State Deputy’s Message

This year’s 137th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention was held in Minneapolis, MN from 6-8 August. Our delegates were Andy Airriess - Immediate Past State Deputy, Nick Nielson - State Secretary, and yours truly. Fr Erik Richtsteig - State Chaplain and four Knights from St Francis of Xavier were also in attendance; VJ Simonelli, George Jockisch, Steve Gerisch and CSE Cook. Giselle Airriess and Kathy Keller also participated. There were many highlights during convention including the Tuesday morning Opening Mass celebrated by ~ 75 Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops, followed by ~ 100 Priests and ~ 10 Deacons.

During the various meetings and events of the week, the following statistics and reports were provided:

• 2018 saw outstanding results of KofC giving with $185.7 million in donations and 76.7 million volunteer hours. In the community, KofC provided $14.8M for Physical and Intellectual Disabilities, $9.6M for Food Drives, $4.9M to Special Olympics, $5M for Disaster Relief, $3M to Coats for Kids, and $1.6M for the Global Wheelchair Mission.

• STEM School Hero, Kendrick Castillo, was named Honorary Knight of Columbus. Kendrick, the 18-year-old hero, who charged a shooter at his suburban Denver high school in May to save the lives of his classmates, was posthumously named a Knight of Columbus. Kendrick’s parents were also presented the Caritas Medal, the second-highest honor of the Knights of Columbus.

• Support and Thanks from the Vatican: Supporting Priests; Helping Persecuted Christians. Supreme Knight Anderson received a letter from Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state, in anticipation of the Supreme Convention that stated that the “Order’s historic concern for the vulnerable and its unfailing support for the life and ministry of priests are more than ever needed to foster the sources of spiritual renewal that will lead, by God’s grace, to healing of wounds and to the strengthening of the priesthood in holiness and apostolic zeal.”

• The letter also commended the Knights for its work on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East, noting the appreciation of Pope Francis: “His heart is filled with gratitude for the generosity with which the Knights of Columbus have responded to his repeated appeals for prayers and charitable assistance to these, our brothers and sisters in the faith.”

• A Focus on Native American Catholics. This effort was kicked off with a groundbreaking for a new shrine to honor St. Kateri Tekak with a Mass on Sunday, Aug. 11. The Knights are contributing to this effort that is being sponsored by the Diocese of Gallup, N.M., and the Southwest Indian Foundation.

• Supporting Migrants Along Southern Border. Supreme Knight Anderson also announced at least $250,000 of support for migrants along the southern U.S. border. This is an escalation of ongoing work by local Knights councils in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona who are bringing supplies and other types of support to migrants at the border.

• Call for Unity Among Catholics. During the States Dinner, Supreme Knight Anderson called for a change to the tenor of discourse in the public arena, particularly among Catholics, by “embracing a greater civility.”

September Highlight. Just to let you all know, the newest ultrasound machine has been delivered to the Pregnancy Care Center in Brigham City. GK George Fuller’s wife, Terry, has already completed a week of training and everything is in place to commence operations. This was a stellar effort by our Knights. The initial goal of raising sufficient donations to match Supremes other half of the cost was 1 July. The donations and date were exceeded in early June, and all the paperwork was completed in late June. The blessing ceremony is being scheduled to take place between 17-19 September. Way to go Utah Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

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

The Beginning of a New Era

As we say Thank You to the Classic Regalia for its 56 years of service we now enter a NEW ERA. It is understood that we will have members opposing the change and in time this too shall pass. We must continue to move forward and respectfully educate our membership that the new uniform is the only uniform to be worn in the Honor Guards. Please be respectful to the changes and remember that what you wear does not make you a Knight, it is what we do as a Fraternity that makes us Knights.

Several membership recruitment tools and incentive awards programs are offered to help Fourth Degree members recruit new Sir Knights. Several assemblies are developing financial assistance programs to assist their color corps members purchase a uniform. The District Master and District Marshals will be discussing this with their Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers.

Please make note that any member showing up at an event without the proper uniform shall be denied participation. Any Color Corp Commander, Faithful Navigator, or District Marshal that cannot respect the by-laws of the new uniform shall be asked to step down from his leadership position. Furthermore the Classic Regalia cannot be requested by a Priest, Bishop, or Family at any time. You may participate in an Unofficial Call Out with your tuxedo, social baldric, and white gloves, but not carry the sword or liberty. Please contact your local District Marshal for more detailed information. We do not want to disrespect any brother, so please do not show up wearing the Classic Regalia at any event.

