



State Update

State Deputy's Message

Many Hands Make Light Work

Let us recall why we joined the Knights, and why we are even here. Universally, we echo the response that we are a charitable organization. We are dedicated to providing aid and assistance to our sick, disabled and needy members. Not only do we help our members, but we provide a visible and positive influence in our parishes, communities, and even to those we don't know or will ever meet. Providing aid can only be accomplished by working together with fellow Knights and their families. Also, never underestimate the power of involving your priest and parish members. The more the merrier recalling this year's theme of "Many Hands Make Light Work." We can always use more hands.

We are Knights in action. We offer men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service, and put that "Faith into Action". Our Knights members, have involved themselves, their parishes and families and have taken the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through our Faith in Action programs; namely Faith, Community, Family, and Life.

So who and how have we helped and assisted this year. Faith activities provided support to our priests and seminarians, the Carmelites, Rosaries, and the Relic pilgrimage. Community efforts supported Coats for Kids, Free Throw Challenge, Global Wheelchair campaign, Helping Hands and Soccer Challenge. Family activities reinforced Family of the Month and Year, Food for Families and Keep Christ in Christmas. We also sponsored scholarship programs for our youth.

Our Life programs have blossomed with Christian Refugee Relief, March for Life, Mass for Special Needs, Ultrasound and Pregnancy Center Support, the Silver Rose tour, and Special Olympics. "Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" - St. John Paul II. Specifically, we have helped abortion-minded women choose life by viewing their unborn children at three pro-life pregnancy centers around the state through our ultrasound initiative program.

Recapping my first year as State Deputy, overall the rewards have outweighed the challenges. Through all the planning, meetings, traveling, exemplifications and visiting new places, I would venture to say we have done a good job of carrying out the Venerable Father Michael McGivney's vision to help others. "Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights. It is the tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and "missionary discipleship" to which Pope Francis has called us." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

As we finish this fraternal year strong with a renewed sense of purpose, let's always keep in mind all the good we do, the lives we have touched, and the lives we will change and save. I'm looking forward to the upcoming state convention in Park City. It's a great time to renew friendships, create new ones, and celebrate the achievements we've accomplished during this fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Keller
Utah State Deputy

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity
That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Offered in Solidarity
with Pope Francis



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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

The Regulators

I would like to take a minute to recognize the Utah District Marshals also known as "The Regulators". These men not only attend their own council and assembly business meeting, but they also attend yours. They are representatives of the Utah District Master and they cover from the north to the south. The District Marshals are here to help you in any way within the Fourth-Degree. "The Regulators" are led by Chief Marshal Todd Holzhauser, followed by Daniel Castelli in Northern Utah, Stacey Yeager in Salt Lake County, Richard Vigor in Utah and Carbon Country, and William "Bill" Lund in Southern Utah and can make any decision the District Master can. Stacey Yeager is also the Lead Trainer for the District, if your Assembly needs training get a hold of M. Stacey. Thank you Worthy District Marshals for all you do for the District...

The Patriot Degree Exemplification May 18, 2019, @ Lady of Lourdes in Magna

It is time to advance to the Patriotic Degree, and help out our Veterans and First Responders in the State. Our new Assembly 3758 lead by Faithful Navigator Barry Stine has taken on the challenge of not only hosting the State Convention, but two (2) weeks later a 4th Degree Exemplification. Talk about jumping right in to the deep end... If you are interested in achieving **FULL-KNIGHTHOOD** please contact FN Barry at bbstine@outlook.com or call him @ 209-912-8466 or **better yet mail your form 4 with a check \$70 to P.O. BOX 283, Stockton, UT 84071**, we will be having a delicious banquet and dancing with a live band. Don't miss out; reservations for the banquet are also available at \$35 per person. See you all there...



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

Father Dominguez Assy. #1144

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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

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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

Kids in Crises Stuffed Animal Drive

Utah District would like to introduce [KIDS in CRISES Teddy Bear Drive](#). Law Enforcement and Fire Departments are asking for our help. Utah's Ten (10) Assemblies will be collecting NEW or gently used Stuffed Animals of all colors, shapes, and sizes for donation to Law Enforcement and Utah Fire Departments for Kids in Crises. Police Officers and Fire Fighters carry around these stuffed animals in their vehicles to provide them to Kid in Crises when they show up for a house call, accident, or violent situation to calm the child down. Please begin collecting those stuffed animals and we will make you aware of the drop locations soon. This event will be Spear Headed by Three Ex-Law Enforcement Sir Knights from different assemblies. I will be email out the details to all Faithful Navigators soon.

