



State Update

State Deputy's Message

State Convention activities are ramping up. District #9, under the guidance of DD Bill Sandoval, will be hosting this year's 112th Utah State Convention at the Park City Marriott from 3-5 May 2019. During March, there are hard deadlines which must be met to allow sufficient time to judge entries for the various state awards and ensure preparation for the many convention activities. The first milestone is 1 March when proposed Resolutions from the councils are due to the State Advocate. Many things are due on the second important date of 15 March; Scholarship Applications, State Awards (Faith, Family, Community, and Life Programs; Family of the Year; Knight of the Year; and Chaplain of the Year). Also due are the Sir Knight of the Year Award applications.

Other important documents come out on 15 March. The State Council has been busy preparing to provide councils the Delegate Credentials Form and the proposed budget for 2019-2020. Then in late March and early April, Convention Book Ads and payments are due, Resolutions are submitted to the councils for review and voting, and Credential Forms are due to establish the Roll Call of Delegates. The hotel and meal reservations deadline is 15 April along with filing your taxes. Additional information, forms and links to help you complete all these actions are located on the UtahKnights.org, State Convention 2019, Deadlines and Timeline.

Here's what's going on with the monthly membership report. With eight months behind us, the month of February gained another 18 new members. Overall, we've recruited 92 new members so far this year and are now at 43% of intake 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 21 total recruiting councils have increased by two. As the writing of this report, I know a least one council has conducted an Admission Degree, and the new members have not been included in this month's additions. As we continue to grow, our total statewide membership among 37 councils now stands at the 3460 mark.

Congratulations to Councils 7961 St Joseph the Worker - West Jordan (325% of goal), 9731 Our Lady of Lourdes - Magna (150%), 8350 Saints Peter and Paul - West Valley City (114%), 10304 St Martin De Porres - Taylorsville (100%), 15741 Our Lady of Guadalupe - Salt Lake City (100%), 1136 Father Escalante - Provo (60%), 14399 Holy Family - South Ogden (57%), 6966 Corpus Christi - Sandy (56%), 12181 St Teresa of Calcutta - Draper (56%), 16127 Deacon Sliger - Hill AFB (50%), 6739 St Marguerite's - Tooele (50%), and 1129 St Mary's - Park City (38%). These 12 councils are leading the state in their recruiting efforts. Thank you for continuing to grow the Order.

It's also time to review your progress toward receiving the Star Council Award which recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. In order to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney (membership growth), Founder's (insurance quota), and Columbian (programs and charitable outreach) Awards. Additionally, your council must submit its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), its Service Program Personnel Report (#365), and remain in good standing with Supreme Council assessments. Also to be eligible for the Star Council Award, your council must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements. Check your standing on UtahKnights.org, Recruiting, Star Council Status.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Christian Communities

That Christian Communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Offered in Solidarity
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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

"To Be a Patriot" Award Program

Worthy Sir Knights and Faithful Navigators it is that time of year when we need to think back to the 2018 year and choose a Patriotic Event we participated in and submit that program for the "To Be A Patriot Award". The District level award will be announced at the State Convention in May during the Banquet dinner. Deadline for this award is 15 March 2019 23:59 (11:59pm), any entry received after the deadline will not be eligible for consideration.

The Patriot Degree Exemplification March 23, 2019, @ Saint Thomas More 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 Patriotic (4th) Degree of the Order. We have invited Archbishop John Webster, Bishop Oscar Solis, and Vice Supreme Master Michael Kingman to this 4th Degree Exemplification to honor our District Friar John Evans at the Banquet Dinner. Candidates have 1st rights of 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 you must RSVP with Ray Bachiller for the dinner only @ bachiller1@aol.com or call 801-430-8762. These spots are filling up fast. We will have both a vegetarian and vegan choice in addition to the prime rib and chicken cordon bleu. Worthy Brothers the Patriot Degree is on schedule to go away by 2029 if we do not recruit new members in the 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 Quart 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 in benefits changing their lives forever. Brother Knights this is what we do to help our Veterans in need. What better way than to set them up and improve 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 let's help our Vets and their 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. I ask you please to participate in our honor guards. Our absence will 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

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

– Mahatma Gandhi

Yours in Christ,

Francisco "Frank" Carmona

Master of the Fourth Degree

State Secretary's Corner

Focus on what you CAN DO...

