



Utah State Update



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Mark Your Calendar Now

2024-2025 Utah State Council Midyear Meeting at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Orem.

- ♦ Fri., Jan. 10: State Officers and District Deputies.
- ♦ Sat. Jan. 11: State Officers, District Deputies, and Council Representatives.



REMINDER!

Please use the online "**UT KofC Activity Form**" to submit council and/or assembly programs for the state events calendar:

www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm

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A KNIGHT.**



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UTAH STATE COUNCIL PLANNING CALENDAR

This Month: September 2024

Now	Supreme's Fraternal Trainers—both scheduled training and the request form online at www.KofC.org/Training
01-Sep	New District Master of Utah: J. Nick Nielson
02-Sep	Labor Day (USA); Labour Day (Canada)
04-Sep	Fraternal Training: Enhancing Member Experience
05-Sep	Saint Teresa of Calcutta
06-Sep	Golf Tournament (Council 1129)
06-Sep	FYI - CCS Empty Bowls 2024 (fundraiser)
06-Sep	Knights on Bikes: Ride to Zero (9/6-9/8)
06-Sep	[9/6-9/8] SLC Greek Festival
07-Sep	Carmelite Fair - Setup Day
08-Sep	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
08-Sep	Carmelite Fair - Golf Tournament
08-Sep	Blue Mass and BBQ (Council 12181)
09-Sep	Fraternal Training: Introducing Families to the Knights
10-Sep	[FBS] Virtual FBE - Protect Those You Love the Most (Extended Care Planning)
11-Sep	FYI - World Day of Prayer for Peace
15-Sep	Carmelite Fair
15-Sep	Carmelite Fair - Cleanup Volunteers
15-Sep	DEADLINE Family of the Month Due! Use Form 10784
15-Sep	DEADLINE District Deputy Report #944
17-Sep	Fraternal Training: Council Membership Growth
18-Sep	Fraternal Training: Conducting Church Drives
19-Sep	Fraternal Training: Attracting and Engaging Younger Members
21-Sep	FYI - Utah Catholic Conference, details at www.dioslc.org/conference
22-Sep	Solemnity of the Dedication of St. Catherine's / Welcome Back BBQ (Council 14764)
24-Sep	40-Days for Life Kick-Off
25-Sep	Red Cross Blood Drive (Council 6966)
25-Sep	[9/25-11/3] 40-Days for Life, www.40daysforlife.com/en/saltlakecity
25-Sep	Fraternal Training: Making the Most of the Fall Semester (for College Councils)
27-Sep	Blood Drive (Council 1129)
28-Sep	Soccer Night at America First Field: Utah Royals vs. Racing Louisville (Council 602)
29-Sep	Feast of the Archangels
29-Sep	Spaghetti Dinner in Magna (Council 9731)

Submit Council, Assembly, and/or District events at www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm

Next Month: October 2024

01-Oct	[9/25-11/3] 40-Days for Life, www.40daysforlife.com/en/saltlakecity
01-Oct	Fraternal Training: Becoming Fishers of Men
03-Oct	Fraternal Training: Building Brotherhood with Cor
04-Oct	FYI - SLC PRC Banquet for Life (fundraiser)
05-Oct	HG: Intercultural Marian Celebration (Procession, Mass, Potluck), Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kearns
05-Oct	Steak Fry (Council 5502)
06-Oct	FYI - Catholics Can Disabilities Mass
06-Oct	Family BBQ Night with the Knights (Council 5214)
07-Oct	Priest Social, Homestead Resort, Midway
07-Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
12-Oct	HG: Fourth Degree Exemplification, Tooele
13-Oct	State Soccer Challenge (2024), New Date
14-Oct	Columbus Day
17-Oct	Fraternal Training: Council Preps for Advent & Christmas
19-Oct	FYI - Diocesan Respect for the Dignity of Life Day
19-Oct	Oktoberfest (Council 1129)
22-Oct	Saint John Paul II {Pope}
22-Oct	[10-22-10/30] USCCB Respect Life Month Novena
23-Oct	FYI - CCS Humanitarian Awards Dinner 2024
26-Oct	Live In-Person Training for Council Leaders!
31-Oct	Halloween (All Hallow's Eve)
November 2024	
01-Nov	[9/25-11/3] 40-Days for Life, www.40daysforlife.com/en/saltlakecity
01-Nov	Coats for Kids Distribution (Council 1129)
01-Nov	HDO: All Saints Day
02-Nov	All Soul's Day

The activities listed here help with your planning:

1. What is happening now?
2. What do we need to get ready for next month?
3. What future events are planned?

Full calendar is www.UtahKnights.org/state-calendar/

Highlighted events at www.UtahKnights.org/events/

Fourth Degree Honor Guards TinyURL.com/UT4th

Words of Wisdom

Once upon a time, the State Officers sent out a monthly newsletter that highlighted the next 30-90 days of activities for the Utah Knights. It became hit and miss, and a mess. We pledged to start it again this year. Even had a publisher that volunteered to start the Newsletter this month. Unfortunately, he resigned August 31. So, until I can find a replacement, I will publish the monthly newsletter.