Our 2019-2020 fraternal year begins July 1, 2019. Now is the time to reinforce the many patriotic programs found within the Fourth Degree Program Manual #1953 3-14. It can be ordered on kofc.org or downloaded @ https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/1953_Program_Manual_3-14.pdf and should be in the hands of every Vice Supreme Master, District Master, and Faithful Navigators. Each should be promoting the programs that work best for their community. Order your New Uniform today https://www.kofcuniform.com/CustomPage/OrderNow

The Patriot Degree Exemplifications

In 2019-2020 The Utah District will be hosting three (3) Exemplifications one in the Southern Utah, SLC area, and in the Northern Utah. The first one coming up is this fall on Sunday October 13th, 2019 in Cedar City. Please contact District Marshal Bill Lund for more info 435-590-1338. Those other Exemplifications are pending date and location.

Kid in Crises Stuffed Animal Drive

We cannot thank you enough for what my brothers do. I love that being a Knight and this is one great reason why. We have collected over 3000 stuffed animals for our first responders, and we will be distributing them soon. Thank you for your participation and generosity.

Quotes:

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

- John F. Kennedy

Yours in Christ,

Francisco “Frank” Carmona
Master of the Fourth Degree
State Secretary's Corner

Death Knell

Used up until the 19th century, a death knell is the ringing of a church bell immediately after a death to announce it. Historically it was the second of three bells rung around death, the first being the passing bell to warn of impending death, and the last was the lych bell or corpse bell, which survives today as the funeral toll.

I saw this the other day and laughed and adapted it because I thought it applied to us and our councils. My adapted title is "How To Kill A Council."

1. Don’t go to a Council meeting.
2. If you do, go late.
3. If it’s bad weather, don’t think of going.
4. Whenever you do attend a meeting find fault with the officers.
5. Never accept an office. It is much easier to sit back and criticize.
6. If you are appointed on a committee, don’t go to the meeting; if you are not appointed, get peeved about it.
7. When your opinion is asked in a meeting, reply that you have nothing to say, but after the meeting tell everyone just how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary; but when others do the lions share, tell everyone that the Council is run by a clique.
9. Don’t hurry about paying your dues. Wait till you receive two or three notices.
10. Don’t bother about getting new members. Let those who do the other work do that too.

(If enough members do any of the above things it will spell the death knell of the Council)

I share this with you as a joke, but too often our members or we ourselves do these same things. Don’t let the death knell or even the passing bell sound. Let’s do all that we can to ensure we are living up to Fr McGivney’s dream.

I’m working very hard to get all the data collected for the state directory and to get the Per Capita invoices out, which will be coming soon. Thank you to the councils that submitted Chosen Officer reports (Form 185) to me and thank you to the councils that completed their Program Personnel report (Form 365) by the deadline of August 1st. This is a crucial form for your council to be in good standing and compliant with Safe Environment.

Here are the 15 councils that still need to submit this:

602, 777, 1136, 2611, 5347, 6739, 7401, 8350, 8606, 11812, 12264, 12959, 13646, 15741, 16006

Check and see your council status at any time by visiting the state website (www.utahknights.org) and under the recruiting menu look at the council/district tracker.

As always, if I can be of assistance in anyway please let me or any of our State Officers know and we will do all that we can to help you.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Nielson
State Secretary

From Supreme: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE $250,000 IN AID TO BAHAMAS

The Knights of Columbus announced it will donate at least $250,000 in assistance to the Bahamas in the wake of Hurricane Dorian.

K of C members have already begun to help the islands’ more than 70,000 residents who are coping with the massive destruction caused by the natural disaster.

Members of the Knights of Columbus are also preparing to help in Georgia and the Carolinas, which are expected to be affected by Dorian.

In the Bahamas, Knights are helping to coordinate relief efforts — along with the Archdiocese of Nassau, Catholic Charities, Crossroads Alliance, Aerobridge and Angel Flight — to fly and ship supplies into the various islands of the Bahamas.