Administrative notes: Unfortunately, we have had zero change on councils that are missing forms since last month, if you need help PLEASE let me know but it's time to get them in. 11 councils have not submitted their Program Personnel (Form 365) report. This report also affects your Safe Environment compliance.

Since the last newsletter a few more reports were due; the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) was due 1/31... According to Supreme we have 11 councils that have not submitted this. Supreme hasn't updated any information on the semi-annual audit that was due 2/15 but we have 8 councils that missed the last one so I'm hoping this improves. Again, if you need assistance let me, your DD, or any of the state officers know and we would be more than happy to help you.

Do you know your council's status on these forms and others? On membership? Insurance? As previously mentioned, you have access to a new tool I created so you can see all of this information in one place. Go to our state website (www.utahknights.org) and then under the "Recruiting" menu at the top click on "New Council/District Tracker."

YTD (Year To Date) membership intake is at 102, that is 51 new members below what we did last year. What can we do to assist you in recruiting? Hopefully we are turning a corner with church drives coming up and don't forget about the "Prospect Landing Page" I told you about. This is a great new tool at your disposal, If you would like more information let me know and I would be happy to assist you.

As we enter are entering Lent and preparing for Easter you would think this is a time for us as Knights to slow down but the opposite seems true. Which I don't think is a bad thing, serving our communities with prayer groups, Stations of the Cross, and Fish Frys; this to me is one of the best things about being a Knight. But I also encourage you not to lose the spirit of lent, and one thing I would ask you to do is take stock of your council's programs and recruiting efforts. Reflect on your programs and what your council does to serve your parishes and communities. During the "Programing Recruitment" webinar that Supreme put on at the end of January there was some great information. One of the things that stuck out to me was a "Council Programs Assessment guide", this is a great tool to reflect on your programs. To see if they are successful, how they could be improved, are they fulfilling your goal of the activity either recruiting or serving your community? I saved a copy of this guide and if you would like a copy let me know and I'd be happy to send it to you, just shoot me an email asking for it. Or you can search for it on Supreme's website.

The other big take away I got from that webinar was this: Focus on what your council CAN DO, not on what your council can NOT do. As I travel around the state attending meetings or at my own home council meetings we tend to focus on what we can't do a lot and my challenge to you during this Lenten season is to reflect and focus on what you can do instead. I truly believe we, as a brotherhood of Catholic men, can accomplish anything we set our minds and efforts to. What can your council do?

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Secretary

State Programs Update

The 2019 Utah Knights of Columbus Science Fair was a success. I would like to thank all the judges and participants. I would also like to thank Science Fair Chairman, Al Martinez for his efforts again this year.

- 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.
- State Free Throw Championship: March 24th at Blessed Sacrament School in Sandy. Check-in is at 12:30 p.m.

Faith in Action Opportunities:

- Attend the March 30th Retreat at St. Joseph the Worker in West Jordan (for details call Grand Knight Andy Airriess).
- Attend the April 6th Diocesan Retreat (details on Diocese page).

Ryan Graveley
State Warden
Program Director

From Supreme: AMERICANS MAKE DRAMATIC AND SUDDEN MOVE TOWARD PRO-LIFE LABEL

02/25/2019

DEMOCRATS AND YOUNG PEOPLE LEAD THE WAY AS STRONG MAJORITIES ALSO REJECT LATE-TERM ABORTION

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – In just one month, Americans have made a sudden and dramatic shift away from the pro-choice position and toward a pro-life stance, according to a new Marist poll.

The shift was led by Democrats and those under 45 years old, according to a survey taken Feb.12-17 in the wake of efforts in several states to legalize abortion up until birth.

"Current proposals that promote late-term abortion have reset the landscape and language on abortion in a pronounced – and very measurable – way," said Barbara Carvalho, director of The Marist Poll.

