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Frankly Speaking

My Brother Knights, HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!!!!

My Brother Knights, I sincerely hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and are off to a great start in 2025. I look forward to interacting with you at the Midyear Meeting on January 11. The meeting is in the gym of St. Francis of Assisi, Orem, Utah. The meeting will start at 8:00 AM and end around 3:30 PM. If you have not already done so, RSVP to the event so that we can ensure there is enough food (breakfast and lunch – free) for everyone.

About state membership growth this month, as of Dec. 26, we have brought in 118 new knights, or 56% of the goal. With these members, Utah stands at 56.7% or 9th in the order. THANK YOU!

The Diocesan Science Fair will soon be on us - February 1, 2025. This year's event will be at Juan Diego Catholic High School. We need judges to make this a success, so please volunteer. SS. Bill McCauley will send an email shortly to those councils who graciously contributed support last year for a science fair award. If interested in sponsoring a prize, please let Bill Mac know as soon as possible, as it takes almost \$2,800 to fund this significant event for our kids.

The State Council and District Deputies met with our benefits advisor, William Mundy, to discuss his new plan to help councils qualify for the Founder's Award. Based on the results from the insurance seminar, we only have qualified, and other councils are partially qualified; councils need two benefits seminar credits before the end of the year.

A few reminders as we get ready to kick off the second half of this year: January is a busy month

- Safe Environment – Continued emphasis on council currently qualified.
- Council Affiliate Rosters – Recommend Submission to your District Deputy on January 15.
- Council Form 1728s, Fraternal Survey - due January 31.
- Special Olympics Participation Form 10784 – due January 31.
- Council Free Throw Report – due January 31.
- Council Per Capita is due
- Coats for Kids Pledges are due
- RSVP Seminarian Program – seminarians need support. Please get in touch with Andy Airriess.
- Scholarship Tickets – Chuck Dover is looking for contributions.
- Need candidates for the next 4th Degree at St. Vincent de Pual SLC – March 29, 2025.
- Council Fish Frys—Lent begins March 5. Let Karl know the dates so he can add them to the calendar. [LINK](#)

We sincerely appreciate your timely attention to these matters. Should you require any assistance or have any questions, please contact us, one of the State Officers or Program Chairs.

Viva Cristo Rey!

Frank Carmona

State Deputy



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

Things to Accomplish:

- Attend the state Midyear Membership Meeting on January 11; then your district's
- Complete and submit your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) – DUE 1/31
- March for Life State Marches
- Free Throw Championship
- Novena for Life
- Submit your report on participation in the Special Olympics program – DUE 1/31
- Pay Per Capita, Diocesan Science fair Pledge, Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life Assessments. Council Billing Statement [from Supreme] is located under the Reports tab in Officers Online.

Plan Ahead:

- Semiannual Council Audit (#1295) – DUE 2/15
- Start organizing your spring Church Drive – be in touch with your pastor and get bulletin announcements ready

Reminder:

- Hold your council/district Free Throw Contests and then submit your form #10784.
- Which prospects will you be inviting to the next activity your council holds?
- Ask someone to join your council.

January Webinar: Council Preparations for Lent & Easter

Join us on Thursday, January 16, at 6:00 PM MT for an informative fraternal webinar entitled **Council Preparations for Lent & Easter**.

Lent is a period of deep reflection as we prepare for the most sacred celebration, Easter. In this webinar you will learn how to make the most of these holy seasons with a robust calendar full of prayer and service for your parish and community. Join us as we explore the tools and resources available to help your council have an impactful Lent and Easter.

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](#)

Important Reminders for Fraternal Leaders

District Deputy

- Schedule your district [midyear meeting](#). This should be held as soon as possible after your jurisdiction midyear meeting. Our [recommended agenda](#) will ensure your meeting is effective and efficient.
- Every council must submit the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728) by January 31. This [short training video](#) explains the simple process of online submission. Please share this information with your councils and follow up to ensure your district has 100% compliance.