State Officers, including District Master, Program Directors, and State Chairmen will submit articles to me before the 25th of the month. I will edit the articles and send the newsletter by the end of the month. This first issue is a week late. That will not happen again.

Officers not submitting articles will have their name mentioned. At the mid-year meeting, we will decide if this is a useful media.

The Grace of God on You!

Bill McCauley

State Secretary

Frankly Speaking

My Brother Knights:

Where did the summer go! Again, this year, we are off to a great start regarding acquiring new members in Utah. As of August 31st, we have brought in 26 new members and are sitting at number 29 in the order for percent gain. IPSD "Wild" Bill Kelly and PSD Doug Shane have big plans for Utah this year and they are taking care of our new members. Please reach out to these men in the que as soon as you can while they have the interest and enthusiasm to join. We would also like to welcome our NEW UTAH DISTRICT MASTER Nick Nielson and offer him our 100% State support.

I want to thank everyone for the love and support you have shown and given me in the past two months as State Deputy. Thank you for inviting me to your events and your programs. I love

participating and hanging out with my brothers. I would also like to say that my first Supreme Convention I've attend, and it was a blast in City of Quebec, Quebec Canada. For those of you that have never attended a convention I encourage you to do so in 2026 as the Supreme Convention is coming to Denver Colorado.

PSD Bob Masse (Coats for Kids Chair) will soon be reaching out to councils for the State's Coat for Kids Drive. Remember if you order through the state, we can get you two cases for the price of one. So, if you have not already done so, please get your pledge/order in to Bob.

We have launched the Cor program in Utah. Big Thanks to Giancarlo Gazani, Greg Keller, and Paul Tinker for attending the initial training in 2023. I would like to introduce our new EFF Director Daniel Quintanilla and Father Gabriel Mosher; they will be traveling to Supreme for COR training in a couple of weeks. We are excited for you both.

The Carmelite Fair is closely approaching. We received a personal request from Mother Terez last weekend. She is asking for our support to show up at the monastery at 5PM to break down and pack the tents. Many of you recall the windstorm a few years back and we had over 40 Utah Knights show up for the cleanup. So, please lend a hand as many hands make less work.

Please stop by the convent grounds (5714 Holladay BLVD) for the festivities and/ or the pack up.

If you have not submitted your council semiannual audit, please do as soon as possible. Bill McCauley and Julie Hanten are finalizing the state directory which we anticipate will be out soon. In addition, Giancarlo Gazani will update the State Bylaws based on Supreme's recommendations.

Please check the calendar for upcoming key activities! **Especially take note of the special training session we will have October 26.**

Viva Cristo Rey,

Frank "Chico" Carmona KHS, FMFD

Utah State Deputy

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Deus Lo Vult!

Regional Growth Director

Brothers,

Are you a Council leader? Did you ever think of volunteering for a role of a Chairman or Officer?

Do you understand the Council Officer roles and responsibilities?

Each year your council elects and appoints new men to take on leadership roles within your council. Sometimes these roles are well-defined while other times the role may be expanded based on that individuals' talents or interests. I am coming to Utah on October 26, at Holy Family Hall, St Vincents Parish in Holladay from 1130 to 1500, to offer an approach that may be helpful for councils in appointing officers or for looking to expand the responsibilities of their existing officers. You need to make your job easier as a leader, by spreading out the work, defining roles and responsibilities, searching for skills and abilities of your membership, and have a leader succession plan for the future of your Council. This is open to every Knight, but we especially want State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Chancellor to attend. We want to change 'THE WAY WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT' by exploring Member Management, navigation of the Supreme website, and resources available to you at the District and State level. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 so we can start once everyone is served. Venmo and cash donations will be accepted for the lunch. Please plan on attending this session. It is important for us to ensure success of the Knights this year and in the future. Please let your District Deputy know how many are attending from your Council by October 19 so we can prepare materials and lunch.

