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Frankly Speaking

My Brother Knights, a big thanks to you who attended our midyear meeting on January 11th – we had over 80 brothers attend, and councils were represented, including our Assemblies. This was the first time in the order history that we had a combined 3rd and 4th-degree state-level meeting. I sincerely hope the information we presented to you was both timely and beneficial to you and your councils as we close out FY 24-25. Please let your state team know how we can improve these sessions in the future. We are continuing to make headway regarding state membership growth. On January 30th, we increased our Utah ranks at number 8 in the order for a net gain of 145 new knights, putting us over 70% of the goal. Please continue the push and invite men to join the Utah Knights. Supreme has updated the membership site and made joining us easier. Also, please use our Field Agents code: WMUNDY for one year of free membership. So please continue to work both in person and online CUFs to get these men actively involved as knights. Don't wait; reach out now and contact your prospective men. As time continues to move to the right, they will lose interest in joining.

We have a significant achievement to celebrate. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of DD Bob Masse Jr. PSD, DD/GK Marco Gonzalez, and the entire State Membership Team, we have successfully reactivated Council 8350 in West Valley City. This is a testament to our collective strength and commitment to our cause. If you require assistance from the state team on membership materials, church drives, or CUF degrees, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you.

As you receive this letter, the Diocesan Science Fair will be underway! I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to those councils, assemblies, and individuals who generously contributed more than \$2,000 to fund this event. Your support has been instrumental in making this event a success. We also have Blessed Father McGivney's Relic coming to Utah on February 15-16th to Saint Ambrose and the Newman Center. Other upcoming big events are the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th and the state Basketball Free Throw Championship on March 23rd. For the parade, participants do not have to be a 4th degree or a knight; family members are strongly encouraged to join in. For the Free Throw, Councils and Districts should be finishing up their respective events with winners advancing to state.

Worthy Past State Deputy Nick Nielson, our District Master, has scheduled the 125th Anniversary of the 4th degree Exemplification at St. Vincent de Paul in Holiday on March 29th at 2 PM. This is a significant event in our history, and we hope to see a strong turnout. Nick is still looking for candidates to advance, who hopefully will help us get more participants in the Honor Guards.

Lent starts on March 5th, 2025, so please get your fish fry dates into Karl for posting on the State calendar—many people, including myself, like to participate and enjoy great food at Fish Fries. These events not only provide a delicious meal but also serve as a great opportunity for fellowship and community building. Please continue to work on benefit seminars with our Field Agent, Bill Mundy. Councils need two seminars to attain the Founder's Award and to qualify for the Star. Safe Environment is a mandatory requirement for the Star Council Award. If you have not submitted your Form 1728 (Fraternal Survey), please submit it as soon as possible to attain council credit. Council semiannual audits for July to December are due on February 15th. Please feel free to contact me or anyone on the state team if you have questions or require assistance.

Viva Cristo Rey

Frank Carmona - State Deputy

State Secretary

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion?

February is dedicated to the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are often represented humbly in artwork. Even the glow around their virtuous heads is usually simple, at least when they are represented as the Holy Family. (When Mary is represented as the Queen of Heaven, that's a different—and incredibly elaborate—depiction.)

Not every family is perfect, and after the holiday season, our dysfunctional family may be fresh in our minds. We are called practicing Catholics because despite any struggles in our families we still keep practicing. Remember that even though Mary and Joseph lost Jesus for three days, they are still saints. Even if we feel like we've failed, we can still be saints, especially if we ask for the help of the Holy Family. Let's focus on our families and helping each other grow in holiness.

