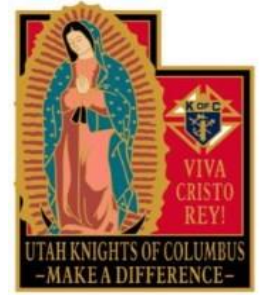


Frankly Speaking



My Brother Knights,

Is it fall or winter outside? We had a couple brisk mornings lately where temps dipped into the 30s; yet we still can enjoy the outdoors. All Hallows Eve just past and All Saints/All Souls are here. Please pray for Blessed McGivney's Sainthood on All Saints and remember those who have gone before us on All Souls. So far it has been a tough year for us where we lost many brother knights that included priest and deacons. We have now completed four months of the fraternal year, and we have brought in many new knights to your councils. **"FISHERS of MEN"** Bill Kelly, the State Council and I solicit your help to ask every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights to obtain a rewarding experience. What I ask from you is to help the new members be active in your council, share your knowledge, build new leaders, and have them help achieve the goal Blessed Michael McGivney began. So please talk with these men and have them join your council and get them active. New members bring in new ideas and increases your capability to do more work for your Parish and Community.

Coats for Kids distribution is upon us. Check out the online calendar for dates, times and locations. Our Former District Master Bob Masse PSD has done a superb job ordering and ship coats to councils so now all we need is your help for the final step to place the coat on a deserving child's back. Good news for our councils.

I would love to give a shout out to our brother and Field Agent William Mundy, for the excellent job he is doing and for his help in helping us form a NEW Council in Heber City. Bill is working closely with Nate Raso to get up to speed to help our Utah Knights become available of the good products the knights have to offer. Bill will be visiting assembly and council meetings to set up local benefits seminars to help you with your Founder's Awards.

Thank you to all the councils who submitted their per capita for the year and councils who submitted their coats for kids pledges. This really helps the state with our cash flow considering our small budget. Would like to request partial or full payments by the end of November or as soon as you can to SS Bill McCauley. Safe Environment compliance needs the most work where an initial fix would be to assign Directors Positions. If any of you need any help in these areas, please reach out to your DDs, or the State Advocate. Please check our calendar for upcoming events this month.

Veteran's Day on Nov 11th so all you Vets get out there and get your freebies and **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**. Thanksgiving will be here shortly; Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, your family and friends a Blessed Thanksgiving. Again, Thanks for your support to the Utah Knights.

Viva Cristo Rey,

Frank "Chico" Carmona

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Deus Lo Vult!

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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.

Assistant State Chaplain

My brothers,

I'm always grateful for the works of charity that you dedicate yourselves to. It is an inspiration to the whole Church. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all that you do!

Being practical Catholics we have an opportunity to grow in holiness through the practice of the virtue of patriotism as we elect our leaders in early November. I ask you to take the time to examine the positions of the candidates and allow yourselves to be guided by the dictates of the Natural Moral Law, the teachings of the Church, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We have the opportunity to lead our nation in faith and goodness as we contribute to the care of the Common Good of our country, state, and local communities. Do not neglect this moral good. When faithful men absent themselves from the political process, vice is allowed to triumph over virtue. The Knights of Columbus have always stood for Catholic values in the public square. Continue to stand strong in the face of the challenges of our age while relying on the grace of God, the aid of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.

In SPND,

Fr. Gabriel, OP

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State Secretary

Last month's webinar on **Preparing for Advent/Christmas** webinar gave several good ideas for activities. First thing to do is discuss with your Pastor to plan and remember to live your faith. December we will begin the Jubilee Year of Hope. You could begin COR, hold a Holy Hour, or Bible Study. Sponsor a giving tree, visit from St. Nick, caroling, or a tree lighting. You could order Christmas cards, yard signs, or KCIC car magnets for gifts or fundraisers.

Church attendance increases – in the month of December. Plan your activities now. Be visible, welcome everyone, invite families to your next activities, and recruit new members.

Men are waiting for you to invite them to join the Knights of Columbus. Here are two easy ways you and the members of your council can invite men to join:

1. Use Online Join Cards (#11689). Fill in your council number and member number and keep a few in your wallet at all times. You never know when the opportunity will arise to invite someone you're talking to – on the sidelines of your kid's game, at the coffee social after Mass, or even at the next tailgate party. Give the cards out as a quick way to say, "I'd like to invite you to become a Knight of Columbus!"