"The funds we announce today compliment the work that our members are carrying out on the ground," said K of C Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "When disaster strikes, we strike back with service."

The category 5 hurricane made landfall on Sept. 1, with maximum winds of 185 mph, becoming the strongest storm in modern record for the northwestern Bahamas. Within 24 hours, the Knights raised more than $100,000 through its Disaster Relief Fund, with the funding going to purchase immediate needs such as canned foods, water, hygiene kits and baby supplies.

The Knights are also sending blankets, air mattresses, portable gas stoves, solar generators and other basic necessities.

Archbishop Patrick Pinder of Nassau thanked the Knights for their "concern and support."

"We would be in miserable state and lacking hope without this kind of assistance," Archbishop Pinder wrote in a letter to the Knights’ Florida state organization. "This is an excellent example of charity and solidarity. I am profoundly grateful."

To contribute to the Knights’ disaster relief efforts, go to kofc.org/disaster or call 800-694-5713.

Since January 2017, Knights have raised nearly $7 million and volunteered hundreds of hours to help victims of natural disasters in North America, including massive hurricanes in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, wild fires in California and flooding.
Patrick Dougherty (#7961), asking for prayers for SK Patrick Dougherty, PGK Council 7961 and member emeritus of the state Patriotic Degree Exemplification Team, who will be heading to the hospital tomorrow for an “industrial strength” chemo treatment. Cancer is an ugly, terrible, painful thing, but Patrick has not let it diminish his usual self-deprecating good humor. Please also remember his wife, Linda, who is being so good to him in this time of need. I am blessed to have been Patrick’s proposer when he entered our honored order. He is the kind of Knight we hope every candidate turns out to be.

How much does he love the Knights? He has already plans to have an emblem of the order on his headstone. Let’s pray those plans take a while to come to fruition.

Please keep both Patrick and Linda in your thoughts and prayers.

A couple of weeks ago I put out a prayer request for the wife of a brother and it is time for an update. She is now passed surgery and is going as well as can be expected; no sign of cancer, but checkup imaging every few weeks. Still a long road however and full recovery and a return to work will take weeks. Thank you for your prayers, the family know they have helped.

We have another brother Knight who is going in for “last ditch” chemo Thursday. His cancer has spread to multiple organs and bone. A Rosary would be very much appreciated by the family.

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

Worthy State Deputy KELLER:

Last month at the Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson announced a new initiative designed to strengthen our support and solidarity with our Christian brethren in Iraq.

Through the Adopt-a-Parish initiative, councils commit to raising $2,500 a year for two years for a sister parish in Iraq. During that period, they will have the opportunity to communicate with the pastor of that parish, learn more about the Christian community in Iraq, and receive specialized support from the Supreme Council’s Fraternal Mission and Charities Departments.

Interest and support for this initiative have been strong, and we will soon have every Chaidean Catholic Church in Iraq partnered with a Knights of Columbus Council in the United States. We noticed that your jurisdiction is not yet represented by a council in this initiative — and we wanted to provide you with the opportunity to participate before all the parishes are matched up.

Please let us know of a council in your jurisdiction that would be well suited to participate in the Adopt-a-Parish initiative. With your support, we hope to have every U.S. jurisdiction represented in this effort to support the Catholic Church in Iraq.

Any questions can be sent to Evan Holguin by email (evan.holguin@kofc.org) or phone number (203-752-4164), or to info@kofccharities.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Mark McMullen
Senior VP, Membership & Fraternal Mission

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Upcoming Events

Worthy Sirs,

In case you missed it, there are several new announcements on https://www.UtahKnights.org/events most of them are also on the homepage, but that was getting crowded once people were sharing information. Please keep it coming!

Diocesan Pastoral Congress 2019
* Register online this week, (by the 7th), link on page above; or register at the door.
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* Stop by and say hello to a state officer or two in the exhibit space (gym); bring a friend and be entered into the prize drawing.

Don’t go home and cook dinner after! Come have some Fish Tacos and support Coats for Kids (Council 12181), serving from 5:30pm-8:30pm [Mass in the church is at 5:00pm.] Event Link: https://utahknights.org/2019/08/coats-for-kids-fish-taco-dinner-council-12181/

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Training is still offered three times a week, every week by Ken White, Regional Training Director. It is all online through your computer for the audio & video.