[View the January Webinar on Demand: Council Preparations for Lent & Easter](#)

Lent is a period of deep reflection as we prepare for the most sacred celebration, Easter. View this webinar on demand to learn how to make the most of these holy seasons with a robust calendar full of prayer and service for your parish and community. Explore the tools and resources available to help your council have an impactful Lent and Easter! Register at any time, to view this webinar at your convenience. [Register Here \(Link\)](#)

Things to Accomplish:

- Free Throw Championship (Council in January, ***District in February***, State on March 23rd)
- Submit your Semiannual Council Audit (#1295) – DUE 2/15
- Pay Per Capita, Diocesan Science Fair Pledge, Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life Assessments. Council Billing Statement is located under the Reports tab in Officers Online www.KofC.org/OO

Plan Ahead:

- Complete your State Council Program Awards Entry Form (#STSP) and submit to your state council for award consideration.
- Start organizing your spring Church Drive – be in touch with your pastor and get bulletin announcements ready
- Food for Families (Lent)
- Spiritual Reflection Program (Lent)

Reminder:

- Which prospects will you be inviting to the next activity your council holds?
- Ask someone to join your council

Important Reminders for Fraternal Leaders

District Deputy

- Every council to 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.

- Remind your councils that the [Semiannual Council Audit Report](#) (#1295) is due by Feb. 15.
- If you have not held your district midyear meeting, now is the time to gather your council leaders and share plans for the spring, using our recommended [agenda](#) and [notes](#) as a guide

Grand Knight

- Meet with your pastor to discuss how the council can support the parish during the coming months.
- Complete and submit the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728) by January 31, 2025.
- Meet with your officers and directors to discuss your progress toward earning the [Star Council Award](#). Work with your district deputy and field agent on membership goals and [Fraternal Benefits Events](#).
- If your council **is** running *Cor*:
 - Please let us know who your Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) Director is (unless you already have) on the [Council EFF Director Submission Form](#).
 - Please let us know how it is going: [Cor - Quarterly Survey - FY 24-25](#).
- If your council **is not yet** running *Cor*:
 - Please check out these resources: www.kofc.org/COR & [Cor Webinars & Online Events | www.KofC.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor-webinars.html](#).
 - New Year's Resolution: Appoint an EFF Director! [EFF Role Details](#)

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.
- Review the [Prospect Tab Walkthrough](#) so you are familiar with the easy steps to process online members joining your council.

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

February 3, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Financial Secretary Overview](#)

February 10, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Working With Your Pastor](#)

February 13, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Conducting Church Drives](#)

February 25, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Online Tools & Resources](#)

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

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State Treasurer

Dear Brothers

Each council must pay its Supreme Assessment bill to avoid being suspended. Each council's bill is easily found in the Reports tab in Officers Online at www.KofC.org/oo. The current assessments for Per Capita, Catholic Advertisement and Culture of Life were levied on January 1. Paper invoices will not be sent.

We are still collecting Per Capita in Utah. Several Councils have not paid. Please do so as soon as possible.

Remember, Semiannual Council Audit Report (for July-December) is due on February 15.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Gerichs

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State Advocate

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council Officers, and Brother Knights,

The 2025 Utah State Convention will soon be upon us. This year's convention (118th Annual) will be held in the Comfort Suites Ogden Conference Center (2250 S. 1200 W., Ogden, UT, 84401, US) on Friday evening, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.

During the 2023 convention, we approved changes to the State by-laws and implemented those changes effective in August 2023, based on Supreme direction. Every year, we also send a number of Salutation Resolutions. I invite your Council to send me any resolutions or suggestions you have before February 28.

In March, I will send out the resolutions that were submitted by your Council in the packet I send to all the Councils for review.

In April, after you respond to the formal changes, the Resolutions Committee will meet, before the State Convention, and will be able to offer their recommendation for a floor vote. None of the changes take effect until they are approved at the annual State Council meeting and accepted by the Supreme Council.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please provide any recommended changes or additions electronically using Word to my email address.

Vivat Jesus,

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State Warden

We had a very successful Midyear Meeting and I want to thank everyone who attended. It was nice to see so many brothers in Christ together!

The March for life was well attended by brother Knights and seeing so many with Knights posters as well as the banner is a testament to life.

We are preparing for the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair (on February 1st) and looking forward to other events. Please review the state calendar regularly (see the last few pages of this newsletter).

