



# State Update

## State Deputy's Message

What a great weekend we all had at the 112th State Convention held at the Park City Marriott. Friday night's Past State Deputy's Dinner drew more attendees than anyone could remember from recent years, and emcee IPSD Andy Airriess' "Know Your PSD" challenge game was a ton of fun. PSD Chuck Dover conducted a drawing from participants who contributed to the State Scholarship program. Winners were \$200 3rd prize – Greg Keller, \$300 2nd prize – Mr. Alvarado (Cedar City), and \$500 1st prize – Debbie and Mac McManaman.

Saturday morning started out with a Rosary, conducted by Faith Director John Valdez, and was attended by most of the delegates before the opening session. A greeting (DVD) by our Supreme Knight Karl Anderson and State Deputy Annual Report capped that session also attended by our wives. The morning's business session highlights were remarks from our Supreme Representative, Jim Scroggin, followed by reports from our State Chaplain Fr Erik Richtsteig, State Officers, District Master Frank Carmona, Insurance Agent Ken Huard, and State Chaplain Emeritus Fr James Blaine. Next were nominations for 2019-2020 state officers and 137th Supreme Convention alternates, Resolutions were passed (which only required minor edits – way to go State Advocate Bill Kelly), and passing of the 2019-2020 Budget as proposed (ditto way to go State Treasurer Mac McManaman and State Secretary Nick Nielson). After lunch, all topics were covered according to the agenda, including all eleven District Deputy reports.

Saturday evening, a wonderful Mass was celebrated by Fr Erik and St Mary of the Assumption and attended by a large host of convention attendees. After returning back to the hotel, the Awards Banquet hosted 180 attendees. The banquet started with the presentation of colors and an inspirational ceremony "transition from Regalia to the new 4th Degree uniform" was presented by the Honor Guard. Following dinner, this year's awards were presented. The following is a recap of the winners:

- Utah State Council \$1000 Scholarship – Dante Zobel, Vernal
- Council 602/Columbian Society \$2000 Scholarship – Samantha (Sami) Villarreal, Cedar City
- Council 602/Columbian Society \$3000 Scholarship (in Honor to PSD Dan Higgins) – Rachel Bouley, North Salt Lake
- 4th Degree "To be a Patriot" – Rev Thomas Meersman Assembly 2577; The Fisher House Salt Lake City
- Faith Award – St Ambrose Council 15418; Karamles Fund Raiser
- Community Award – St Vincent de Paul Council 13297; Backpack Bonanza Donations to CCS
- Family Award – St Vincent de Paul Council 13297; Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest
- Life Award – St Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181; Baby Bottle and Shower Campaign
- A "Big Check" for over \$8000 was presented to Fr Erik, representing the Diocese, which captured this year's Council and Assembly donations to the Christopher Fund, Bishop's Vocation Fund and Culture of Life
- Chaplain of the Year – Fr Dominic Briese, Bishop Hunt Council 5214 at St Francis Xavier
- Family of the Year – the Derrick Family; Michael, Sofie, Children and Grandchildren, St Vincent de Paul Council 13297 at St Vincent de Paul
- Knight of the Year – VJ Simonelli; Bishop Hunt Council 5214 at St Francis Xavier

Sunday morning started with a Memorial Mass celebrated by Fr Patrick Carley in the Hotel. The morning's main event was the election of next year's state officers. Here are the results for the upcoming year (reelected for a second term): State Deputy – Greg Keller, State Secretary – Nick Nielson, State Treasurer – James "Mac" McManaman, State Advocate – Bill Kelly, and State Warden – Ryan Graveley

My many thanks to the Convention Committee and all those individuals who performed exceptionally to provide a most excellent convention for all the attendees. The next major state event will be the Organization Meeting to be held Saturday, 29 June hosted by Fr Escalante Council 1136 in Orem. Stand by as the details are ironed out.

Greg Keller

Utah State Deputy

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention

### The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Offered in Solidarity  
with Pope Francis



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# "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.



*"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

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](https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/1953_Program_Manual_3-14.pdf) or downloaded @ [https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/1953\\_Program\\_Manual\\_3-14.pdf](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.

### Kids 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

Here we are in the first month of the Fraternal year, how is your council doing? Did you finish last year strong? Are you ready for next year? We all know the importance of goals and when I think about goals I normally just think about long term goals, but what about short term goals?