2. Send out “On Mission” Invitations (#11732). Work with your pastor to identify men in your parish that should join the Knights of Columbus. At your next council meeting, ask members to write out two invitations each and send them to the prospects. Be sure to personalize the card and perhaps invite him and his family to your next event.

These resources and the “Fishers of Men” Guidebook (FOM-GUIDE) can be found on Supplies Online. Log into [Officers Online](#), click on the Supplies Online icon, and then click on the “Fishers of Men: A Culture of Invitation” folder located on the home page. And remember, [it’s not about a number, it’s about more mission](#).



Fraternal Leader Webinar Series

Midyear Checkup for Your Council

Thursday, November 21, 2024

6:00 PM MST

Join us on Thursday, November 21st for an informative fraternal webinar entitled [Midyear Checkup for Your Council](#).

The midyear checkpoint is the optimal time for your council to assess what works, what doesn't work, and how you can make the most of the rest of the year.

In this webinar, we will showcase some best practices and significant accomplishments, as well as have an honest dialogue about common obstacles your council may encounter, and how they can be overcome. We will also delineate an outline for success for the remainder of the year, so your council can be well on its way to earning the Star Award.

And remember, if you can't join us live, it will be available on-demand afterwards. Be sure to [sign-up](#) to ensure you get the link for this important webinar.

Important Reminders for Fraternal Leaders

Financial Secretary

- If your council accounting period ends June 30, then November 15 is the deadline to ensure that your council submits the proper [IRS Form 990](#) (US Councils only). Ensure that this paperwork is filed.
- A one-page guide outlining the [Affiliate List Submission Process](#), and an [Affiliate Template](#) for submission, are now available on the [kofc.org Officer Resources](#) page.

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

November 4, 2024 6:00 PM	Public Relations and Publicity
November 7, 2024 6:00 PM	Conducting Activity Drives
November 13, 2024 8:00 PM	Guidelines for Conducting Council Meetings
November 19, 2024 6:00 PM	Recruitment Strategies

Training is also available en Español.

Rath De' ort! The Grace of God on You!

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Hello Brother Knight! Hola Hermano Caballero!
"Tempus fugit, memento mori" (Time flies, remember death).

Vivat Jesus!
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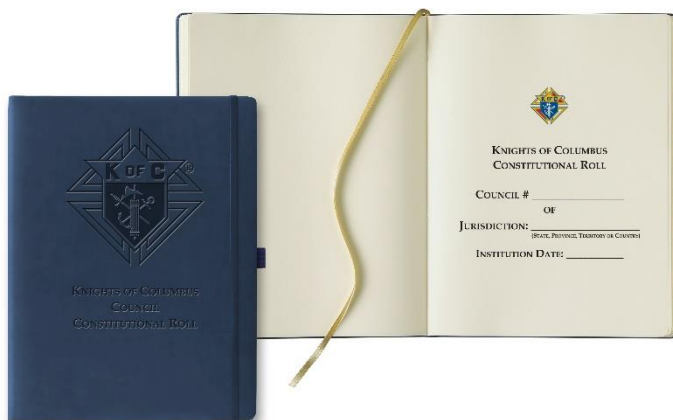
State Executive Secretary

Greetings Utah Knights of Columbus Leaders!

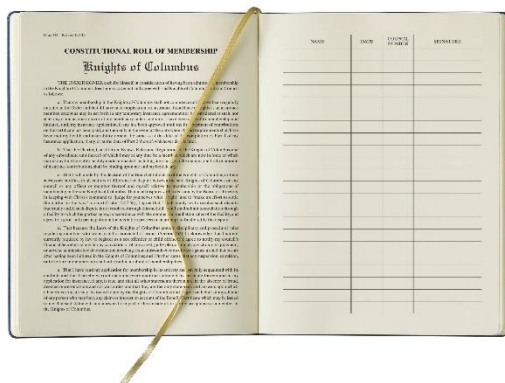
Great to see two dozen Utah KofC leaders at Chuck Davlin's training on 10/26. Please make sure you've blocked off the date(s) for the state Midyear Meeting this January in Orem. Friday 1/10 for State Officers and District Deputies, then on Saturday 1/11 they're joined by the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries.