Thank you and God bless you all,

Chad Vargo

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Regional Growth Director

Greetings Council Leaders, District Deputies, State Chairs and Directors and State Officers,



In keeping with my football theme from last month, how do you like the match-up for the Superbowl? Will Kansas City make history with a 3-peat or will Philadelphia break the streak and return to the top?

While watching the semi-final games, I noticed a continuing theme coming from the Announcers and Analysts – adjustments. During the game, they discussed if this Defense could counter the play and players on the Offense. They suggested what the Offense needed to do to get passed the Defense. They talked about Coaches and Staffs and their planning. They talked about units with the teams, Backs (Offensive and Defensive), the lines and they talked about individual players and what THEY had to do if the Team was going to triumph.

We are just past half-time of our Fraternal Year. We have completed our Midyear Meeting and some of our Districts have completed your District Midyear Meeting with your Councils. So, we must ask the questions:

Have the Coaching Staffs (State Officers, Directors and Chairs) given the Assistant-Coaches (District Deputies) an insight into where we are, a plan of where we want to end up and how we should go about getting there? What is working well and what we need to adjust to get better?

Have the Assistant Coaches (District Deputies) talked with Backs, the D-Line, the O-line, the Receivers and the Special Team (GKs and DGKs, Council Program and Membership Directors, Recruiting Teams, EFF Directors etc.) on what OUR part is in the success of the TEAM (State) and where WE need to change, adjust and yes, even improve?

Have the Squad Leaders gotten the message to the individual players (Members) on what our plans are for the last half of the year? Our Program plans for Lent and Easter and Fish Frys and Parish Picnics? Our EFF plans for Lent and Easter and Fish Frys and Parish Picnics? Our Membership plans for Lent and Easter and Fish Frys and Parish Picnics?

Have our Scouts started looking at who we are going to draft for next year?

- RCIA/OCIA classes who would REALLY benefit from our Program and EFF efforts for their long-term success of conversion or reversion and they are wondering – What's next?
- Graduating Seniors who may NEED the anchor we can provide as they venture off to the SECULAR SWAMP that is so often our Institutions of Higher Learning and they are wondering – What's next?
- Men of the Parish who will finally become Empty-Nesters as the last child leaves for college and they are wondering – What's next?
- New Families who take advantage of the school break to move to a new neighborhood or even a new state before the new school year begins and THEY are wondering – What's next?

Just as football gameplans don't just happen and plays aren't made up in the fly (usually) and teams don't build and grow by accident and Draft-Choices aren't identified on Draft Day, neither will our Programs improve or our Faith be built or our Membership grow without specific planning, efforts and execution by our whole TEAM – the Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Team Coaches, Squad Leaders and finally and perhaps most importantly, our individual members each doing their part of the game plan for the success of the WHOLE Team.

The second half has started! Will YOU do your part in our TEAM'S success both this year and into the future?

Fraternally,

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State Executive Secretary

Our annual State Convention is coming in May! Before that happens, there are many, many deadlines for councils and state officers, directors, chairs, and scholarship applicants.

Do you know when letters of intent need to be sent to the State Deputy? Did you know that District Deputies only have until February 15th to submit award judge nominations to the State Deputy? Resolutions are due from councils in early March, 60 days before the convention, and the State Advocate shares them at least 30 days before the convention (in early April), so councils can let their delegates know how to vote at the convention (early May).

Do you remember everything that is due on March 15th?

- State Scholarship Application (for HS graduates continuing their education).
- Patriotic Degree Scholarship Application (for continuing higher education).
- The Council's Family of the Year nomination.
- The Council's Knight of the Year nomination.
- The Council's Chaplain of the Year nomination (for the "State Blessed Michael McGivney Award").

- The Council's "State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form" for their best program in each of the Faith in Action categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life).
- Councils receive the proposed state budget (so they can vote at their council meeting).
- Councils receive the letters of intent of all knights running for state office.
- State Secretary sends the credential form to the councils so they can report on who will be representing the council at the convention (usually the current grand knight and a past grand knight from the council, but any third-degree member could be voted as a delegate by the council).