Grand Knight

- Make plans to attend your district midyear meeting and ensure that all of your key council officers are able to attend.
- The Founders' Award and Star Council Award require councils to promote and participate in two fraternal benefit seminars. In order to ensure your council is properly credited, it is essential that you complete the [Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report](#) (#11077) and submit it in a timely manner after the seminar.
- Familiarize yourself with the Faith in Action programs form [reference guide](#) and share it with your programs team.

Financial Secretary

- Every council must submit the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728) by January 31, 2025. Form #1728 can be completed digitally by grand knights and financial secretaries. This [short training video](#) explains the simple process of online submission.

Online Training Schedule

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. They are tailored to meet the needs of both new and seasoned officers, as well as any members who are interested in advancing to officer roles in the future.

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

Trainings are archived after each live session, and can be found in our library of [on demand training](#).

Note: All Times are MST

- January 7, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Council Officer Succession Planning](#)
- January 14, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Completing the Columbian Award Application](#)
- January 21, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Financial Officer Training](#)
- January 23, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Conducting In-Person Exemplifications](#)

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

Bill McCauley

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State Treasurer

Dear Brothers

As we bid farewell to the Christmas season, the joy of the Nativity continues to resonate within us. The birth of Christ reminds us of God's boundless love and the promise of new beginnings. As we transition into the new year, let's carry this spirit of renewal forward, integrating our faith into our daily lives. Reflect on the Gifts: Take a moment to ponder the gifts we received this Christmas - not just material items, but the gift of faith, family, brother Knights, and community. How can we continue to nurture these precious gifts throughout the coming year?

New Year, New Intentions: As we set resolutions for the new year, let's incorporate spiritual goals. Whether it's deepening our prayer life, committing to regular Mass attendance, or reaching out to those brothers in need, let our actions reflect our Christian values. Strength in Community: Let's continue to support each other in our faith journey.

Be present for one another, offer encouragement, and share your experiences as we navigate the challenges and blessings of the new year.

May the coming year be filled with God's grace and blessings on our families and our order, as we strive to live our faith authentically in all aspects of our lives.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Gerichs

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State Advocate

Heavenly Father,

As I begin 2025, remind me to count my blessings and not my burdens.

Open my eyes to the countless ways You have been faithful to me.

Let gratitude overflow in my heart and guide my actions this year.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." — Psalm 103:2

Happy New Year!!! Feliz Año Nuevo!!! Maligayang Bagong Taon!!! Bonne Année!!!

Vivat Jesus,

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"Ego confido omnia Deo"

State Warden

Brothers,

What a great kick off to our year it has been. Capitalized by a great Christmas holiday and wish you all the best New Year. I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks in Orem for the Midyear Meeting. May God bless you all and your families.

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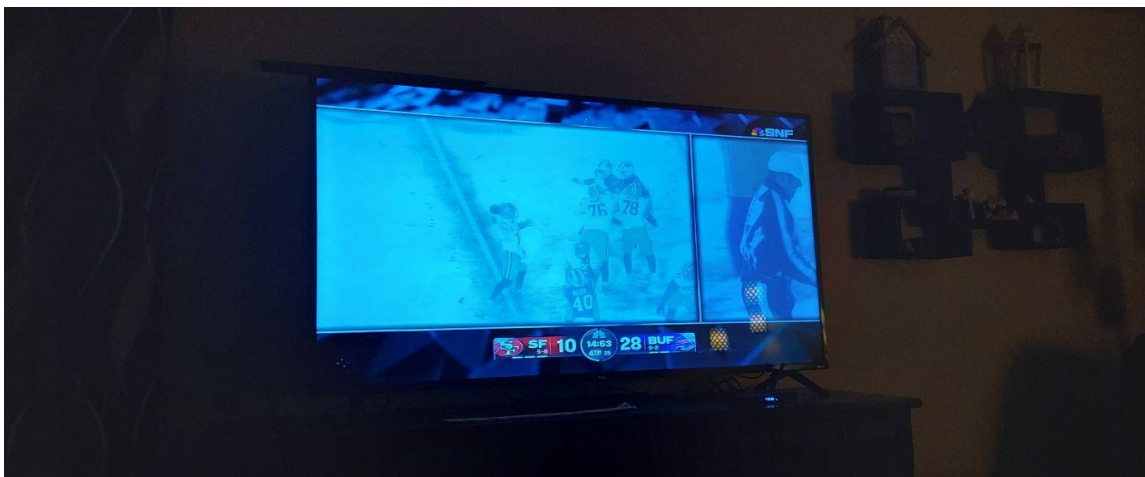
Regional Growth Director

