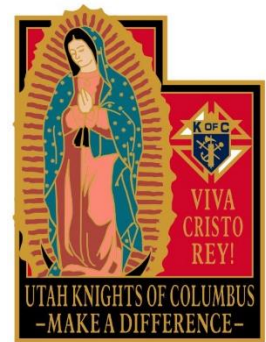


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Frankly Speaking

My Brother Knights,

I sincerely hope that you and your families had a Blessed Thanksgiving. Some snowfalls this past month and no doubt we are now in Winter. Please be careful during your daily commutes to work, church, community, and Knight's activities because we need every one of you to continue the great works of Blessed Father McGivney. As we near the close of the calendar year, I would like to make a plea for new members. I would like to ask every one of you to give a person in your parish the gift of Brotherhood. Ask someone to join the Knights of Columbus and give them the gift of encountering Christ. "Every man needs an encounter with Christ. Be that vessel, do NOT be the person that does NOT allow a man to have that experience." -Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.

Evaluate your upcoming programs thru the fraternal year end; look at parish events where you can attract new men. Consider something as simple as buying council t-shirts or polos. This self-advertising tool will attract men to the Knights. Lastly, if you have not received the new marketing materials, let me know and we will deliver or ship them to you. Let's finish the calendar year strong! On a positive note, as of Dec 1, we have brought in 54 new knights.

COR is a great new initiative Supreme has introduced. Brother Knights, COR is not a program ran by the Knights, it is NOT a meeting, it is a gathering of men open to all members of the parish. The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Cor is Christ centered brotherhood. Please reach out to EEF Directors WPGK Daniel Quintanilla or WPSD Greg Keller for more information. (Contact info in directory)

As we wrap up the "Coats for Kids" distributions this month, a sincere Thank You to all the councils and assemblies who submitted pledges to this wonderful cause. Based on your efforts and under Bob Masse's leadership, we broke a record for coats distributed to our kids in Utah once again. For those of you who still owe pledges, please get these funds in to Bill McCauley, so the state can close out this account and provide a final report at the Midyear Meeting.

Midyear Meeting update. On Saturday 11 January 2025 the Utah State Council will be hosting the Midyear Meeting for all Councils and Assemblies. Yes, you heard this right, we will be combining our meeting with 4th -Degree. Please come join us and see what the Utah Knights are up to all around the state. Two (2) delegates from each council and assembly, District Marshals, and program directors will be taken care of for their miles traveled. Thank you, Council 1136, for hosting. See you soon.

The next item on the docket is council fraternal surveys (Form 1728) as these are due in January. Recommend you send out your council surveys with your annual dues notices to acquire input. Please finalize your affiliate reports, as these are due in January also. Safe Environment compliance is super important; really need your help here.

Christmas is just around the corner, please take time to spend with your family and friends and reconnect. To all of you, your families, and friends a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your continuing support to the Utah Knights; hope to see you at the Midyear Meeting on Jan 11, 2025, at Saint Francis of Assisi in Orem, Utah. Praise God for the wonders of the season, such as the star and angel's song. Ask for wisdom and the opportunity to give back to others.

Pray for peace and joy and ask God to be with you.

Viva Cristo Rey

Frank "Chico" Carmona KHS, FMFD

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State Chaplain

The Importance of the Knights of Columbus COR Movement

The Knights of Columbus COR movement plays a pivotal role in fostering spiritual growth, leadership, and a Christ-centered way of life among Catholic men and their families. Rooted in the principles of faith, fraternity, and service, COR provides a framework for members to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their communities, and actively live out their faith in modern society.

The COR movement originated as an initiative within the Knights of Columbus to address the spiritual and moral challenges of the modern world. It calls Catholic men to live as leaders who reflect Christ's teachings, embody virtue, and stand as witnesses to the Gospel in their families, parishes, and workplaces. The movement also aims to counteract the secular trends that often undermine faith and moral values. By equipping members with spiritual tools, formation, and support, COR empowers them to resist these influences and build a culture rooted in truth and love.