Do you know where to find the relevant entry forms? Where to send them?

Also due in March are all the reports for the annual report book. This is where State Officers, State Directors, State Chairs, and District Deputies all let us know what has been happening this fraternal year and of the amazing work we've all been doing. I especially like to read the DD reports of what council programs most impressed them, and what the councils were most proud of accomplishing (or are planning for this fraternal year).

While I haven't heard from the Convention Committee when the advertising deadline is, it's typically also in March (with only minor leeway as we're using a commercial printer).

The official deadlines are listed in the state council by-laws, which are available online at <https://utahknights.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/20230816-KofC-Utah-State-By-Laws-2023.pdf>

The State Convention is coming. Now is the time to get ready!

FYI – The **2024-2025 Utah KofC State Directory** has been updated and posted on the state website. A new PDF is available, as well as a text file with that has all the corrections; download whichever you'd find more useful at www.UtahKnights.org/secretcy/#20241111

Vivat Jesus!

Karl VanMaren

2024-2025 State Executive Secretary

Program Director

PROGRAMS Questions and Answers:

Q: What are the Supreme-recommended programs?

A:

~ FAITH ~

RSVP

Into the Breach

Spiritual Reflection

Holy Hour

Pilgrim Icon Program

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Rosary Program

Sacramental Gifts

~ COMMUNITY ~

Coats for Kids

Global Wheelchair Mission

Habitat for Humanity

Helping Hands

Disaster Preparedness

Free Throw Championship

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Soccer/Hockey Challenge

~ FAMILY ~

Food for Families
Family of the Month/Year
Family Fully Alive
Family Prayer Night
Keep Christ in Christmas
Family Week
Consecration to the Holy Family
Good Friday Family Promotion

~ LIFE ~

March for Life
Special Olympics
Ultrasound Program
Pregnancy Center Support
Christian Refugee Relief
Silver Rose
Mass for People with Special Needs

Bold denotes Featured Programs, see also www.KofC.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10746-fia-council-requirements.pdf

Q: How many programs are required to fulfill Columbian Award requirements for each category?

A: Four (4) program credits in each category are required to earn the Columbian Award for a total of sixteen (16) program credits.

Bill McCauley

Acting State Program Director

Community Director

Councils,

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is open to girls and boys ages 9-14 (age as of January 1st). First participating in the Council Championship (usually in January), winners advance to the District Championship (usually in February), with district winners advancing to the State Championship on March 23, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Sandy.

The Free Throw Kits are available from Supplies Online at www.KofC.org/oo for \$4 or \$5 + tax (with FedEx Ground shipping costs included), with printable PDF versions of the materials on the supreme website at www.KofC.org/FreeThrow. District Deputies should order a set of District Winner Medals from Supplies Online (at no cost) at least a week (six business days) in advance of their event.

Council Youth Directors (and/or Community Directors) should work with their District Deputy to plan the Council and District events.

God Bless,

Chad Vargo

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Family Director

Brothers!

Now is the time to plan Good Friday Family Promotion and to continue to recognize a Family of the Month by submitting Form 10784 (the Fraternal Program Report Form) online ([link](#)).

Vivat Jesus,

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Faith Director

Salvation is not an individual action. Christ offered salvation to all mankind through His Death and Resurrection; and we work out our salvation together with those around us, especially our family.

In this prayer, we consecrate our family to the Holy Family, and ask the aid of Christ, who was the perfect Son; Mary, who was the perfect mother; and Joseph, who, as foster father of Christ, sets the example for all fathers. Through their intercession, we hope that our entire family may be saved.

This is the ideal prayer to begin February, [the Month of the Holy Family](#); but we should also recite it frequently—perhaps once per month—as a family.

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home in Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and concord in Christian love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family, we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (three times each).

FYI - A [Consecration to the Holy Family prayer card #10371](#) is available from supplies online.