Brothers and Leaders,

On the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend, I was watching the NFL Game between San Francisco and Buffalo. The conditions were terrible. It had snowed the day of the game, several inches. The Team asked the fans to help clear the field and the stands and they turned out "in droves". They couldn't get all the seats cleared but they did clear the aisleways so the fans could at least stand and still cheer during the whole game. The stands were full, the whole game. The crowds cheered the whole game.



The field was snow-covered so the players couldn't maneuver as normal or at times, even stay on their feet but the players adjusted and kept playing, kept competing and kept trying to win. Even in the terrible conditions, players made incredible plays and because of the terrible conditions, some terrible plays happened but still the players kept working, trying and competing.



The Forty-Niners lost their star running back and fell behind 28-3 in the late third quarter. Their second string back came in and they still kept playing, kept trying, kept competing, even in the terrible conditions through the end of the game.

The Bills were well ahead and the Niners were floundering, but both the Bills Defense and the Offensive kept pushing, kept getting hit and kept hitting others through the end of the game.

The players on the bench watched and cheered their teammates in the frozen, snowy conditions, all the time being ready to enter the game and contribute and many did.

As I watched, I saw an outstanding example of perseverance, of dedication to a cause and what is

necessary to succeed in life and the keys to success for our Councils, Districts and States. Each of the fans as well as the coaches and players on both Teams continued to play to their role to the fullest, continued to fulfill their role as planner, as strategist, as support, as back-up and as starter through the end of the game.

Each of us has a role in the Knights of Columbus, in nearly all cases it is a volunteer role, but it is an important role that each of us accepted with a promise to the Team that we would fulfill our part of the mission.

Each of us are an important part of our Council, our District and our State. For our Councils, Districts and States to succeed, whatever success looks like, each of us must play our part.

We have just come out of halftime of the Fraternal Year. Some Midyear Meetings are completed, some are yet to come but, in each case, what are our plans for the last half of the year?

Maybe we first have to work on the basics – completion of Forms, including the forms due this month, and Safe-Environment Compliance.

We must ask ourselves:

- What worked well in the 1st Half of the year that we can use to even greater success in the 2nd Half?
- What adjustments have we made to handle the obstacles we have encountered so far this year to complete our mission yet this year?
- What additional Programs and Membership Drives and Fraternal Benefit Events have we planned and scheduled to start or complete in the 2nd Half of the year to make sure we reach Star Council?
- What relationships can we strengthen and enlarge in the 2nd Half with our Pastors, Parish Staff, Parishes and Communities?
- Perhaps most importantly, who can each of us invite to join us in a program or in an event in the next 6 months?
- Which man and his family can we engage and inspire to become involved in our work even if they don't join the Order right away?
- What is YOUR plan to invite one man and his family to join our Knights Family this month, this quarter and in the remainder of this Fraternal Year?

That's what it really comes down to, our Programs attracting the attention of members and non-members alike followed by one Knight asking another man to come see what else we do.

Each and every Knight asking another man and his family to find out who and what we are, to join our activities and maybe, to join our Order.

Plan for your success, work for your success, celebrate your success.

Fraternally,

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State Executive Secretary

Please make sure you've blocked off the date(s) for the state Midyear Meeting this January in Orem. The agenda and link to RSVP are on the state website at www.UtahKnights.org/2024/12/midyear-meeting-11-jan-2025/ Friday Jan. 10 for State Officers and District Deputies, then on Saturday Jan. 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) along with the District Marshals. Putting on my State Ceremonials Director hat for a moment: If your council still needs a new Constitutional Roll, please see me at the Midyear Meeting on January 11th. They're available in English and Spanish, and at no cost, while supplies last.