In the Supreme Knightline newsletter from April there was a great article from Matt St. John (Director of US Membership Growth) titled "What Knights can learn from the New England Patriots." I really liked this article; say what you will about the Patriots but you can't deny what they do. Their success is defined by their system, regardless of who is playing what position or who their opponent is, the result from week to week is normally the same: victory. The article goes on to explain their system focuses on goals and how their coach often says "Do these three things, and we'll win the game." Each week those three things may change, and that shows how they adapt for their short-term goals.

So, I encourage you to ask how have you done with your goals this year? What three things can accomplish before the end of the year to help you achieve them? Maybe one of your short-term goals would be to submit for the Columbian Award, or to recruit one new member this month, or one last community event? Ask this for the short term and it's time to look at the long-term goals for next year.

Administrative notes, coming to the end of the Fraternal year also means closing with paperwork. We have our first council to submit their SP7 (Columbian Award application), way to go Council 7961! With all the end of year forms due at the end of June which is a weekend I encourage you to submit before June 28th. Here are the forms due by the end of the month: Form SP7 (Columbian Award Application), Form 2630 (Annual Report of KofC Round Table), Form 10057 (Food for Families Report), and Form 2863 (RSVP & Plaque Application). All the forms can be found through Officers Online or through the Supreme website at: <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/forms/council.html>

The other big report that is due by July 1st (so before the end of this month) is the Form 185 (Report of Officers Chosen). Regardless if you do this through Officers Online/Member Management or fill out the form and email it in PLEASE send me a copy. I need this form for communication to council leadership and to compile the directory.

Membership growth numbers are down significantly, for the whole state we are at 129 YTD gain (that is 56% of our goal for the year). We have five (5) council that have met their Membership goal on the council level (Great Job!). We don't have any councils that have achieved their Insurance goal yet. As of the last report from Supreme which was 3/30/19, twenty-eight (28) councils submitted their Program Personnel Form 365. Thirty-Three (33) councils turned in their Annual Fraternal Survey Form 1728. And as of 5/16/19 we have sixteen (16) councils that are Safe Environment compliant. We have seven (7) councils that did not complete their last audit (Form 1295), and 5 that missed both their last two audits.

Thank you for the vote of confidence in re-electing me to a second term as your State Secretary; if I can do anything to assist your council's success please let me know. I look forward to finishing this year strong and seeing what we can all accomplish next year.

Vivat Jesus!



Nick Nielson  
State Secretary

## From Supreme: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFERS NEW CHARITABLE GIVING VEHICLE

THE WORLD'S LARGEST CATHOLIC LAY ORGANIZATION NOW OFFERS MORE WAYS FOR MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC TO GIVE

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Knights of Columbus, one of the largest Catholic philanthropic organizations in the world, today announced a new affiliated vehicle for donors called "Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund" (KCCF). KCCF allows donors to open donor-driven accounts, recommend charities to which donations can be sent through a safe, secure and confidential portal.

Carl Anderson, CEO of Knights of Columbus, said, "Catholics today are looking for opportunities to demonstrate their faith and to support organizations that reflect their values. They want to direct their charity to organizations easily and efficiently."

The addition of a donor-advised fund option satisfies a unique customer and market niche that is a powerful tool for maximizing philanthropic impact on organizations that align with Catholic values and teachings. Donor-advised funds have become the fastest-growing segment of charitable-giving vehicles due to their flexibility and simplicity. Assets in the donor-advised fund are invested tax-free with no distribution requirements, excise taxes, or other reporting requirements for the individual donor. Donors can make a current charitable contribution, receive an immediate potential tax benefit, and then recommend grants from the fund over time. And tax-free investing over time can result in larger ultimate gifts for charities.

Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA), a faith-based investment group, began working with CCFGiving, a donor-advised fund focused on grant making and investing in accordance with Catholic values, in November 2017 and served as investment advisor to the donor-advised fund since its founding earlier that year. In December 2018, CCFGiving became affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and is now known as KCCF. Founder and

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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—Charitable Giving

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President, Dennis Gerber will continue to work with KCCF to build charitable investment opportunities for the organization and is now backed by the full depth and breadth of the KoCAA team. There are currently 24 fund accounts under management, totaling \$2.4 million, in funds that are now available for KCCF to grant to other charities with the advice of the donors.