As your council schedules and plans conducting the CUF ceremonial, please get the details to your District Deputy so he can update the calendar. Remember, no memorization is needed and the latest script starts on Page #40 of the "Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials" publication (11620), that was sent to every council in July, with an additional 100 copies available and distributed at the State Organizational Meeting on July 13th, and is also available online as a PDF at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for-members/11620-protocol-meetings-and-ceremonials.pdf#page=40>

If you didn't get a new **Constitutional Roll** at the training on 10/26, we still have one for every council that needs it in English (and just a couple in Spanish). As Chuck Davlin reiterated on 10/26, the online ceremonial is functional, but it's preferred and more welcoming to conduct the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in person. Join the Knights at Blessed Sacrament parish in Sandy for a live exemplification on Sunday, 11/17; the details are on the state ceremonials calendar.



Vivat Jesus!
-- **Karl VanMaren**
State Executive Secretary
State Ceremonials Director
Utah Knights of Columbus



Programs

Consecration to the Holy Family

December 29 is the Feast of the Holy Family. Bring families closer to Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph by organizing a group consecration to the Holy Family. Click [here](#) for resources and ideas on how to run the event.



Disaster Preparedness

Hurricane Helene was a stark reminder of the importance of disaster preparedness. Get your council and parish ready through the Disaster Preparedness program. Communication, training and funding are key. Read this [guide sheet](#) to start building a plan.

Things to accomplish this month

- Helping Hands – World Day of The Poor, November 17
- Spiritual Reflection
- Family of the Month
- Food for Families
- Disaster Preparedness
- Coats for Kids
- KCIC Poster and Billboard
- Citizenship Essay

Plan Ahead

- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Food for Families
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Faith Director

Prayer for Vocations:

God our Father,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen*

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Family Director

Brothers!

I can't believe it's already been a little over three months since we started the new Fraternal Year 2024-25! I've seen so many activities from your councils and assemblies in our state calendars, social media, and Intermountain Catholic.

I invite you all to continue taking advantage of our many Supreme sponsored/featured Faith In Action programs under the FAMILY section such as: Food for Families, Family of the Month/Year, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Fully Alive, Family Prayer Night, etc. (however, don't limit yourself it to only these previously mentioned programs, you can come up with your own!)

If you haven't yet, please submit your nominations for the family of the month now! Don't leave them till the end, and my biggest suggestion is submitting your program report for 10784 right away, as soon as your events ends. It is very easy to forget and you might miss reporting your activity.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of these programs please reach out to me via email at utkofcstateadvocate@gmail.com or at giancarlo.gazani@gmail.com, you can also visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family>

También hablo Español!

Vivat Jesus,

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"Ego confido omnia Deo"

Community Director

I'd like to thank Dennis Robles (Soccer Chairman) from 1136, and our Youth Director Jon Gauchay for assisting in running a successful soccer challenge. Here are our winners from the age groups that competed.

9-year-old girl winnerAstley Espinosa, score 135, council 5214 (Kearns)
13-year-old girl winnerLuciana Venacio, score 85, council 1136 (Orem)
14-year-old girl winnerAshley Horizonte, score 105, council 1136 (Orem)

9-year-old boy winnerJoshua Navarette, score 160, council 1136 (Orem)
10-year-old boy winnerJuan Diego, score 230, council 1136 (Orem)
11-year-old boy winnerLuke Shivley, score 260, council 12181 (Draper)
12-year-old boy winnerSaul Sanchez, score 135, council 1136 (Orem)
13-year-old boy winnerJonathan Serrano, score 175, council 1136 (Orem)
14-year-old boy winnerOsmar Sanchez, score 175, council 1136 (Orem)

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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Brothers,

November is here and Christmas is just around the corner. Hopefully you have ordered your Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kit from Supreme. The following link displays all resources available for Family Program.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab0&icon-tabs=2>

There are five age groups so everyone can participate – Kindergarten, grades 1 and 2, grades 3 and 4, grades 5 and 6 and grades 7 and 8. This is a Faith in Action – Family Program. Entries are due to the Council by December 1 but this can be extended to December 15 if your District Deputy can have the District Winners completed by December 27th.