Core Values and Principles

The mission of COR is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. The COR movement centers on three fundamental principles:

1. **Christ-Centered Leadership:** Members are called to model their lives after Christ, serving others with humility and strength. This leadership extends beyond personal holiness to actively influencing their families, communities, and institutions for the better.
2. **Spiritual Formation:** Through prayer, study, and reflection, COR participants grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. Programs such as Bible studies, workshops, and retreats provide practical ways to deepen their relationship with God and develop their moral compass.
3. **Community and Brotherhood:** COR fosters a strong sense of fraternity among its members. It provides a supportive network where men can share their struggles and victories, which strengthens their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and fostering their spiritual and personal growth.

Impact on Catholic Communities

The COR movement can have a profound impact on Catholic communities by inspiring men to take an active role in their faith and society. Participants can become mentors, catechists, and leaders in their parishes, helping to revitalize their local church communities. By encouraging active participation in sacramental life and parish activities, the movement can strengthen the foundation of Catholic families and help pass on the faith to future generations.

Moreover, the emphasis on servant leadership can further support outreach initiatives that address social justice issues, poverty, and the needs of the vulnerable. COR members often organize charitable projects, mentoring programs, and educational workshops, contributing to the betterment of society.

Addressing Modern Challenges

In a world that often promotes materialism, individualism, and relativism, the COR movement provides a countercultural message rooted in eternal truths. It challenges men to embrace their vocation as protectors of their families and communities, calling them to stand firm in their beliefs despite external pressures.

By focusing on spiritual formation, the movement can help members navigate the complexities of modern life with clarity and purpose. It encourages them to integrate their faith into every aspect of their daily lives, from their professional roles to their family relationships.

In summary, the Knights of Columbus COR movement can be a vital force for renewal within the Catholic Church and society. By emphasizing Christ-centered leadership, spiritual formation, and community, it can equip Catholic men to live their faith boldly and authentically. In doing so, COR not only transforms individuals but can also revitalize families, parishes, and communities, ensuring that the light of Christ continues to shine brightly in the world for years to come.

Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P.
State Chaplain

State Secretary

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. Each Council was challenged to enable at least one new member during the month of December. Supreme statistics show 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) your existing programs, and (2) Cor. Set clear expectations on promoting membership at your events! Every fish fry, every pancake breakfast, every charitable activity, every event that draws a crowd is an opportunity to ask a man to join. These events are concrete proof of your council's good works. Talk about membership at every event in the next year.



How to start Cor: Foundation, Structure & Team

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
6:00 PM MST

https://goto.webcasts.com/viewer/event.jsp?ei=1699487&tp_key=43a382a036

Join us for an informative webinar entitled How to start Cor: Foundation, Structure & Team. Building off the previous webinar, Building Christ Centered Brotherhood, we will take a look at setting a firm foundation for the future of Cor for your council and parish, building a leadership team, and the basics to start Cor that will ensure consistency and long-term engagement. And remember, if you can't join us live, it will be available on-demand after.

Important Reminders for Fraternal Leaders

District Deputy

- Review the Faith in Action [program forms reference guide](#) (#11172) and share this valuable resource with your councils.
- Encourage your councils to participate in the [ASAP \(Aid and Support After Pregnancy\) program](#) that benefits pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.
- Review the [Star District requirements](#) to make sure you are on track to earn this award. By now, each council in your district should have [recruited new members](#) and participated in a [Fraternal Benefits Event](#). If not, help them accomplish these goals.

Grand Knight

- Complete the Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report ([#11077](#)) and submit it online as soon as possible after participating in an approved seminar. Remember that you do not need to submit this form for participation in a virtual Fraternal Benefit Event hosted by the Supreme Council unless you held a watch party for the event where one person registered for the event, and multiple people attended. Submit a form 11077 for all member or member-eligible attendees that did not register on their own.
- Meet with your leadership team to evaluate your progress toward earning the Star Council Award. Contact your district deputy or state chairmen for help overcoming obstacles.
- If your council's accounting period ends June 30, then November 15 was the deadline to submit the proper IRS Form 990 (US Councils only). Ensure that this paperwork is filed.
- All fraternal webinars are available on-demand. The slides and resources are available for download. These presentations from the Fraternal Operations, Growth, and Program teams provide valuable information every grand knight should know.