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Youth Director

Now is the time for the Basketball Free Throw Championship at the Council (Jan), District (Feb), and State (March 23rd) level. District Deputies, remember that you also participate in the State Championship at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Sandy.

First Communion and Confirmation planning is underway. Does your Council present rosaries or prayer cards? The sacraments are the most important events in the life of the domestic church. As children and adult members become more integrated into the life of the church and their parish, they should know that members of the Knights of Columbus will always be present in a tangible and meaningful way.

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Life Director

Brothers,

Thank you to all of you who braved the cold and attended or participated in the Mass for the Unborn, the Utah March for Life, and the Bilingual Rosary for Life. These events were held during our big pro-life weekend of January 24th -26th. For your reading pleasure, here is one news article on the Utah March for Life - <https://bit.ly/4hcAtPy>.

Our pro-life work and support are more important now than ever before. We learned two key facts from Mary Taylor, President of Pro-Life Utah during her speech at the March for Life.

- First, Utah hit an almost all-time record high for abortions in 2023 – over 4,000. That is a significant increase from an average of around 3,000 per year.
- Second, the Utah Trigger Law, which has been held up in court since June of 2022 due to one judge, won't be heard in court again until April of 2026. That is not a typo – yes, April of 2026. In reality, this bill could be in court for years – meaning, it is abortion business as usual in Utah.

On the positive side, Pro-Life Utah saved 141 babies from abortion in 2024 - more than twice the saves than in 2023. That is in large part due to the mobile ultra-sound van, for which the Knights provided the ultrasound machine. It is estimated that if a woman hears her baby's heartbeat, she is 93% more likely to keep the baby than abort it. In addition, your dollars and material items donated this past year, such as diapers and wipes, have been fully utilized, and the need is ongoing. If you have not already done so, please consider holding a diaper drive or some other type of fundraiser to help support Pro-Life Utah, one of the Pregnancy Resource Centers around the state or the Saint Martha's Baby Project.

Silver Rose:

Coming up next will be the annual Silver Rose prayer service this Spring. We are just waiting for Supreme to send out the routes and dates for this year. I expect to see that information in February. Once we have the information, our State Silver Rose Chairman, Michael Leith will send out the scheduling calendar and related information. Please begin planning for your prayer service. Unfamiliar with this program? Visit www.KofC.org/SilverRose for details and resources. Utah's expected dates are June 6th – July 5th, 2025.

Other news:

Is your Council planning a Life event, diaper drive or other? If so, please notify me as well as our Acting State Program Director Bill McCauley 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

It's not too early to plan for the 40 Days for Life (Spring 2025), taking place March 5th – April 13th. See the calendar ([link](#)) for details. The Kick-Off Prayer Rally is Tue. March 4 @ 5:30pm ([calendar link](#)).

Patrick Schmitt

Life Director, Utah

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40 Days for Life (March 5th – April 13th)



HELP SAVE LIVES IN SALT LAKE CITY!

What is 40 Days for Life?

It is a 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, peaceful hourly vigils, and community outreach. Although the U.S. Supreme Court decided in *Dobbs v. Jackson* that the Constitution has no provision for abortion; sadly, in Utah, elective abortions are still being conducted.

www.40daysforlife.com/SaltLakeCity

In Memoriam

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

DeCarlo, Joseph	5347	12/16/2024	1719384	SK 1429, Hon Life, 50 Yrs. Ins
Sandoval, William C.	6739	01/15/2025	1831912	SK 3758, 23 Yrs., Ins.
Thome, George S.	6966	01/18/2025	424145	3 Deg, Hon Life, 67 Yrs. Ins
Aerts, Alexander J.	10733	01/21/2025	1458752	SK 2393, Hon Life, 38 Yrs. Ins
Kravetz, Samuel F.	11246	10/09/2024	3278358	SK 3501, Hon Life, 29 Yrs, Ins.
Petracca, Rev. Anthony J.	11246	08/25/2024	2479669	SK 2393, Hon Life, 40 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

Past State Deputy
Membership Director



Father De Smet Replacement Plaque

Father Pierre-Jean De Smet, 30 January 1801 – 23 May 1873), was a Flemish Catholic priest and member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He is known primarily for his widespread missionary work in the mid-19th century among the Native American peoples in the midwestern and northwestern United States and western Canada.