Maybe your Council could even advertise the contests in your parish bulletin or online website.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is open to the Catholic youth in your parish.

Due dates:

Posters received by Council for Judging 12/1/2024

Council 1st place winners sent to council's District Deputy (DD) for judging 12/27/2024

District 1st place winners sent to State Chair (Alex Reynoso) for judging 01/11/2025

NOTE- Please make sure each entrant has completed the Entry Form and submitted along with each poster. Also make sure participant's name and grade is written on the back side of the poster.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>

Good luck, Vivat Jesu, and God Bless America

Vivat Jesus,

Alex Reynoso

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Chairman

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Brothers,

How many members in your Council have children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, or neighbors who have Catholic children? Are any of the children in the 8th – 12th grade? Children in the 8th – 12th grade are eligible for the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**. Granted, having a child write an essay that is optional is a tough sell, but several Councils have utilized their parish CCD, parochial schools and youth groups to provide entries. Maybe a child you or your members know, enjoy creative writing.

Each year, councils invite children in grades 8-12 to write unique essays on topics of interest. Please contact schools, parish families, and home school groups as soon as possible to promote this program. Maybe your Council could even advertise the contests in your parish bulletin or online website. This contest is open to all the Catholic youth in your parish, in the 8th through 12th Grade. Your Council will be amazed at the beautiful write-ups you receive. For more information, please review the program's [Guidebook](#).

This is a Faith in Action – Community program. It encourages youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing and is open to all qualifying Catholic students. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. Entries are due to the Council by December 15th.

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?**

Due dates:

<i>Sent to Council for Judging</i>	<i>12/15/24</i>
<i>1st place winners to District</i>	<i>12/27/24</i>
<i>District winners to State</i>	<i>1/10/25</i>

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and an award for \$50, \$30, or \$20 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning essays in each grade. Remember, this is a Faith in Action Community Program.

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Youth Director

Now is the time to start planning for the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship at the Council and District level. www.KofC.org/freethrow

Also, the Diocesan Science Fair will be held in February. Judges need to take the Diocesan Safe Environment training. <https://saltlakecity.cmgconnect.org/> The State Secretary will soon be asking for donations for prizes and shirts for the participants.

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District Master Utah Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights,

We had a fantastic month here in Utah with the 4th degree, lots of honor guard activities and our first 4th Degree Exemplification of this fraternal year. We brought in 16 new Sir Knights, one of which was a priest. Our average of new Sir Knights at our exemplifications over the last couple of years has been around 5 so this was great to this many.



In addition to the exemplification, as mentioned we had several Honor Guard events and one of them was when the relic of St Jude traveled through Utah. This is the first time this relic has left Rome and was learn more about St. Jude and an honor to be present with several of my 4th degree brother Sir Knights.

I asked the question last month “why are you a 4th Degree member?” and I continue to ask this question this month and have been encouraging members to share their reasons with potential new candidates. One the best things we can do for our order is share our personal “why”, not only will this help us recruit but will also highlight all the good that we do.

I want to recognize and thank Assembly 2577 Honor Guard members who have stepped up recently and been supporting most of the recent honor guard events and I look forward to more Assemblies stepping forward to help out the state.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

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Special Announcement: State Midyear Meeting Invitation

THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR AND ANOTHER SIR KNIGHT FROM EACH ASSEMBLY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE STATE MIDYEAR MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH IN OREM AND WILL BE PAID MILEAGE.

This Month: November 2024

Now	Supreme's Fraternal Trainers—both scheduled training and the request form online at www.KofC.org/Training
01-Nov	[9/25-11/3] 40-Days for Life, www.40daysforlife.com/en/saltlakecity
01-Nov	HDO: All Saints Day
01-Nov	[to 11/3] Midyear Membership Meeting of State Deputies (Washington, D.C.)
02-Nov	All Soul's Day
02-Nov	[11/2-12/12] 40-Day Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe; www.KofC.org/Sons
02-Nov	Special Olympics - Fall Games Support
03-Nov	[11/3-11/9] National Vocations Awareness Week (USCCB)
04-Nov	Fraternal Training: Public Relations and Publicity
05-Nov	Election Day (USA)
07-Nov	Fraternal Training: Best Practices for Military Councils
07-Nov	Fraternal Training: Conducting Activity Drives
11-Nov	Veterans Day (USA)
13-Nov	Fraternal Training: Guidelines for Conducting Council Meetings
14-Nov	Fraternal Training: Protecting Catholic Families
17-Nov	World Day of the Poor
17-Nov	123-CUF Ceremonial, Live/English, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sandy, Council 6966
19-Nov	Fraternal Training: Recruitment Strategies
21-Nov	Fraternal Training: Midyear Checkup for Your Council
22-Nov	HG: Transitional Deacon Ordination of Kenneth Parsad, Cathedral
24-Nov	Christ the King {Solemnity}
24-Nov	FYI - 39th World Youth Day
28-Nov	Thanksgiving Day (USA)