New Uniform Information

Change is around the corner, there will be no extensions for the Classic Regalia per SM Dennis Stoddard. 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:

"You pray for rain, you gotta deal with the mud too. That is part of it."

-Denzel Washington

Yours in Christ,

Francisco "Frank" Carmona

Master of the Fourth Degree

State Secretary's Corner

Brothers, what an exciting time! We have made it through the Lenten season and are now in the Easter season. I am so thankful He is risen and all that He has done for me and for us. The other exciting thing about this time of year is our State Convention. While we still have a couple of months left, it feels like so much of what we do as Knights comes to culmination at our state meeting. I encourage you to enjoy our State Convention-- the business and the social aspects. But, don't forget the last 2 months either. There is still so much we can and need to do before the end of the fraternal year.

Administrative notes: If you need help with getting forms submitted please give me a call or an email and I will be more than happy to assist. There are 2 councils missing the Form 185 (Chosen Officers), 9 councils missing the Form 365 (Service Program Personnel), 6 councils missing their Form 1728 (Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity), and 10 councils that missed their February Audit Form 1295.

There was a "final" deadline set by Supreme of May 1st to have your safe environment training complete and the Service Program Personnel Form 365 submitted in order to be eligible for the Star Council or Columbian awards, but it is never a bad idea or too late to be in compliance with safe environment and to have your forms in, so don't let that deadline stop you and get your missing items submitted.

Your council's status on these forms, on membership, on insurance, if you have a balance, and other things are available to you in one easy location on our state website (www.utahknights.org). The "New Council/District Tracker" can be found under the top drop down menu titled "Recruiting."

YTD (Year To Date) membership intake is at 123-- that is 61 new members below what we did last year and 69 members below our goal. We had a great conference call with our regional trainer discussing how to conduct a new kind of church drive called the "Delta Church Drive." If you'd like to try this or would like more information please reach out to me, or the State Membership Director, or any of our State Officers. Don't forget about the "Prospect Landing Page." This is a great tool to utilize to prospect for new members at an event or after Mass.

With the new Faith in Action programs we have a new Columbian Award Application (Form SP7), and I highly recommend to start filling it out now rather than waiting until the last minute. Because it is a new form you will have to pay closer attention and see what programs you are missing. If you wait until the deadline you might not have completed enough programs to submit it. Also, if you have the form done now you can submit it early! Supreme is already accepting these. As always, if you would like assistance reach out to me, any of the State Officers, or the DDs and we'll be more than happy to help.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson
State Secretary

State Programs Update

Brothers all,

I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention in Park City May 3-5. It will be a great opportunity to discuss any questions or ideas you have regarding Faith in Action or any other program topics.

The Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) is due June 30th. I know it is April, but the form has changed and will require more time and effort to fill out. Keep in mind 6/30 is a Sunday. Any submission on the 29th or 30th will not be counted on time. Please make sure your SP-7 is into Supreme by June 28th or sooner. There will be training at the State Convention on how to fill this application out. Another great reason to get your Council to attend the Convention. I urge you to begin working on your SP-7. I am more than willing to help you fill it out or answer any questions. If you are unable to attend the State Convention I can also share my slides or any training regarding the Columbian Award Application at a later date, just let me know.

Ryan Graveley
State Warden
Program Director

From Supreme: SUPREME KNIGHT VISITS IRAQ, PLEDGES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO GENOCIDE-TARGETED COMMUNITIES

The Knights of Columbus will spend \$3 million in direct funding for humanitarian programs in Iraq, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced in the wake of a recent visit to the country. An additional \$2.5 million in co-funding is anticipated for a total of \$5.5 million.

The announcement came after a visit to Iraq this month by Supreme Knight Anderson to review the K of C's work in support of Christian and other communities targeted for genocide by ISIS.

"Those we met with made clear that Knights of Columbus support has been decisive in helping these communities survive," the supreme knight said. "More help is on the way, as we remain committed to ensuring that ISIS and its ideology do not eliminate Christians and religious minorities from this region."