### About Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund is an independent 501(c)(3) public charity. It allows individuals to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate potential tax benefit and then recommend grants from the fund over time to any 501(c)(3) charities that do not conflict with Catholic values.

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund furnishes the opportunity to create a legacy of generosity by personalizing the name of a fund, safeguarding philanthropic goals and strategically advising gifts to organizations that align with Catholic values, principles and teachings.

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund is an independent, nonprofit public charity with a donor-advised fund program. The value of a donation to a donor-advised fund will fluctuate over time and may gain or lose money, which will affect total benefits ultimately received by charities.

Information provided is educational in nature and is not intended as legal, tax, financial or other professional advice. Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund does not provide legal, tax, financial or other professional advice. You should consult professional advisors concerning the legal, tax or financial consequences of your charitable activities. Tax information provided relates to federal tax matters only and availability of certain federal tax deductions may depend on whether you itemize deductions.

For more information, please visit: [www.knightscharitable.org](http://www.knightscharitable.org)

## First Year Recap—Utah State Deputy

As I review 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. As our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said "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."

We haven't done a good job of bring new men into the Order this year, but there's still time and work to be done. That will be our biggest challenge as we finish this year and move forward into the next.

From records compiled by the Utah and Supreme Councils for the recent fraternal years, here are some numbers we can all be proud of...

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP): Councils support our Diocese Seminarians with money, personal communications and encouragement. This year, there were 17 councils participating, who supported 8 Seminarians, and provided a total of \$17,500.

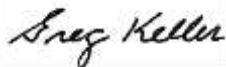
Special Olympics: 23 councils provided 2,478 hours of service and \$12,827 in donations. The running 5-year total is 10,064 hours of service and \$44,624 donated.

Food for Families: 10 councils participated by providing \$5,178 in donations and 76,555 pounds of food. From the inception in 2015 through 2018, numerous councils have participated to provide \$20,659 in donations and 249,737 pounds or 125 tons of food. To put that in perspective, an average African elephant weighs about 12,000 pounds, so that's the equivalent of 21 adult elephants in poundage donated. Impressive

Coats for Kids in the 2018-2019 fraternal year: Many councils participated, sometimes pooling their donations to purchase cases of coats. Cases distributed last fall - 86 or 1,032 coats. There were also many other lightly used coats, hats, scarfs and gloves that were collected and distributed along with all the new coats. The 5-year total is 21 councils participating, distributing 278 cases or 3,336 coats.

And the list of great accomplishments due to selfless giving of time, resources and talent goes on and on. 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 have changed and saved.

Fraternally Yours,



Utah State Deputy

## State Programs Update

Brothers all,

State Program Updates see all the upcoming activities and events going on in the state. <http://utahknights.org/>.

Brothers all,

The State Convention was a success and is behind us now. For those of you whom attended we discussed the Columbian Award Application in depth. I also offered to review and help you with your applications. Yes, the SP -7 is due by June 28th or sooner. Anyone that needs help or has questions is welcome to call me.

I know I am beating this horse, but we have only received one application thus far. These forms are important Brothers and must be submitted in order for your Councils to receive the recognition they deserve.

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## From Supreme: Help Protect our Children

NEW HAVEN — As part of its Protecting Our Children program, the Knights of Columbus has released a video that features the compelling experience of two parents who came to grips with the realization that their son had been molested by a trusted family friend.

The 30-minute feature video, "Protecting Our Children: A Family's Response," includes the first-hand recounting by a Knights of Columbus family of every parent's worst nightmare—the sexual abuse of their child. The video also includes commentary and practical tips for parents from Dr. Monica Applewhite, a leading expert in the field of sexual abuse.

"This video is a critical resource for families seeking to keep their children safe," said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Hearing the experience of a mother, father and their son is eye opening and will help parents and guardians take the necessary steps to protect their children."

The video, which is meant to complement the initiatives of other segments of the Church, will be distributed to members of the Knights of Columbus throughout the United States and Canada as part of its child protection program.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus will create a family resource guide in conjunction with Dr. Applewhite that will accompany the video. The Knights and Dr. Applewhite are also exploring the possibility of producing age-appropriate videos for middle school and high school students to arm them with the information needed to prevent and disrupt sexual abuse. The Knights will offer the video to dioceses, Catholic schools and their employees and volunteers for free on its web site.