Financial Secretary

- If your council accounting period ends June 30, then November 15 was the deadline to ensure that your council submits the proper IRS Form 990 (US Councils only). Ensure that this paperwork is filed.
- The Member Billing section of Officers Online provides an easy and cost-effective way for councils to process dues assessments. Your council can save time and money by using this tool. Learn more by watching our short tutorials.

Online Training Schedule

As we reach the midpoint of the fraternal year, take some time for online training! Conducted by experienced Fraternal Trainers, these hour-long sessions provide practical guidance and useful tips to enhance your skills and keep your council running successfully.

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*

December 2, 2024 6:00 PM[Navigating Council Forms](#)

December 10, 2024 6:00 PM[Transitioning from Online to Council Membership](#)

December 11, 2024 8:00 PM.[Grand Knight Advanced Training](#)

December 17, 2024 6:00 PM[Membership Retention](#)

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

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State Treasurer

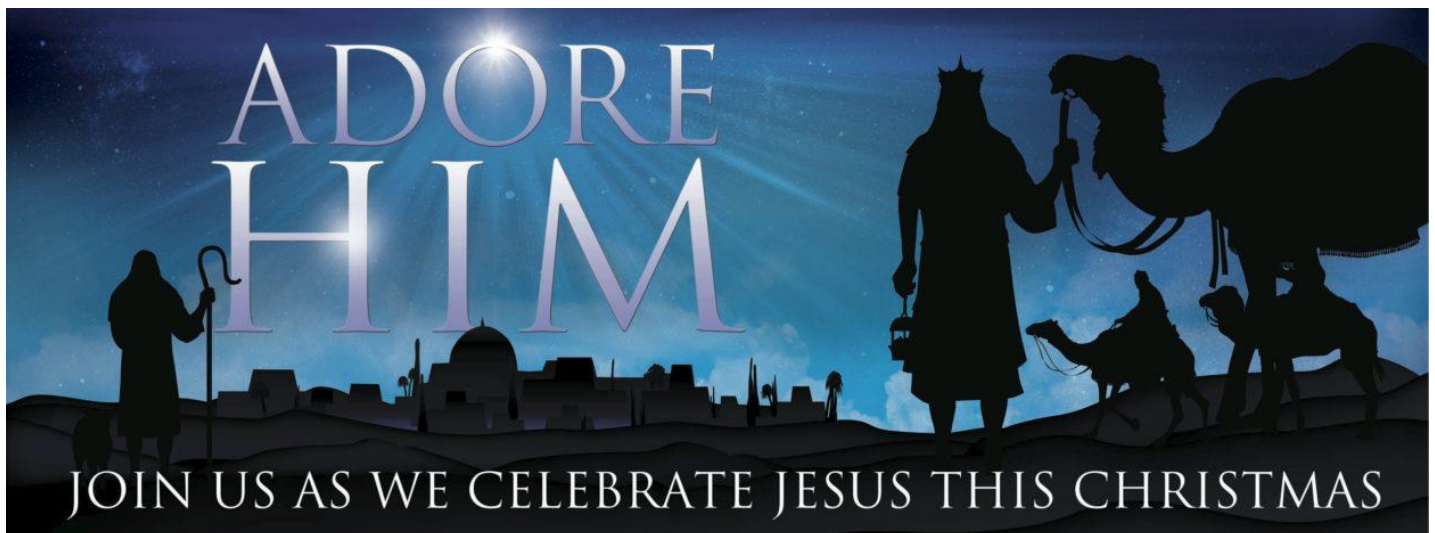
Dear Brothers in Christ,

As we enter the blessed season of Advent, let us open our hearts to the hope and anticipation that comes with preparing for the birth of our Savior. May this time of reflection and prayer bring us closer to God and to one another. Let us strive to grow in our faith and to be a light of Christ's love in our families and communities.