In a substantial, double-digit shift, according to the poll, Americans are now as likely to identify as pro-life (47 percent) as pro-choice (47 percent). Just last month, a similar survey conducted by The Marist Poll found Americans more likely to identify as pro-choice than as pro-life by 17 percentage points (55 to 38 percent). Democrats moved in their pro-life identity from 20 percent to 34 percent.

Among Democrats, the gap between pro-life and pro-choice identifiers was cut in half from 55 percent to 27 percent. The number of Democrats now identifying as pro-life is 34 percent, up from 20 percent last month, while the number identifying as pro-choice fell from 75 percent to 61 percent. Younger Americans also moved dramatically, now dividing 47 percent pro-life to 48 percent pro-choice. One month ago, the gap was almost 40 percentage points with only 28 percent identifying as pro-life and 65 percent identifying as pro-choice.

"The recent legal changes to late-term abortion and the debate which followed have not gone unnoticed by the general public," said Carvalho. "In just one month, there has been a significant increase in the

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For the Good of the Order

Andy & Kathy Beck (#9849), were in a serious auto accident recently. I am not sure exactly where it occurred, but it was a head on collision. Somewhere near Mesquite, NV. I have not heard their latest conditions. Andy suffered a broken ankle and multiple bruises. Kathy suffered a broken arm & clavicle. She required surgery on her back and internal injuries. They need our Prayers for a quick recovery.

Please keep both Andy & Kathy in your thoughts and Prayers.

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 living in a tough time to be a Catholic and a Knight but as Knights we are the leaders of our faith. I recently read a post on Facebook that sums up why I am Catholic.

I'm not catholic because of priests.
I'm not catholic because of bishops.
I'm not Catholic because of the Pope.

I am Catholic because of God's love.
I am Catholic because of Jesus.
I am Catholic because of the Eucharist.
I am Catholic because I believe God's Word

We as Knights need to pass this message on to others who are struggling and remind them even though Judas betrayed Jesus the others stood up and continued to spread His message. It is now that we need to ban together and profess our faith, grow the order and stand up for the Church we love.

Now more than ever we are needed to do what Knights do. Defend our faith. Busy times ahead and keeping our heads when others are losing theirs will help our Faith, The community and our Parishes. It would be easy to bury our heads and do nothing but we are the voice of the unborn, the leaders of the Catholic Church and the supporters of our priests and Bishops. Now more than ever we are needed. Dig deep inside of yourself and ask "What can I do to help others with these struggles? How can I do what God wants me to do to spread His Word. Vivat Jesus,

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proportion of Americans who see themselves as pro-life and an equally notable decline in those who describe themselves as pro-choice."

This is the first time since 2009 that as many or more Americans have identified as pro-life as have identified as pro-choice. More than a third of Democrats (34 percent) as well as two-thirds of Republicans (67 percent) identify as pro-life. Independents divide (46 percent pro-life, 48 percent pro-choice).

At the same time, the survey found that opposition to late-term abortions is overwhelming. By about three to one (71 percent to 25 percent), Americans say abortion should be generally illegal during the third trimester. This majority includes 60 percent of Democrats, 72 percent of independents and 85 percent of Republicans.

By an even wider margin (71 percent to 18 percent), Americans strongly oppose late-term abortion after 20 weeks. This 71 percent includes two-thirds (66 percent) who say abortion should be banned after 20 weeks of pregnancy except to save the life of the mother, and an additional five percent think abortion should be outlawed completely. Only 18 percent think abortion should be allowed at any time up until birth. Those opposing abortion after 20 weeks, or overall, include: 59 percent of Democrats, 78 percent of independents and 82 percent of Republicans.

In addition, the poll found that 80 percent of Americans would like abortion limited to – at most – the first three months of pregnancy -- an increase of five points since just last month. This includes 65 percent of those who identified as pro-choice, as well as strong majorities of Democrats (64 percent), Republicans (92 percent) and independents (83 percent).

The proportion overall has shown a consensus over time on the issue with three-quarters to eight-in-10 Americans supportive of restrictions on abortion. The 80 percent figure is, nevertheless, a significant increase since January – a noteworthy change in what has been a very stable measure.