Chuck Davlin

Regional Growth Director – West

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I can't keep waiting for "normal" to return, this may be normal now.

I can't keep waiting for someone else to do it, there may not be anyone else.

I can't keep waiting for tomorrow, tomorrow may not be mine.

State Chaplain

State Secretary

The Columbiettes, are a national organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Blessed Mother, our Patroness, and they are comprised of the affiliated Auxiliaries of Knights of Columbus Councils. Catholic women, in good standing with the Church, eighteen (18) years of age or older, may become members. Columbiettes do not have to be related to, married to, a widow of any member of the Knights of Columbus to join the organization.

Columbiettes are a completely autonomous organization. They have their own officers, functions, their own charitable, civic, spiritual and social activities, giving aid to their members in need, participating in retreats and other needy causes.

Currently there are no Columbiette auxiliaries in the state of Utah. St. Mary's in Park City is asking women of the parish if they are interested. The following links will give more information on the Columbiettes. We will keep you apprised of the results at St. Mary's.

[Purpose \(columbiettes.com\)](http://columbiettes.com)

[President Message \(columbiettes.com\)](http://columbiettes.com)

Rath De' ort! The Grace of God on You!
Bill McCauley
State Secretary

State Advocate

Hola Brother Knight,

I hope you all are well and had a great Labor Day weekend!

In this month of September dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, let us reflect and ask Her for guidance in our daily lives, think about how we can contribute to lessen the sorrows of our world, of our brethren in Christ, of our families, our parents, wives, siblings, etc. What are YOU doing to protect our Holy Mother Church, and the Body of Christ (us, it's members) from any harm?

One way we do it, as members of our Order and as leaders in our parishes/communities is by being compliant with our diocesan requirements as well as KofC guidelines. My question for you is: Are you being compliant? Are you Safe Environment certified? Will you be able to protect our children and any other vulnerable individual if in danger of evil harm? You may ask yourself, but WHY? Because we have seen it in the news, in the papers, in social media, in movies/shows, and believe it or not, YOU are contributing to this if you are not compliant. During our Org Meeting held on 7/13, I challenged you all to get SE certified (through the Knights and our diocese respectively) and for those who refuse to do it, I charitably invited you

to step aside and let another brother, who is willing to, take a step ahead into the role and become compliant. With this being said, as announced during the Org meeting, any officer in a role that is not compliant by 10/1 will be removed from office. We want to be compliant as a state, and set the example for our future generations. DO NOT be the bump in another brother's leadership role in your council/assembly. *"For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil"* - 2 Corinthians 5,10

To date we have: 14 out of 34 councils fully SE compliant, 25 of 27 GK, 24 program directors, 19 community directors, 20 family directors are SE compliant. Do not let this slip away! If you missed your invitation to KofC SE, please reach out to me directly for further directions on how to contact Supreme to get you the information right away. My brother, please don't forget our Order's motto: "Tempus fugit, memento mori" (Time flies, remember death).

Vivat Jesus!

Cordially in Christ,

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"Ego confido omnia Deo"

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[Youth Director](#)

District Master

Welcome my Brother Knights, on October 12, 2024, we will hold an Exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree hosted by Monsignor John J. Sullivan Assembly 3758 at Saint Marguerite Catholic Parish located at 15 South 7th Street, Tooele, Utah. Candidate check-in will be at the school (look for the signs).

General Information: Exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is the formal initiation into the Degree. It is an afternoon of history about the Knights of Columbus. Any Third-Degree member in good standing is eligible for the Patriotic Fourth Degree. • A Form 4 (Fourth or Patriotic Degree Membership Application), processed through your Assembly is required for all candidates.

- The cost of the Degree is \$60 made payable Knights of Columbus Utah District Master upon submission of Form 4 application.