Next Month: December 2024

01-Dec	First Sunday of Advent
05-Dec	Fraternal Training: Preparing for Your District Midyear Meeting
07-Dec	Utah State Officers Christmas Dinner
08-Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
09-Dec	HDO: Immaculate Conception (celebrated) (Mass is required)
12-Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe
22-Dec	Father McGivney's Ordination (1877)
24-Dec	Christmas Eve
25-Dec	HDO: Christmas
25-Dec	Saint Stephen's Day
27-Dec	Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist
28-Dec	Holy Innocents
29-Dec	The Holy Family
29-Dec	New Year's Eve

January 2025	
01-Jan	Free Throw Championship (Council Level); www.kofc.org/FreeThrow
01-Jan	[1/1-1/5] FYI - Seek2025 in SLC; https://seek.focus.org
01-Jan	HDO: Mary, Mother of God {Solemnity}
01-Jan	New Year's Day
05-Jan	Epiphany
06-Jan	Fraternal Training: Clear Talk About Leadership Roles
10-Jan	State Midyear Meeting (SOs, DDs) in Orem
11-Jan	State Midyear Meeting (SOs, DDs, GKs, FSS, DGKs) in Orem
12-Jan	Baptism of the Lord
16-Jan	Fraternal Training: Council Preps for Lent and Easter
20-Jan	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
22-Jan	FYI - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
24-Jan	March for Life, Washington D.C.
24-Jan	Mass for the Unborn, Cathedral of the Madeleine
25-Jan	Utah March for Life
26-Jan	Bilingual Rosary for Life, Mount Calvary
30-Jan	Fraternal Training: Making the Most of the Spring Semester (for College Councils)
31-Jan	DEADLINE: Fraternal Survey Report Due (Councils, Assemblies, State)
31-Jan	DEADLINE: Special Olympics Reporting (Form 10784)

February 2025	
01-Feb	Free Throw Championship (District Level); www.kofc.org/FreeThrow
15-Feb	FYI - Annual Diocesan Marriage Celebration for National Marriage Week
15-Feb	DEADLINE: Council Semiannual Audit (Form 1295)
17-Feb	President's Day
22-Feb	Fourth Degree 125th Anniversary, New Ceremonial, New York City

Coats for Kids Distributions

01-Nov	10 AM – 3 PM	Council 1129	Saint Mary - Park City	Saint Lawrence - Heber
14-Nov	3 – 5:30 PM	Council 6010	Saint Rose of Lima	210 Chapel St, Layton
16-Nov	9 – 11 AM	Council 6010	Nations for Christ Church	562 S 1000E, Clearfield
17-Nov	1 – 3 PM	Council 14239	Saint Andrew	11835 S 3600 W, Riverton
24-Nov	9AM – 12:30 PM	Council 5214	Saint Francis Xavier	4501W 5215S, Kearns
30-Nov	9 AM – 12 PM	Council 12264	Saint Patrick Church	1058 W 400 S, SLC
07-Dec	11 AM – 1 PM	Council 9731	Our Lady of Lourdes	2840 S. 9000 W., Magna
07-Dec	4:30 PM – 7 PM	Council 602	Cathedral of the Madeleine Courtyard (outside)	
08-Dec	9:30 AM – 1 PM	Council 602	331 E. South Temple Street, Salt Lake City	
14-Dec	7:30-9AM	Councils 1136 & 9561	Walmart Supercenter 1206N Canyon Creek, Spanish Fork	
15-Dec	9 AM – 12 PM	Council 10304	Saint Martin de Porres	4914 S. 2200 W., Taylorsville