"Arguments in favor of late-term abortion are simply not convincing the American people," said Carl Anderson, CEO of the Knights of Columbus, the organization that sponsored the survey. "If anything, since these proposals have been unveiled, people are moving noticeably in the pro-life direction. It is now clear that these radical policies are being pursued despite the opposition of the majority of Americans of both parties."

This survey of 1,008 adults was conducted Feb. 12 through Feb. 17, 2019 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with The Knights of Columbus. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English or Spanish by telephone using live interviewers. Telephone

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Council % of Membership Goal as of 03/05/2019

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
7961	Andy Airriess	325%	11479	Larry Page	8%
17140	Alex Aerts	200%	777	Gerald "Jerry" Bedel	0%
9731	Gabino Chacon	150%	2611	John Flores	0%
8350	Jose Munoz	114%	5347	George Fuller	0%
10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	100%	5502	Wayne Welninski	0%
15741	Jose Palestino	100%	6010	Dennis Martinez	0%
1129	Charles Hodell	75%	6147	Tim Peczuh	0%
7401		75%	8606	John Mau	0%
12181	Steven Thatcher	61%	9561	Michael E Hacking	0%
1136	Al Christianson	60%	10733	Thomas Kelly	0%
14399	Wilber Meier	57%	11246	Pat Mc Donald	0%
6966	Michael Carmody	56%	11812		0%
6739	Barry Stine	50%	12264	Stephen Gillette	0%
16127	Alan Gibson	50%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
9849	Wayne Bauer	33%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
13646		25%	14764	David Mohr	0%
5214	Phil Garcia	18%	15418	Dick Hall	0%
13297	Timothy Soran	14%	16006		0%
602	Tim Doubt	11%			

District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 03/05/2019

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
6	Jerry Angus	159%	5	Cole Stapley	29%
9	Billy Sandoval	105%	2	Ray Salazar	15%
3	Dan Reading	50%	1	Dan Castelli	0%
7	Art Grant	50%	4	Frank Carmona	0%
11	Frank Lesar	38%	8	Harry Polland	0%
10	Peter Abercrombie	34%			

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numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Assistance was provided by SSRS for data collection. The sample was balanced to reflect the 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ±3.5 percentage points. MOE increases for subgroups.

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

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Insurance Assurance—K of C Insurance Benefits You Don't Want to Miss

Sonny Sangemino is a Regional Agency Executive Consultant in Canada. Here, he points out benefits can protect your family's financial future. Share the details with all men interested in joining your council — by joining, they can build a secure future and achieve peace of mind through K of C Insurance products.

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have access to a professionally trained field agent who can help you and your family plan for life's eventualities.

Your Knights of Columbus field agent has the tools, expertise and products to address your concerns and needs. Specifically, all agents employ a powerful tool — "Profiles & Forecaster," a proven industry financial analysis. By sitting with your agent and answering a few questions about your current financial situation, your agent can generate an accurate report of your financial needs in the event of death, disability, long-term care, retirement or university funding. This comprehensive review will identify areas in your financial plan where you are on-track and areas that may need attention. It is a complimentary benefit, available through your Knights of Columbus field agent to members and their families. This review is provided in the comfort of your home and is, of course, confidential.

Another complimentary benefit available to members is our Knights of Columbus "Personal Planning Workbook." This guide assists members in compiling important personal and financial information and helps you prepare crucial documents, such as your will and powers of attorney. You will also be walked through how to plan a Catholic funeral, as well as the steps you must take when someone passes away. This workbook has been prepared from a Catholic perspective by brother Knights for families just like yours. You can obtain your complimentary copy by inviting your assigned Knights of Columbus field agent to visit with you and your family.

Your field agent is an expert in the many complimentary services and participatory benefits available to K of C families.

As we continue through 2019, I ask you to make two commitments. First, please visit with your field agent and review your personal financial solution. Second, encourage your brother Knights to do the same.

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.

Contact us today to learn more about our products.



Judges and Students at the 2019 Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair



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