.
- Plan to join your Brother Knights at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade 3/16/19. We will meet at 500 East and 200 South at 9 a.m.

What is your Council doing for the Order wide Outreach Week in honor of the Venerable Father McGivney? I would like to share your ideas/programs with the rest of the State. If you need help kick starting an idea or program please ask.

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Insurance Assurance—Let Me Think About It

Many times people will delay the purchase of needed life insurance because they assume there is no rush. A recent study of claims paid on Knights of Columbus life policies reveals that in 2011 there were a number of claims paid on plans that were in force less than 12 months*. The leading causes of death were cancer, heart disease and accidents. The claims paid were from 15 states and four provinces of Canada.

Policies in Force Less Than Twelve Months

Time in Force

Month	Days	Occupation	Age	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
0	0	Student	16	Accidental	\$ 15,000.00
1	7	Youth Minister	65	Cancer	\$ 25,000.00
1	22	Student	10	Accidental	\$ 10,000.00
1	24	Chef	31	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 50,000.00
2	3	Ranch Laborer	54	Motor Vehicle Accident	\$ 11,633.05
2	4	Retired	73	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 16,253.55
2	17	Parish Manager	45	Accidental	\$ 15,000.00
2	26	Retired	73	Digestive System Disease	\$ 10,000.00
2	30	Nurse	45	Blood Diseases	\$ 157,000.00
3	7	Disabled	25	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 25,000.00
3	28	Retired	68	Cerebrovascular Disease	\$ 5,000.00
4	10	Security Agent	61	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 15,000.00
4	11	Supervisor	75	Respiratory System Disease	\$ 54,333.88
5	4	Truck Driver	65	Cancer	\$ 100,000.00
5	9	Insurance Agent	66	Cancer	\$ 12,000.00
5	24	Business Owner	66	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 10,000.00
6	5	Vendor Manager	59	Respiratory System Disease	\$ 100,803.61
6	5	Manager	48	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 30,000.00
6	13	Juvenile	0	Digestive System Disease	\$ 10,000.00
6	14	Truck Driver	65	Cancer	\$ 105,000.00
6	15	Retired	67	Cancer	\$ 22,000.00
7	0	bank Director	68	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 24,516.49
7	12	School Teacher	52	Disease of the Nervous System	\$ 29,783.19
7	13	Project Manager	60	Respiratory System Disease	\$ 25,000.00
7	16	Manager	51	Digestive System Disease	\$ 100,000.00
7	19	Retired	70	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 85,543.20
7	23	Farmer	66	Cancer	\$ 10,000.00
7	25	Retired	68	Cancer	\$ 5,000.00
8	4	Machinist	57	Cancer	\$ 12,239.89
8	9	School Nurse	73	Cancer	\$ 20,000.00
9	7	IT	44	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 100,000.00
9	12	Unknown	31	Accidental	\$ 5,000.00
9	14	Retail Manager	45	Accidental	\$ 7,500.00
9	16	Machinist	60	Cancer	\$ 12,000.00
9	17	Retired	59	Blood Diseases	\$ 25,000.00
10	17	Medical Records Clerk	39	Cancer	\$ 25,000.00
11	16	Barber	72	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 7,103.89
11	18	Game Warden	33	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 125,000.00

* Death proceeds payable from the Order's Fraternal Benefits are excluded

New Council Assignments

In January, Gene Trombetti requested an updated roster of all councils and their membership counts for the purpose of reassigning our three Insurance Agents. The process took a few weeks but has now been completed. The Council Assignments to the left have been updated.

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