His extensive travels as a missionary were said to total 180,000 miles. He was affectionately known as "Friend of Sitting Bull", as he persuaded the Sioux war chief to participate in negotiations with the American government for the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie. The Native Americans gave him the affectionate nickname De Grote Zwartrok (the Great Black Skirt).

On 6 June 1937, a memorial plaque was erected with the support of the Utah State Council Knights of Columbus and the now defunct Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmarks Association. The Sons of Utah Pioneers now maintain historical monuments and markers throughout Utah. The Marker was located on a granite monolith in Ogden at Lester Park at the intersection of 24th Street and Jefferson Avenue – less than a block east of the Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

Unfortunately, the plaque was stolen by vandals sometime in late 2023. Assembly 1429 has taken up charge to replace it through a statewide council, assembly or individual Community project. For those who attended the recent Midyear Meeting, this project was presented and received support to solicit donations to be provided to the state council. The replacement cost will be \$2180. If enough councils, assemblies or individuals would donate a suggested \$70 each, enough funds could be collected to replace the plaque. The goal is collecting enough donations by the 3 May State Convention to initiate the replacement efforts.

Assembly 1429 sincerely appreciates your consideration to support this Community project which can be captured on your SP-7 Columbian Award Application. Please write checks to the KofC Utah State Council with Fr De Smet Plaque on the memo line and mail to State Secretary Bill McCauley, 1752 East Briar Glen Ln, Sandy UT 84092-5811. or Venmo a payment to "UtahKofC State Tres". For further information, please contact Faithful Navigator Greg Keller, GKKeller3@msn.com, 801-941-1733.

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Field Agent

Best Regards to my brother Knights. Contact me to schedule your Fraternal Benefit Events as required for the Founder's Award (and Star Council).

Looking for one in Spanish? It's online on Tuesday, February 25th! [Tinyurl.com/KofCFeb25](https://tinyurl.com/KofCFeb25)

William Mundy

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District Master

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



Thank you to all the leaders that attended the Midyear Meeting at St Francis of Assisi in Orem on January 11th and thank you to State Deputy Frank Carmona for allowing the 4th Degree to be part of this meeting. As discussed during the meeting, this was the first time the 4th Degree has been a part of the Midyear and it was a huge success.

I wanted to give a special shout out to Assembly 1146 for receiving the Star Assembly Award last fraternal year (photo, left) and to Dan Castelli for his years of service as a District Marshal.

The question was asked at the meeting “why join the 4th degree” and hopefully you have some good reasons after hearing Fr Gabriel speak

or your interactions with others at the meeting. One reason was given to potential candidates in the past was you’ll get an Honor Guard at your funeral. Many men don’t care about this or don’t see it as a benefit but having served in Honor

Guards I can tell you the benefit is for the families of the member. My grandfather was a Knight but not very active in the 4th Degree. At his funeral there was an Honor Guard and it meant soo much to me to see him being honored that way. In a large part it is what inspired me to get more involved with the Knights.



There are many reasons, if you’re not a 4th degree member and reading this please consider joining. If you are already a 4th degree member please reach out and ask a man to join.

This January in addition to the Midyear Meeting for the state the fourth degree was very active in participating in Honor Guards at the Cathedral in the Mass for the Unborn and Ceremony of Lights (photo above/right), the March for Life at the Capital, and funeral services for Former District Master Dick Hall and Past Faithful Navigator Billy Sandoval (photo right). Thank you to all the Honor Guard members that participated.





Pictured (left) are Knights who attended Dick Hall's funeral on January 31, 2025, including **most** of the 24 Sir Knights who participated in the honor guard at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Salt Lake City. The honor guard included the current District Master and three former Masters (not pictured is VJ), along with three District Marshals.