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Clergy Appreciation Dinner with Bishop Oscar (Assembly 2636)
Flyer on above page. RSVP by Sat. 9/28; the dinner is on Wed., October 2nd at Saint Ambrose Parish in SLC. Great food from SugarHouse BBQ — some pretty good company too!

Life Chain 2019
Come pray to end abortion for an hour (1-2pm) on October 6th at 10600 South State Street. Various signs available to hold.

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So, what else are Knights of Columbus doing in Utah?
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State Programs Update

Brother Knights our Fall Programs are just around the corner.
* Now is the time to order your Church Drive Kits. Orders can be placed through Supplies Online.
* You may also want to discuss at your Council meeting how many coats you would like to order this year for Utah's children. The due date for orders to the State will be announced soon.
* Please start working on your Council and District Soccer Challenges. The State Challenge is planned for October 20, 2019.
* If you don't already have them, order your Catholic Essay Contest Kits and your Christmas Poster Contest Kits. I have some available on a first come first serve basis. After that I can help you order them. Please call, text, or email me if you are interested in kits that I have or would like my help ordering them.

Ryan Graveley 801-835-0450 utkofcstatewarden@gmail.com
I would like to congratulate the participating Councils and winners of the Family of the Month awards for the months of June and July.

June 2019
Participants: 1136, 7961, 10304, 12181
Family of the Month Winner - 12181
State Advocate - Bill Kelly Council 12181

July 2019
Participants: 12181, 11479
Family of the Month Winner - 11479
State Program Updates see all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state.http://utahknights.org/.

Ryan Graveley
State Warden and Program Director
Insurance Assurance—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LAUNCHES TWO WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE PRODUCTS

CORE MARKET EXPECTED TO BE THOSE WHO SEEK AFFORDABLE, PERMANENT PROTECTION THAT BUILDS CASH VALUE AND LEAVES A FINANCIAL LEGACY.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Knights of Columbus ("K of C"), a Fortune 1000 insurer with more than $25 billion in assets, announced today that it has launched two more permanent life insurance products in The Knights Advantage Series in the U.S. and Canada: Limited Pay Whole Life and Single Premium Whole Life.

Both the Limited Pay Whole Life and the Single Premium Whole Life plans offer a guaranteed death benefit as well as cash values with the opportunity for additional growth if future dividends are earned. Dividends are not guaranteed, but are distributed to policyholders, as there are no stockholders.

Ron Franzuebbers, senior vice president and chief actuary, said: "These new whole life products will be competitive additions to our life insurance product portfolio, providing access to all the benefits of whole life insurance, including guaranteed cash values and death benefits, at an affordable cost. Offering a strong portfolio of products allows our agents to best meet the needs of our clients, who can feel confident knowing that their life insurance protection is in the hands of an insurer with a long-term history of providing financial assistance."

Limited Pay Whole Life
Limited Pay Whole Life policy allows the client flexibility to choose how many years to pay premiums, guaranteed and fixed at issue, subject to a five year minimum requirement. This unique product provides a lifetime level guaranteed death benefit with cash value that builds over time. There is also potential for additional death benefit and cash value growth if any dividends earned are used to purchase paid-up additional insurance.

"The beauty of Limited Pay Whole Life, which will be our flagship whole life product," added Franzuebbers "is the flexibility the client has at the time of sale to choose the premium payment period. A client can choose to pay for as few as five years, all the way to age 100, or any age in between. The initial payment flexibility is completely in the hands of the client and is a differentiator in the industry. After the payment period is complete, the policy is guaranteed to be paid-up with no further payments required. The product allows the client to customize the paid-up age of the policy to coordinate with their personal financial planning timeline."

Single Premium Whole Life
The Single Premium Whole Life policy provides permanent life insurance protection that is guaranteed to be paid-up for life with just one premium payment. This product builds cash value and provides an income tax free death benefit that is guaranteed for life. It is eligible to earn dividends at the end of the first policy year.

"Single Premium Whole Life has a unique one-payment concept; the client makes one payment, which guarantees a death benefit, allowing the client to create an estate or legacy that can provide for survivors or to be donated to charity," Franzuebbers stated. "It also has strong cash value growth potential over time."