Thanks to State Secretary Bill McCauley's efforts, the State Directory for 2024-2025 has been printed and released. Councils should have received their copies from their District Deputy. District Master Nick Nielson had copies for the assemblies. 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 <https://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! The Christmas Season goes until Baptism of the Lord, which is January 12, 2025. 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 [Guidesheet](#) for this faith program). To participate, contact State Chair Andy Airriess, PSD (he's listed in the State Directory, see above).

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. Now that the webinars are recorded, it's easier to fit them into a busy schedule and watch them on demand.

Vivat Jesus!

Karl VanMaren

State Executive Secretary
State Ceremonials Director

Program Director

Heavenly Father,

Help me to use my time wisely and prioritize what truly matters in 2025.

Teach me to balance work, rest, and spiritual growth in a way that honors You.

May I accomplish all that You have planned for me this year.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." — Psalm 90:12

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Family Director

Brothers,

Happy New Year!!!

Feliz Año Nuevo!!!

Maligayang Bagong Taon!!!

Bonne Année!!!

Vivat Jesus,

GIANCARLO R. GAZANI

State Family Director

Family Prayer for a New Year



O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Faith Director

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, receive our humble petitions for this new year. We offer our prayers for the pope and for those who shepherd Your Church. Bestow Your grace upon all the faithful.

Illuminate the paths of those who have not yet found You. Touch the hearts of those who have strayed, that they might find their way back to Your loving embrace.

Grant our world prosperity, and let peace reign among all peoples. We ask for Your abundant blessings to be upon those dear to us – family, friends, and companions – and yes, even upon those who may stand against us.

Extend Your loving hand to those suffering in poverty or illness. Remember in Your mercy the souls of our departed who left us this past year, and be gentle with those who will be called to stand before You in the year to come.

May Your divine inspiration guide the beginning of all our endeavors in this new year, and Your loving presence sustain them to completion, so that all we do might begin and end in You.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Community Director

Councils,

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I also want to thank you for all the Coats for Kids drives. Please begin planning your KofC Free Throw Championship with your District Deputy.

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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Brothers,

This is the final month for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!

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:

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

AWARDS: 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

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.

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:

District winners to State 1/10/25

The State will award certificates and an award for \$50, \$30, or \$20 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning essays in each grade.

Larry Page

Catholic Citizenship Essay Chairman

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Life Director

2024 is in the books and 2025 is here! I hope all of you had a blessed and holy Christmas and a happy New Year. January is Pro-Life month. The big weekend of events takes place January 24-26. See below for the lineup of events.

Brothers, we really need your presence at these events. Bishop Solis has sent out a personal request that he would like to see the Cathedral full for the Mass for the Unborn and would like to see all Knights there. Please attend. If you are a 4th degree with the uniform, please sign up for the honor guard / candle vigil for this Mass as well as the March for Life.

January 16-24 - USCCB's 9 Days for Life Novena Can't attend any of the live events listed below or want to do even more for life. Prayer is a great way. This annual novena is a great opportunity for Knights to remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being and coincides with the National March for Life. Please encourage your council to participate in this Novena for Life. Click here to sign up for the daily prayers - <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

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. Honor Guard signup - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A4A72FAAF5C16-53232126-mass>

Saturday, January 25th, 2025 – Utah March for Life – Utah State Capital, 10:30 AM Pro Life Utah is once again organizing the Utah March for Life. Please plan now to join us in taking a stand for LIFE. I will have KofC signs available at the event. At 10:30 AM, Bishop Solis will lead a rosary. At 11:00 AM the

program will begin with Bishop Solis giving the opening prayer. The speaking portion of the event should last about 30-45 minutes and will be followed by the March around the Capital. An Honor Guard is requested - signup via Signup Genius here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A4A72FAAF5C16-53927624-utah>

Saturday, January 25th, 2025 - Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Service - 6-7 PM, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 300 East 11800 South, Draper – Council 12181 will be hosting this special prayer event featuring the new Pilgram Icon Program from Supreme. This prayer service will be dedicated to the Sanctity of Life. Please come and see the new icon and pray for healing of our fractured world.