Wishing you a spiritually enriching and joyful Advent season.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Advocate

Brother Knight,
Hermano Caballero,

As we close this year of Our Lord 2024, I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of YOU, for ALL your efforts and everything you do for our families, defending life from conception until natural death, distributing Coats for Kids for our younger brethren in need, through Consecration to the Holy Family, providing through Food for Families, recognizing them with Family of the Month/Year awards, or praying together as a family, remember that "family that prays together, stays together" - Venerable Fr. Patrick Payton, CSC.

Let's continue to remember and reinforce in our children and grandchildren to Keep Christ in Christmas, the TRUE reason for the season, and may your hearts be filled with God's endless blessings during this joy-filled Holidays!!!

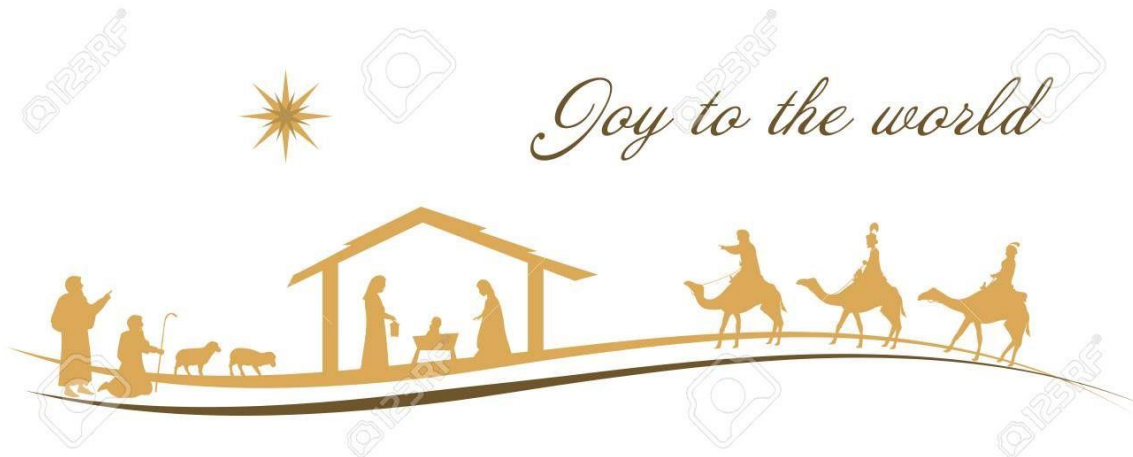
Merry Christmas!!! Feliz Navidad!!! Maligayang Pasko!!! Joyeux Noël!!!

Vivat Jesus,
GIANCARLO R. GAZANI
Utah KofC State Advocate, State Family Director
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State Warden

Brothers,
It's been a great month. I've supplied many with prayer cards and have heard of councils setting up your coats for kids drives. This is a great time of year where our order is determined that no child is cold during the winter months. Thank you for notifying the state team so we can attend these events! The drives are also a great opportunity to get the dads invited to join the Knights! As we prepare for the Christmas season, I call to mind Psalm 133:1 which states "How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity." Share father McGivney's vision and let's unite as Catholics. God bless you all!

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Regional Growth Director

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the birth of Your son Jesus Christ, who embodies the love and light of the world. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

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State Executive Secretary

State Ceremonials Director Report:

Council 6966 did a great job in conducting a live exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) on November 17th. They had a candidate class of nine, and as expected it included their two priests. (see photo below, the candidates are seated in the front row). Again, live ceremonials are still the best way to introduce our principles to new members. Please consider scheduling a CUF at your council and have your District Deputy add it to the state ceremonials calendar. Also, don't forget that council members that are currently only first or second-degree members use this same ceremonial to advance to the third degree -- a necessary step before joining the fourth (patriotic) degree.



The new fourth degree exemplification is coming to Utah on March 29th (Founder's Day); details are still being worked out but so far we know (a) this will be the only fourth degree exemplification for the rest of the fraternal year through June 30th, (b) it will use the new "open to the public" ceremonial being introduced on 2/22/2025 in New York City, and (c) the goal is to have the largest candidate class to date with over 72 knights becoming Sir Knights. See District Master Nick Nielson's report for additional details.

State Executive Secretary Report:

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/or Financial Secretaries along with representatives from the fourth degree assemblies (Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, and/or Color Corps Commanders).