The K of C funding will also be coordinated with the U.S. Agency for International Development under the memorandum of understanding signed by the Knights and USAID as part of the Genocide Recovery and Persecution Response Program announced by Vice President Mike Pence last year.

While in Iraq, Supreme Knight Anderson reviewed several K of C-sponsored projects and met with families displaced by ISIS. The visit was at the invitation of Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, and the supreme knight also met with many senior Church leaders, as well as with U.S. and Kurdish government officials, to discuss the issues facing these communities and possible solutions.

Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus has spent more than \$20 million on behalf of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities targeted for genocide in the Middle East. The support has funded rebuilding — and saving — the town of Karamles, after its liberation from ISIS; feeding tens of thousands of displaced people; providing short-term and long-term housing for the displaced; supporting

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For the Good of the Order

Andy & Kathy Beck (#9849), were is 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

Membership FAQ (from <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/faq.html>)

I don't have time to join another organization; why should I join the Knights of Columbus?

Online Membership was designed to allow eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus online, through a streamlined, optimized process. Online Membership provides you with a digital membership experience, which will help you to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight.

As a Knight, you can choose the projects to be involved in within your own community. You will receive regular updates from your state council regarding news and events in your area and be presented with frequent opportunities to work alongside brother Knights in local councils.

If I join online, am I joining a local Knights of Columbus council?

No you are not. When you join online you will not belong to a local council at first. Instead, you will become a member of the Knights of Columbus state division in your state of residence.

Can I join a local council?

Yes! Council-based membership is the best way to experience the Knights of Columbus. Prospective members can join local councils just as they always have. Online Members can transition to local council membership, just as members from other local councils may transfer today. Transferring involves completing a membership form (Form #100) and going through the council admissions process. This includes meeting with council leaders and taking the First Degree ceremonial.

How does Online Membership differ from membership in a local council?

Members who join online ("Online Membership") are members of the Knights of Columbus who have not yet taken a First Degree or been admitted to a local council.

As a member, like all members of the Knights of Columbus, you will have the right to purchase insurance on yourself, your spouse and any dependent children. You will receive Columbia magazine, the free accidental death benefit (age restrictions apply), and are eligible for participation in the family fraternal benefit. You may also attend select local and state council events which are promoted by your state division.

From Supreme—More Help

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educational and medical programs for those targeted by ISIS, etc.

In addition, the Knights of Columbus was a key proponent of the declaration by Secretary of State John Kerry that ISIS had committed genocide against religious minorities in the region. The Knights also worked with the Trump administration to ensure that U.S. assistance programs would no longer overlook the needs of persecuted minority communities.

Supreme Knight Anderson's congressional testimony on the situation facing these communities was a key component in the drafting of HR 390: The Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act. The bill received bi-partisan support and was passed unanimously by both the House and the Senate. It was signed into law by President Trump in December of 2018. The act provides for direct funding by the U.S. government of groups targeted for genocide by ISIS.

Following his trip to Iraq this month, Supreme Knight Anderson announced that the Knights would be funding several additional projects, including:

- The reconstruction of the Syriac Catholic Cathedral in Qaraqosh (Nineveh).
- Additional reconstruction in the town of Karamles for the Chaldean Archdiocese of Mosul.
- A Property Rights Center at the Catholic University of Erbil.
- Restoration of Christian cemeteries destroyed by ISIS in Nineveh.
- Step-In clinics in Erbil and Dohuk, which focus especially on displaced Yazidis.
- The needs of Syriac refugees and Internally Displaced People in Lebanon and Syria.
- Unexploded ordnance and landmine abatement in Northeast Syria.
- The establishment of a human rights and religious freedom observatory at the Catholic University of Erbil, which will make use of high-tech mapping from the University of New Haven to document atrocities and create an alert system to help prevent future genocides.