Sunday, January 26th, 2025 – Bilingual Rosary for Life - 2 PM Mt. Cavalry 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. 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 Championship at the Council and District level.

The Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair will be held February 1 at Jaun Diego Catholic High School in Draper. The judge registration website is open, go to

<https://sites.google.com/skaggscatholiccenter.org/diosciencefair/judges>

The diocese is insisting that judges go through the Safe Environment online training and background checks. The sooner that judges can do that, the better. <https://saltlakecity.cmgconnect.org/> is the website for that. The State Secretary will soon be asking for donations for prizes and shirts for the participants.

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Field Agent

The updated “Member Benefits” flyer is available in English at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for-members/2773-member-benefits.pdf> and Spanish <https://www.kofc.org/es/resources/for->

members/2773-member-benefits.pdf and printed copies are available for order from Supplies Online in Officers Online www.KofC.org/oo -- just search for 2773.

Member Benefits

Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.

Columbia Magazine — Free subscription to the Order’s award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

Knights of Columbus rosary — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to each new member

Mass of Remembrance Each Weekday — Celebrated for deceased members and their wives at St. Mary’s Church, the birthplace of the Order

Insurance — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

Family Fraternal Benefit* — Benefits for children of insured members that include guaranteed-issue insurability under age 18 and automatic death benefits for children dying before age 61 days

Orphan Fraternal Benefit* — Provides monthly benefits and college scholarships to each eligible orphan of insured members

Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit —

Accidental death benefit for member in good standing and spouse at no additional cost.

Best Regards
William Mundy
801.599.4512

Widow Benefits — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) the surviving spouse of a Knights of Columbus insured may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured member’s death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) eligible with her children for scholarships

Scholarships — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

Leadership Development — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

Fourth Degree — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

Honorary Life Membership — At age 70 with 25 years of membership

Membership Card — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member’s council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

Activities — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council



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In Memoria

My Brother Utah Knights. It is with sincere regret that I must report the deaths of four Brother Knights over the last month. Two of these brothers were Honorary Life members to the order for which service we are extremely grateful to them and their families.

Last Name	First	Council	Date-of-Death	Member	Service Information
Lessar	John	6147	11/20/2024	2230157	SK1570, Hon Life, 44Yrs, Ins
Garcia, Deacon	James	6739	11/23/2024	3244555	3 deg, 30yrs
Lopez	Victor	10733	12/08/2024	2190906	SK2390, 20Yrs
Hall	Richard	15418	12/13/2024	4516536	FDM, SK2636, Hon Life, 13 Yrs, Ins

“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

Immediate Past State Deputy
Membership Director

District Master Utah Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus
Utah District – Fourth Degree
John H. Reddin Province



December was a very busy month for me as District Master both with the Knights of Columbus and personally, as I'm sure it was for everyone. One of the highlights was I had the honor of attending the Utah State Council's Christmas Dinner that included the State Officers, District Deputies, and Chairmen with our wives (State Deputy Frank Carmona featured in the picture, top left). Another highlight for the state was the Our Lady of Gaudalupe Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine where we had an Honor Guard (see photos below and right).



It is also with a sad heart I advise you of the passing of Utah Former Master of the Fourth Degree Richard “Dick” Hall. Dick was an amazing man and will be missed deeply here in Utah. Our brother passed away peacefully on Friday December 13th surrounded by his loving family. He became a Knight of Columbus in 2011, he held several offices over the years and was a charter member of Council 15418 at Saint Ambrose serving as the council’s first Financial Secretary. He also served as Grand Knight and was Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2636. He became District Master in 2020 and served for two years. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard “Dick” Hall and for the comfort of his widow Jane.



Now that we are in January we are planning for the Utah State Midyear meeting on January 11th at St Francis of Assisi in Orem. I’m very excited as the 4th degree will be part of this meeting and should have representatives from every Assembly in the state as the State Council offered to pay mileage for two delegates per Assembly. More than two are welcome to attend and there should be some great training and information given at this meeting.