"The problem of the sexual abuse of minors needs to be addressed on a number of levels, but we want to focus our attention on protecting families, which is a founding principle of the Knights of Columbus," Anderson said. "The family in this video showed great courage by sharing their experience to help others."

The video is grounded in the Knights' Building the Domestic Church program, which encourages the development of faith-filled families.

# Council % of Membership Goal as of 06/30/2019

COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA	COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	% QUOTA
7961	Andy Airriess	225%	5502	Wayne Welninski	0%
9731	Gabino Chacon	150%	6010	Dennis Martinez	0%
8350	Jose Munoz	114%	6147	Tim Peczuh	0%
12181	Steven Thatcher	106%	6966	Michael Carmody	0%
1129	Charles Hodell	100%	7401	Richard Babin	0%
1136	Al Christianson	100%	8606	John Mau	0%
10304	Gary "Pete" Sorensen	100%	9561	Michael E Hacking	0%
16127	Alan Gibson	100%	10733	Thomas Kelly	0%
6739	Barry Stine	50%	11246	Pat Mc Donald	0%
17140	Alex Aerts	50%	11479	Larry Page	0%
5214	Phil Garcia	45%	11812		0%
13297	Timothy Soran	43%	12264	Stephen Gillette	0%
602	Tim Doubt	33%	12959	Cory Meacham	0%
9849	Wayne Bauer	33%	14239	Ernest "Chris" Barrera	0%
13646		25%	14399	Wilber Meier	0%
15418	Dick Hall	14%	14764	David Mohr	0%
777	Gerald "Jerry" Bedel	0%	15741	Jose Palestino	0%
2611	John Flores	0%	16006		0%
5347	George Fuller	0%			

# District Deputies % of Membership Goal as of 06/30/2019

DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA	DISTRICT	NAME	% QUOTA
6	Jerry Angus	123%	5	Cole Stapley	0%
1	Dan Castelli	74%	7	Art Grant	0%
11	Frank Lesar	62%	8	Harry Polland	0%
2	Ray Salazar	0%	9	Billy Sandoval	0%
3	Dan Reading	0%	10	Peter Abercrombie	0%
4	Frank Carmona	0%			

# 2019/2020 Annual RSVP Report

Assembly/Council	RSVP Totals
Assembly 2393	\$ 1,200.00
Council 00777	\$ 1,800.00
Council 01136	\$ 2,400.00
Council 05214	\$ 1,000.00
Council 05502	\$ 600.00
Council 06010	\$ 600.00
Council 06739	\$ 500.00
Council 06966	\$ 600.00
Council 07961	\$ 600.00
Council 09731	\$ 500.00
Council 09849	\$ 1,000.00
Council 11246	\$ 500.00
Council 12181	\$ 600.00
Council 12959	\$ 2,000.00
Council 14399	\$ 1,200.00
Council 17033	\$ 650.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,750.00</b>

Seminarian	RSVP Totals
1. Sergio A Chavez	\$ 1,100.00
2. Tristan P Dillon	\$ 2,450.00
3. Anthony Shumway	\$ 2,400.00
4. Dominic Sternhagen	\$ 2,700.00
5. Andre Sicard	\$ 1,600.00
6. Oscar A Marquina {Training in Rome}	\$ 2,500.00
7. Nicholas Murakami	\$ 2,400.00
8. Jose Luis Gomez	\$ 600.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,750.00</b>

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## Insurance Assurance—Financial Career Opportunity with Knights of Columbus

In order to provide our members with the services they require and because of our growth in your area, it has become necessary to increase the size of our full-time staff in Colorado and Utah. I am seeking to contract an additional Field Agent in my agency. However, he may be disturbed because of recent changes in his job or perhaps he has limited earning potential in his present position. The ideal candidate should have an entrepreneurial spirit, strong work ethic, unquestionable honesty and a desire to assist his Brother Knights and their families.

Our agents enjoy higher than average incomes along with the flexibility of schedule that comes with being self-employed. We also provide extensive training, continuing education and support. In addition a complete compensation package is available, which includes health insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, pension and 401K, training and expense allowances, bonus programs, incentive trips and more.

However, this opportunity is not for everyone. You may know of someone, among your many acquaintances, who fits this profile and is looking for more out of life. Or you may even be considering a career change yourself.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity with me, or recommend someone, please reply at the end of this message or feel free to call me at your convenience.

[View the quick facts.](#)

Sincerely and fraternally,

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