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

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
7961	Andy Airriess	275%	11479	Larry Page	8%
9731	Gabino Chacon	150%	777	Gerald "Jerry" Bedel	0%
8350	Jose Munoz	114%	2611	John Flores	0%
1129	Charles Hodell	113%	5347	George Fuller	0%
10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	100%	5502	Wayne Welninski	0%
15741	Jose Palestino	100%	6010	Dennis Martinez	0%
16127	Alan Gibson	83%	6147	Tim Peczuh	0%
12181	Steven Thatcher	78%	6966	Michael Carmody	0%
6739	Barry Stine	50%	7401	Richard Babin	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	50%	8606	John Mau	0%
5214	Phil Garcia	45%	10733	Thomas Kelly	0%
1136	Al Christianson	40%	11246	Pat Mc Donald	0%
602	Tim Doubt	33%	11812		0%
9849	Wayne Bauer	33%	12264	Stephen Gillette	0%
14399	Wilber Meier	29%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
9561	Michael E Hacking	25%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
13646		25%	14764	David Mohr	0%
13297	Timothy Soran	14%	16006		0%
15418	Dick Hall	14%			

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

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
6	Jerry Angus	141%	1	Dan Castelli	0%
9	Billy Sandoval	100%	4	Frank Carmona	0%
11	Frank Lesar	69%	5	Cole Stapley	0%
3	Dan Reading	33%	7	Art Grant	0%
2	Ray Salazar	20%	8	Harry Polland	0%
10	Peter Abercrombie	20%			

From Supreme—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLEDGES \$100,000 IN AID FOR SRI LANKAN TERROR VICTIMS

THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT BY CARL ANDERSON, CEO AND SUPREME KNIGHT OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON THE EASTER SUNDAY TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SRI LANKA

“The Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka during this time of trial. Terrorist attacks like those on Easter Sunday are the acts of those who reject the sanctity of life, human rights and religious freedom. In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus is sending \$100,000 to Cardinal Ranjith in Colombo, Sri Lanka, for his use in the rebuilding and repair of his Christian community in the aftermath of this act of terrorism.”

“Globally, it is well documented that Christians are the most persecuted religious group today. Now is the time for every country to take concrete steps to protect their minority populations, including Christians, and to stop this persecution and slaughter. Every country should protect its religious minorities, and freedom-loving countries must demand nothing less of their neighbors. Talk of human rights and religious freedom rings hollow when people are killed for nothing more than worshipping the one who taught us to love one another.”

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Insurance Assurance—RECRUIT WITH YOUR AGENT. HERE'S 5 REASONS WHY

GENERAL AGENT CHRIS STARK FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS, EXPLAINS HOW YOUR LOCAL K OF C INSURANCE AGENT IS YOUR COUNCIL'S BEST RECRUITING TOOL.

1. Agents love talking about the Knights of Columbus.

"As agents, we are generally talking about the Knights of Columbus two to three times a day, if not more. This gives us an advantage when welcoming men to join the Knights."

2. Agents have connections with other agents — and can connect local councils.

"The field agents in our agency team up and help each other at their respective councils."

3. Agents love to attend council-sponsored parish events to recruit men to join.

"Think about your fish fry and other events you put on at the parish. Invite your field agent to mingle and ask men to join. Put him in roles to interact with prospective members."

4. Agents can help you promote your council — even when they aren't around.

"Agents can help councils place the "www.kofc.org/join" on banners, newsletters, bulletins, emails, and promotional items. All councils should have a banner up at the school gym or parish hall to promote membership. This way, we are welcoming future Knights even when we are not there."

5. Agents help your councils look to the future.

"We must move into the future with online membership. This tool helps us recruit 365 days a year with ease. Leveraging this technology will lead us to unprecedented growth if we all use it."

"This past Sunday, I was talking to a friend after Mass and I asked him if he was a Knight. He said 'No, I don't have time for that right now.' I simply responded, 'This is an opportunity to belong to the largest Catholic organization that does so much for our Church, not an obligation.' I texted him the link to www.kofc.org/join and he joined right then. It took five minutes. He plans to attend his First Degree soon and will likely get involved with helping out the council."

"Joining online is the new first step in a man's journey with the Knights of Columbus. Imagine if we had 100,000 Knights share www.kofc.org/join with just 10 men a year, just 10. That would be 1,000,000 men asked to join. If only 10 percent actually joined, that is more than 100,000 new members. Think of all the good we could do in the world with an additional 100,000 members! The sky is the limit and the future of the Knights of Columbus is very bright in my opinion."

— Chris Stark

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