Thanks to State Secretary Bill McCauley's efforts, the State Directory for 2024-2025 has been printed and released. Councils should receive their copies from their District Deputy. Assemblies should contact District Master Nick Nielson. Please let me know of any updates or corrections to what was printed and I'll add them to the list and put them on the state council website at www.UtahKnights.org/Secrecy/#20241111 (if you can't remember the password, contact your District Deputy, they were all recently sent a reminder).

If your council (or assembly) is participating in the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) program, it's not too late to send a Christmas card to your person! Don't know about RSVP? We keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and men and women religious postulants and novices. Read about it online at www.kofc.org/RSVP (go to the resources and read the Guide sheet for this faith program). To participate, contact State Chair Andy Airriess, PSD (he's listed in the book).

Finally, please remember that as leaders you're not expected to know everything. There are a lot of resources available, and they exist to help you find the answers you need. The Fraternal Planner does a great job with showing the deadlines, but only if you look. Likewise, the training webinars explain topics really well, but only if you attend.

Vivat Jesus!

-- Karl VanMaren

2024-2025 State Ceremonials Director

2024-2025 State Executive Secretary

Program Director

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
- Consecration to the Holy Family (12/31)
- Family of the Month
- Food for Families
- KCIC Poster and Billboard
- Citizenship Essay

Plan Ahead

- Assemble and prepare the information needed to complete your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and to submit by the deadline (1/31)
- Council Free Throw Championship
- Which prospects will you invite to activities?
- Plan for programs taking place this winter
- Prepare the information needed to report participation in the Special Olympics program through the #10784 form (1/31).

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State Program Director

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Faith Director

The year is flying by, with Christmas just around the corner. Now is the perfect time to find a new way to praise Jesus as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

I pray that this year that your Christmas preparations are more than scheduling parties, buying gifts, and watching sappy Christmas specials on the Hallmark Channel.

This year, do something special for yourselves. Do something you may not have done recently. Do something that challenges you to live your faith.

I am not talking about writing a check to a charity, though I encourage your acts of Charity.

I am suggesting that you attend a weekly mass in addition to your Sunday mass. Or, perhaps, you cut in half the time between your trips to the confessional. You could follow George Jockisch's (K of C Council #5214) suggestion to read your bible (read the 24 chapters of John, one chapter a day, starting on Dec 1 and finish on Dec 24). Perhaps you commit to attend a Sunday mass at a parish other than your own to witness Catholics practicing their faith. Perhaps you attend a mass in a language other than your native tongue to witness the universality of the Mass. (Funny story: I took a vacation in Puerto Vallarta MX and went to Mass on Sunday only to find it was an English Mass!) Maybe you can select a charity where you commit your time and talent for the next 30 days to put into action your Catholic faith. Whatever you do, I pray that you find Christ alive and loving you in your new activity.

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Family Director

Brothers!

Christmas is all about family, right?

It's that magical time when we hit pause on our usual routines and gather to celebrate love, connections, and the joy of being together.

These moments during the holidays remind us that our families are real treasures, turning our houses into cozy homes filled with laughter and warmth.

For many of us, family isn't just important, it's everything.

The laughter, shared stories, and heartfelt exchanges are what fuel us, because at the end of a busy day, it's family that makes our houses feel like home and what makes Christmas truly special.

Merry Christmas!!! Feliz Navidad!!! Maligayang Pasko!!! Joyeux Noël!!!

Vivat Jesus,

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Community Director

Councils,

Please start working with your District Deputies to plan your Free Throw Championship. Also please plan for the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair on February 1 at Juan Diego Catholic High School. God Bless You and Merry Christmas.

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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Brothers,

This is the final month for our parish youth to be working on the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**. There is still time to encourage participation, especially from children of your Council Brothers. It is also time for you to set up judging and awards. Details can be found online at UtahKnights.org.