- Mail the Form 4 and payment to Utah District Master Nick Nielson, 215 E 100 N, Kaysville, UT 84037. (Online registration coming soon)
 - The candidate cost includes the ceremony, flag, a lapel pin and certificate. Also includes dinner at the Saint Marguerite Council 6739 Spaghetti dinner. Additional meals for guests/wives/families/etc. are \$15 each
 - All candidates are requested to be there on October 12, 2024, no later than 1:15 PM and the Degree will begin promptly at 2:00 PM.
 - Deadline for candidates' names must be submitted to the District Master by October 4, 2024. For additional information, contact District Master Nick Nielson via phone at (801) 618-6595 or email at DistrictMaster@UtahKnights.org
 - The mandatory dress for the exemplification for candidates is a dark suit, white shirt and tie, and Knights will be in a Dark Suit or current uniform.
 - Members of the Armed Forces, Police, and Firefighters may wear their full-dress uniform. Priests may wear Clerical attire with collar.
 - Witnesses (Sir Knights) can wear a dark suit or uniform. Honoree
 - The honoree for this exemplification is Rev. Rafael A. Murillo Ventura, Pastor. Other Information:
 - The "Form 4" application can be filled out online (and printed or saved as a PDF file) at www.UtahKnights.org/fourth-degree/#form4 (instructions available at the same link).
- Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!
J. Nick Nielson, PSD Utah District Master

Insurance Agent

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, a good time to make sure you and your family have the coverage you need.

Even though many people – including Knights and their families – may know the value of life insurance, **there is a big gap between the coverage families have and the coverage they need.** The most recent Insurance Barometer Study shows that more than four in 10 American adults say they need life insurance, or more of it.¹

Does your family have enough? You don't have to guess. As a brother Knight, you have the opportunity to sit down with your Knights of Columbus field agent for a complimentary financial needs analysis that will help give you peace of mind.

This needs analysis is a great benefit we offer members in keeping with Blessed Michael McGivney's founding vision. Providing financial protection for Catholic families was a major reason he founded the Knights, and it remains a major part of what we do today.

Don't let this month go by without discussing your financial goals. **Contact your agent today!**

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September Webinar: Attracting and Engaging Younger Members

Join us Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 PM MT for an informative fraternal webinar entitled **Attracting and Engaging Younger Members**.

Young men are the future of your council. Join us for a special panel discussion featuring young, engaged, and successful fraternal leaders. Find out what attracted them to the Knights of Columbus and what keeps them coming back. Learn how to develop a leadership bench and build a legacy of sustainability by attracting new and younger members to your council.

And remember, if you can't join us live, it will be available on-demand afterwards. There is still time to sign-up to ensure you get the link for this important webinar. Click on the button below to register.

[Register Now](#)

Online Training Schedule

The fall is a great time to enhance your skills and keep your council running successfully. Our online training sessions are conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers who want to give you practical guidance and useful tips.

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below.

Even more sessions have been recorded and are available to watch on demand! Trainings are archived after each live session, and can be found in our library of **[on demand training](#)**.

Note: All Times are Mountain

September 9, 2024 6:00 PM

[Introducing Families to the Knights](#)

September 17, 2024 6:00 PM

[Council Membership Growth](#)

September 18, 2024 6:00 PM

[Conducting Church Drives](#)

October 7, 2024 6:00 PM

[Officers' Desk Reference](#)

October 8, 2024 6:00 PM

[Council Officer Training](#)

October 10, 2024 6:00 PM

[Safe Environment](#)

October 15, 2024 8:00 PM

[Time Management](#)

Programs

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Each year, councils invite children in grades 8-12 to write unique essays on topics of interest. This year's topic is timely: What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues? Please contact schools, parish families, and home school groups as soon as possible to promote this program. Your Council will be amazed at the beautiful write-ups you receive. For more information, please review the program's [Guidebook 4202-EA](#). Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It governs our acts, orders our passions, and guides our conduct by reason and faith. It also encourages Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. The call to live a virtuous life applies to individuals in every state of life and occupation, including our elected leaders. This year's topic is: **In an essay of 500-750 words, what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?**

Larry Page
Catholic Citizenship Essay Chairman
www.KofC.org/Essay

Family of the Month

Over the years, councils have nominated many wonderful families for the magnificent work they do at their parish and in their community for Family of the Month. I encourage you to continue nominating these families, so they know their outstanding work does not go unnoticed. Please thoroughly fill out the 10784 form when selecting a family. For more information on this program, please visit <https://www.kofc.org/FamilyoftheMonth>.

Soccer Challenge

Provide an athletic outlet for young people ages 9 to 14 through penalty kick competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills. The Soccer Challenge is a great way for councils to engage in their communities with an athletic event for youth that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer – shooting accuracy on the penalty kick – and compete to reach the international level of competition. The program is also a way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service. Each Council should conduct their own Soccer Challenge and send 1st and 2nd place Council winners in each age group to the State Challenge. Even if there are only a couple of entries from your Council Soccer Challenge in Utah is set for October 13 at St Joseph the Worker. 12:30 PM Registration. Challenge begins at 1:00 PM.

www.KofC.org/Soccer