At the Midyear Meeting I plan on giving out more details about the upcoming Exemplification of Patriotism on March 29th, 2025. As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, this year marks the 125th anniversary of the 4th Degree and to honor this we plan on making history here in Utah with our largest class of new Sir Knights ever. Our goal is to achieve 125% of our membership quota at a single exemplification. We plan on having over 72 new 4th degree Sir Knights go through this ceremony. Also, this will be the first time we use the new revised ceremony that is open to the public (open to wives, family, and friends). This is planned to be the ONLY chance this [fraternal] year for members in Utah to become 4th Degree Sir Knights. The exemplification is planned to happen at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Holladay Utah (Salt Lake City area). Following the ceremony, we will attend Mass and then have dinner together. The dinner/banquet will highlight our Honoree for the exemplification, the newest Sir Knights, and our Most Reverend Oscar Solis is planning on attending. More details will be coming and shared at the Midyear Meeting. Also make sure you check the State website www.UtahKnights.org as details become available for registration links and other things.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

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Jubilee 2025 and the Knights of Columbus: A Chance to Renew and Serve. Jubilee 2025, with its theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” is a big moment for Catholics everywhere. Declared by Pope Francis, this Holy Year is all about renewing faith, finding reconciliation, and serving others with Christ at the center. For the Knights of Columbus, it’s a perfect opportunity to dive deeper into their mission of charity, unity, and service while joining the global Church in this special journey of hope and renewal.

So, What’s Jubilee 2025 All About? The idea of a Jubilee isn’t new—it goes all the way back to the Old Testament, where it was a time to forgive debts, free captives, and restore relationships. Today, the Catholic Church celebrates jubilees as holy years of spiritual renewal. They’re filled with pilgrimages, prayer, and opportunities to grow closer to God. Jubilee 2025 is the first one since the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, and it’s focused on two key things: growing in faith and showing it through acts of love and service.

How Can the Knights of Columbus Get Involved? The Knights have always been about putting faith into action. The Jubilee theme of “Pilgrims of Hope” lines up perfectly with what the Knights stand for. Here are some ways councils can step up during this Holy Year:

1. *Encourage Pilgrimages* - Pilgrimages will be a huge part of Jubilee 2025, with many Catholics traveling to Rome or local holy sites. Councils can organize group trips, promote parish pilgrimages, or even participate in local diocesan-sponsored events.
2. *Promote Reconciliation* - Jubilees are all about healing and forgiveness. Councils can work with parishes to encourage participation in the Sacrament of Confession. Beyond that, they can lead efforts to foster unity in their communities, helping to heal divisions and bring people together.
3. *Step Up Acts of Charity* - This Holy Year calls for putting faith into action. Councils can expand their outreach efforts, like food drives, aid for the homeless, or support for elderly and vulnerable populations. Partnering with diocesan programs could help councils reach even more people in need.
4. *Share the Faith* - Jubilee 2025 is a chance to reignite faith and share it with others. Councils can host small group faith-sharing sessions or create programs to explain the significance of the Jubilee. Handing out prayer books, rosaries, or guides to help families get involved can also make a big impact. And of course, members can lead by example, sharing their personal faith stories and serving their communities with joy.
5. *Get Involved in Celebrations* - From parish liturgies to big diocesan events, there will be no shortage of celebrations during Jubilee 2025. Councils can pitch in by volunteering as ushers, helping with event logistics, or offering prayers for the Jubilee’s success at their meetings.

A Time to Grow - Jubilee 2025 isn’t just about helping others—it’s also an opportunity for Knights to grow in their own faith. By taking part in the themes of pilgrimage, reconciliation, and hope, members can renew their relationship with Christ and the Church. Plus, this Holy Year is a great chance to welcome new members who are inspired by the Knights’ commitment to faith and service.

Answering the Call - Jubilee 2025 is a once-in-a-generation moment for the Catholic Church, and it’s an incredible opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to make a difference. By embracing this call to serve, councils can bring hope to their communities, strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, and live out their faith in a powerful way. Together, let’s make this Holy Year one of action, renewal, and lasting impact.

Fr. Gabriel Mosher, O.P.

