

**Knights of Columbus** 

**Utah State Council** 

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My Brother Knights,

I hope this letter finds you well. I, Francisco Carmona, seek your support and from your councils as I wish to serve as your State Deputy for the upcoming Fraternal Year 2024-2025. I hope you feel I have been involved with your councils and yourself personally where I can be trusted with such a responsibility. As I have served you, your councils, your assemblies, and the Utah State Council needs in all roles, including District Master, it would be an honor to serve you as your State Deputy.

The state team and I have worked very hard these past three years to open lines of communication between the Utah State and the Supreme Council. We have established essential dialogue with many of New Haven's offices to make your jobs more accessible at the council level. At the state level, we have tried to streamline communications through the District Deputies to decrease the email you receive from the state.

During these last three years, we have combined your efforts and resulted in some notable achievements.

- Utah has seen an increase in new members and activities.
- Year-to-date total charitable contributions are up.
- Coats for Kids Contributions are at an all-time high.
- 100% submission rates on Forms 185, 365, and DD944s.
- Aid and Support After Pregnancy contributions are increasing.
- Reenergizing the RSVP, providing funding and encouragement to our seminarians.
- We are working with the Fourth Degree District Master; we fully support him.
- Changing bank accounts and segregating our funds into interest-bearing accounts.
- Merging inactive councils with the intent to reenergize membership and activity.
- Forming a promising Round Table at St. Anns, continuing the one in Heber and Hurricane, soon in Moab.
- We establish a direct connection with the bishop's office.
- We created a New Board of Trustees comprising financially knowable Past State Deputies.
- And many more achievements.

Without your support and dedication to our programs, these achievements would not be possible; a sincere thanks to you all. I am excited to bring and receive new ideas for growing our college and Hispanic communities. Increasing the state team's visibility has allowed us to create better relationships with our priests. I apologize for those councils we have not visited; we will make our way out before the end of the year.

In closing, I have enjoyed serving on your state council for the last six years and request your support for the position of State Deputy. I look forward to the State Convention on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Ogden and the opportunity to interact and socialize at the activities the convention team has put together for us.

Yours Fraternally/Viva Christo Rey,

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