How many members in your Council have children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, or neighbors who have Catholic children? Those children in kindergarten to Grade 8 are eligible to take part in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. What Child that age does not like to draw or paint pictures? Entrants will be judged on Slogan – How clearly is the theme presented; Visuals – How well do the visuals convey the message; and Overall Impact – How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic. Entries are due to the Council by December 15. You can also seek entries from your parish CCD or parochial school. The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is open to Grades Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, and Grades 7-8. Contest dates are:

- Posters Completed and submitted to Council by 12/15/2024
- Council Winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each Grade group) determined by 12/31/2024.

- 1st Place Council Winners to be submitted to District Deputies.
- District Winners determined by 01/10/25
- 1st Place District Winners submitted to Poster Chairman via mail or in person at the State Midyear Meeting to be held on 01/10/25 and 01/11/25.

JUDGING: Judges (three or more) will be selected by the sponsoring Knights of Columbus Council. Council members, their spouses, teachers, clergy, civil officials and/or members of the community may serve as judges. Different Judges should be selected for each contest.

AWARDS: Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and a check for \$25, \$20, or \$15 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning posters in each grade group. Remember, this is a Faith in Action Family Program.

Good luck, Vivat Jesu, and God Bless America
 Vivat Jesus,
 Alex Reynoso, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Chairman

St. John the Apostle: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Brothers,

We are winding down the Citizenship Essay Contest. See below for assignment and due dates. 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 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: 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 Council 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.

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Life Director

Brother Knights,

January is Pro-Life month. The big weekend of events takes place January 24-26. See below for the lineup of events. Brothers, it is critical that the Knights have a strong showing at these events. As I write this article (Nov. 21, 2024) a story has just come out that President Biden has awarded former head of Planned Parenthood, Cecile Richards with a Presidential Medal of Freedom. Cecile Richards headed Planned Parenthood for 12 years pushing abortion big time and ridiculing those who tried to fight her on the issue.

With an average of one million abortions taking place per year, that equates to 12 million babies whose lives were cut short but this heinous act under her watch and funded by your tax dollars – and they call this “women’s reproductive health care.” This is not health care!

Brothers, you need to speak up and show up on this issue. The only way this will ever end is to be bold, speak boldly, educate, and work hard to change hearts and minds. Please attend the events listed below and keep up your efforts on all of our Life issues.

Friday, January 24th, 2025 – Mass for the Unborn, Celebration of Light, 6 PM Cathedral of the Madeline – Please plan to attend this very special Mass with Bishop Oscar Solis as we honor those whose lives were lost to abortion. All Fourth degree Knights with the uniform are called to participate in the Honor Guard for Mass and following Mass to stand watch over the candles we place on the outside steps of the Cathedral as a public testimony to honor and remember all of the innocent lives lost to abortion.

Saturday, January 25th, 2025 – Utah March for Life– Utah State Capital – Pro-Life Utah is once again organizing the Utah March for Life. Please plan now to join us in taking a stand for LIFE. Planning is underway. I will have KofC signs available at the event. As details are made available, I will get information out to you. Tentatively plan on a rosary at 10:30 AM followed by the program and March beginning at 11 AM. You can also sign up for email and/or text alert updates by visiting Pro Life Utah's home page, scrolling down near the bottom, and entering your information - www.prolifeutah.com

Sunday, January 26 2025 – Bilingual Rosary for Life - 2 PM Mt. Calvary Cemetery 275 U St, Salt Lake City – Please join us for the annual rosary for Life.

Other news:

Is your Council planning a Life event, diaper drive or other? If so, please notify me as well as our State Program Director Sean Wink of any upcoming Life events your Councils may have planned for the months ahead. For those running diaper drives or other Pro-Life fundraisers, please don't forget that both material goods as well as financial contributions count toward the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. For each \$500 donated Supreme will provide another \$100 to the organization. Each Council or Assembly can donate up to \$2,000 per fraternal year to an approved organization. You can donate to more than one organization per year and file an ASAP grant for each.