Assistant State Chaplain

District Friar

In this issue we have reports from:

State Deputy
State Chaplain
State Secretary
State Treasurer
State Advocate
State Warden
Regional Growth Director
State Executive Secretary
Program Director
Family Director
Faith Director

Community Director
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chair
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chair
Life Director
Youth Director
Field Agent
Membership Director (In Memoria)
[Fourth Degree] District Master
[Fourth Degree] District Friar

...and the Activities/Events Calendar

This Month: January 2025

Now	Supreme's Fraternal Trainers—both scheduled training and the request form online at www.KofC.org/Training
Jan	Free Throw Championship (Council Level); www.kofc.org/FreeThrow
01-Jan	New Year's Day
01-Jan	HDO: Mary, Mother of God {Solemnity}; Mass is required
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
07-Jan	Fraternal Training: Council Officer Succession Planning
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
11-Jan	HG: Midyear Meeting Mass, Saint Francis of Assisi, Orem
12-Jan	Baptism of the Lord
14-Jan	Fraternal Training: Completing the Columbian Award Application
16-Jan	Fraternal Training: Council Preps for Lent and Easter
18-Jan	FYI - 2025 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Utah; Oquirrh Lake, South Jordan
20-Jan	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
21-Jan	Fraternal Training: Financial Officer Training
22-Jan	FYI - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (USCCB)
23-Jan	Fraternal Training: Conducting In-Person Exemplifications
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	HG: Utah March for Life
26-Jan	FYI - Diocesan Annual Bilingual Rosary for Life, Mount Calvary Cemetery, SLC
30-Jan	Fraternal Training: Making the Most of the Spring Semester (for College Councils)
30-Jan	HG: Viewing - Sir Knight Dick Hall, FMFD
31-Jan	DEADLINE: Fraternal Survey Report Due (Councils, Assemblies, State)
31-Jan	DEADLINE: Special Olympics Reporting (Form 10784)
31-Jan	DEADLINE: Free Throw Report Form Due (Form 10784)
30-Jan	HG: Funeral - Sir Knight Dick Hall, FMFD

Next Month: February 2025

Feb	Free Throw Championship (District Level); www.kofc.org/FreeThrow
01-Feb	2025 Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair at JDCHS, Draper
02-Feb	Districts 1 and 10 Free Throw Championship, Saint James, Ogden
04-Feb	Fraternal Training: Choosing the Right Content for Cor
06-Feb	Fraternal Training: Becoming an All-Star District (for District Deputies)
07-Feb	[2/7-2/14] USCCB National Marriage Week
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 (Possibly at Saint Ambrose, Saint Catherine of Siena, Cathedral, etc.)
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
05-Mar	Ash Wednesday
09-Mar	First Sunday of Lent
15-Mar	2008: Father McGivney declared Venerable
15-Mar	HG: Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Salt Lake City (all Knights/families invited to join)
16-Mar	Second Sunday of Lent
17-Mar	Saint Patrick
19-Mar	Saint Joseph
20-Mar	Fraternal Training: Practical Tips for a Strong Finish
16-Mar	Third Sunday of Lent
23-Mar	POTENTIALLY State Free Throw Championship
29-Mar	Founder's Day (KofC chartered in 1882)
29-Mar	HG: Fourth Degree Exemplification, New Ceremonial in Utah!
29-Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent

Council Activities (January – March, 2025)	
09-Jan	BINGO (Council 14399)
11-Jan	Scholarship "Prize Drawing Ticket" Sales (Council 1129)
18-Jan	Winter Celebration Dinner (Council 13297)
24-Jan	Blood Drive (Council 1129); Heber
25-Jan	Spaghetti Dinner (Council 10304)
09-Feb	Breakfast (Council 1129)
13-Feb	BINGO (Council 14399)
22-Feb	"Connect with Catholics" Interfaith Event (Council 13297)
07-Mar	Lenten Fish Fry (1 of 2) (Council 13297)
13-Mar	BINGO (Council 14399)
15-Mar	Saint Patrick's Day Party (Council 1129)
21-Mar	Blood Drive (Council 1129); Park City

Submit your council/assembly activity online using this form.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm>

It's linked on the state website homepage at www.UtahKnights.org – just below the sidebar calendar showing the next few upcoming events.

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