Did you raise more than \$2,000? Consider splitting your donation between two or more qualifying organizations. Or get creative. My Council 12181 recently ran a diaper drive to support Pro Life Utah (PLU). We collected \$1,984 in material goods plus \$1,287 in cash donations. To fully maximize the ASAP grant funds the Council donated all of the material goods plus \$187 in cash to PLU. This allowed the Council to file an ASAP grant for the \$2,000 maximum which will net another \$400 to PLU. The Council then gifted Assembly 2577 \$1,000 in cash. The Assembly then wrote a check to PLU for \$1,000 and filed an ASAP grant for the \$1,000 donation. This resulted in another \$200 for PLU. By being creative, we were able to provide an additional \$600 to Pro Life Utah.

Did that sound complicated or are you confused about the ASAP program? There are three good resources for you. 1) visit www.kofc.org/asap for all the program info and forms. 2) contact me, your State Life Director. I will do my best to answer all your questions and help you in any way I can. 3) we have information on the State website - www.UtahKnights.org/programs/#culture_of_life
Thank you for all that you do to support and defend Life!

For SLC diocesan Respect Life information, events, and more, see here:

<https://www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life/events-calendar>

For information from Supreme on Life Programs, visit www.kofc.org/life

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Youth Director

Now is the time to start planning for the Basketball Free Throw contests at the Council (January) and District (February) level. Also, the Diocesan Science Fair will be held February 1 at Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper. The judge registration is set to open on December 9th, if not sooner. The diocese is insisting that judges go through the Safe Environment online training and background checks, done at <https://saltlakecity.cmgconnect.org/>. The sooner that judges can do that, the better. The State Secretary will soon be asking for donations for prizes and shirts for the participants.



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Field Agent

Advent is here!

I hope you all are preparing the way to welcome Jesus into your lives. This is the time of year people take stock of their current situation on their life's journey, both spiritually and in our worldly affairs. Some of you may be asked to take stock of your work or family benefits. Commonly known as "open enrollment"; December is often the time we ensure that our family is protected with the right choice of benefits. Why not do the same for the benefits that will protect your family long after your employer benefits have gone? I would welcome the opportunity to speak with each & every one of my Brother Knights regarding the Catholic-based benefits that safeguard our families for generations. Have a very Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year

Best Regards
~William Mundy
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In Memoria

My Brother Utah Knights. It is with sincere regret that I must report the deaths of 26 Brother Knights since the State Convention in April 2024. Eleven of these brothers were Honorary Life members to the order for which service we are extremely grateful to them and their families. Listed are those brothers who passed this Quarter.

Lname	Fname	Council	Date of Death	Member Service Info
Richardson	Arthur G	1136	8/31/2024	3609839 SK 1146, 24 yrs, Ins
Belvedere	John	1136	10/15/2024	4884714 SK 1146, 7yrs,
Lewis	C. Richard	12181	11/1/2024	3657432 SK 2577, 24Yrs
Seely	Erin S.	2611	10/28/2024	5011578 1st deg, 6yrs
Martinez	Moises R.	5214	09/26/2024	2385048 SK 1144, Hon Life, 25 Yrs. Ins
Lessar	John M.	6147	11/20/2024	2230157 SK 1570, Hon Life, 44 Yrs, Ins
Bourque	Jean P.	10733	10/30/2024	3861520 SK 2393, 21 Yrs, Ins
Winterer	Msgr. Michael J.	11246	09/29/2024	203367 SK 3501, Hon Life 61 Yrs.
Manu	Sefo A.	12264	11/02/2024	4405051 1st deg, 14 yrs

“Eternal rest grant upon them and may perpetual light shine upon them.”

Please say a Hail Mary in honor of these men and their families when you finish reading this.

Bill Kelly, PSD

District Master Utah Knights of Columbus

The Utah District has continued to be very active in the 4th Degree this last month. One of my favorite events I attended was “The Virtue of Patriotism” presentation that was given by Fr. Gabriel Mosher our District Friar. This was hosted by Padre Pio Assembly 2636 and was a very informative and inspiring talk about what it means to be a good American. The presentation was held just before Election Day and I felt helped with an understanding of what our civic duty is and what Patriotism truly means as opposed to nationalism.



As we move into the holiday season and the end of the year, I know we get even busier with family obligations, work, etc. and I have seen the Knights of Columbus take a step back and slow down... my challenge to you is keep up the work you do as Knights. This time of year, we are still needed, sometimes more than normal whether that be Coats for Kids, Food for Families, or other local programs.

A couple of events coming up that 4th degree members should plan on:

- Midyear meeting January 11th at St Francis of Assisi in Orem, this is new as the 4th degree will be part of the meeting, training for Assemblies, etc. The State Council has offered to pay mileage for two delegates per Assembly; more than two are welcome – just not paid mileage.
- Mass for Unborn and Ceremony of Light January 24th at the Cathedral of the Madeleine, an honor guard is requested as this is a very special event.

Big announcement – Save the date March 29, 2025 – Fourth Degree Exemplification in Utah! This year marks the 125th anniversary of the 4th degree, and in honor of this we are going to make history here in Utah. Our goal is to have over 72 new 4th degree members at one exemplification. This will be the biggest class we’ve ever had in Utah; it will be the first time we use the new exemplification; it will be open to watch for all (including wives and families), and several more things to make this a special and memorable event. This will be the ONLY chance this year for members to become 4th degree Sir Knights. The exemplification will take place in the Salt Lake City area, more details will be coming out as they are finalized. For now, save the date, plan on attending, and most importantly start recruiting for it!

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

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This Month: December 2024

Now	Supreme's Fraternal Trainers—both scheduled training and the request form online at www.KofC.org/Training
TBA	Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive
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)
10-Dec	Fraternal Training: How to start Cor: Foundation, Structure & Team
10-Dec	Fraternal Training: Transitioning from Online to Council Membership
11-Dec	HG: Our Lady of Guadalupe (at Cathedral)
12-Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe
14-Dec	FYI - Diocesan Advent Retreat (at Blessed Sacrament, Sandy)
14-Dec	[12/15-12/23] FYI - Diocesan Simbang Gabi (Traditional Filipino Christmas Novena of Masses, various parishes)
17-Dec	Fraternal Training: Membership Retention
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
27-Dec	UTAH Deadline: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - First Place Council Winners to District Deputy
27-Dec	UTAH Deadline: Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - First Place Council Winners to District Deputy
28-Dec	Holy Innocents
29-Dec	The Holy Family
31-Dec	New Year's Eve

Next Month: January 2025

Jan	Free Throw Championship (Council Level); www.kofc.org/FreeThrow
01-Jan	New Year's Day
01-Jan	HDO: Mary, Mother of God {Solemnity}
01-Jan	[1/1-1/5] FYI - Seek2025 in SLC; https://seek.focus.org
05-Jan	Epiphany
06-Jan	Fraternal Training: Clear Talk About Leadership Roles
10-Jan	State Midyear Meeting (SOs, DDs) in Orem
10-Jan	UTAH Deadline: Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - First Place District winners to State Chair
10-Jan	UTAH Deadline: Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - First Place District winners to State Chair
11-Jan	State Midyear Meeting (SOs, DDs, GKs, FSs, DGKs, and FNs, FCs, CCCs) 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 (USCCB)
24-Jan	March for Life, Washington D.C.
24-Jan	HG: Diocesan Mass for the Unborn and Ceremony of Light, Cathedral of the Madeleine
25-Jan	Utah March for Life
26-Jan	FYI - Diocesan Annual 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
04-Feb	Fraternal Training: Choosing the Right Content for Cor
06-Feb	Fraternal Training: Becoming an All-Star District (for District Deputies)
15-Feb	FYI - Annual Diocesan Marriage Celebration for National Marriage Week
15-Feb	DEADLINE: Council Semiannual Audit (Form 1295)
15-Feb	First Class Relic of Blessed McGivney visits Utah (Saint Ambrose)
17-Feb	President's Day
20-Feb	Fraternal Training: Faith & Fraternity
22-Feb	Fourth Degree 125th Anniversary, New Ceremonial, New York City

March 2025	
01-Mar	International Wheelchair Day
01-Mar	Ash Wednesday
20-Mar	Fraternal Training: Practical Tips for a Strong Finish
29-Mar	Founder's Day (KofC chartered in 1882)
29-Mar	HG: Fourth Degree Exemplification, New Ceremonial in Utah!

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