125 (new members) for 125 (years)

The main focus for Utah now is our **125 for 125 Exemplification of Patriotism on March 29th, 2025**. We plan on making history in Utah with the largest class of new Sir Knights that Utah has ever seen. Candidate and meal registration is open (see below for links). It should be a great time! This will be the 4th Degree Exemplification of Patriotism to be at, as a candidate or an observer. Please join us and help make history! Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Upcoming Honor/Color Guards are added to the State Calendar as they come up, please visit the State website calendar regularly to stay up to date. Also, you can view the 4th degree calendar here:

<https://tinyurl.com/UT4th>

- **Color Guard Request** – February 17th – Hockey Night at Utah Grizzlies, help present the colors!

125 for 125 Exemplification of Patriotism (4th Degree induction) – March 29th

- Date: March 29, 2025
- Time: Candidate check in 2:00 PM (Ceremony at 3:00 PM, Mass 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:15 PM)
- Location: St Vincent de Paul Parish ([1375 Spring Ln, Holladay, UT 84117](https://www.stvincentdepaul.org))
- Cost:
 - Candidates: Before February 17th is \$75.00 (1 banquet meal included)
 - Candidates: After February 17th is \$85.00 (1 banquet meal included)
 - Guest Banquet meal: \$30.00 each (reservation deadline is March 10th)
- Additional Details can be found on:
 - www.UtahKnights.org ~ ~ [TinyURL.com/UT4th125](https://tinyurl.com/UT4th125)
 - [Invitation letter link](#)
 - [Parish promotional flyer](#)
- Registration for candidates and guest dinner/banquet meals:
 - <https://www.cognitofrms.com/KnightsOfColumbusUtahDistrictMaster/UT4thDegreeExemplificationRegistration03292025>
- Form 4 application ([fillable PDF Form 4 link](#))
 - Needs signatures from Council Financial Secretary, Assembly Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Navigator, as well as the applicant.

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First-Class Relic of Blessed Michael McGivney Visiting Utah

On **Saturday, 2/15**, District #10 Deputy (Richard Green) is coordinating the efforts of councils in his district, 14764 and 15418. Veneration will be held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church (Council 15418) for **two hours before and two hours after the 5:00 PM Mass i.e., starting at 3pm**. We are planning a procession of the relic (weather permitting) from St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center (Council 14764) to St. Ambrose. The procession route is still being worked out, but based on the distance the anticipated start time is **10 AM**. Therefore, the relic should arrive at St. Catherine by **9 AM**. Honor Guard and escorts need to arrive between **9 – 10 AM**. Details are being finalized for Council 14764 to host an exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) at Saint Ambrose following the procession (and before the 5:00 PM Mass).

On **Sunday, 2/16**. Grand Knight Dennis Robles and Council 1136 will host the relic at their 10:00 AM Mass. The relic will be available from about 9:00 AM to Noon.

Sunday afternoon (and potentially Monday morning) is still to be determined. Price, Helper, Moab and Monticello have all been suggested along with Hill Air Force Base and Holy Family in Ogden. Remember this? www.icatholic.org/article/window-honors-founder-of-knights-of-columbus-5894573

Calendar Highlights

<i>This Month: February 2025</i>	
Now	Supreme's Fraternal Training —visit www.KofC.org/Training
Jan	Free Throw Championship (Council Level); www.kofc.org/FreeThrow
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
03-Feb	Fraternal Training: Financial Officer Training
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
09-Feb	FYI - Super Bowl Sunday
10-Feb	Fraternal Training: Working With Your Pastor
13-Feb	Fraternal Training: Conducting Church Drives
15-Feb	FYI - Annual Diocesan Marriage Celebration for National Marriage Week
15-Feb	DEADLINE: Council Semiannual Audit (Form 1295)
15-Feb	CONVENTION: District Deputies nominate 3 Knights for award judging to State Deputy [XIII.3]
15-Feb	First Class Relic of Blessed McGivney visits Utah (Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Ambrose)
16-Feb	First Class Relic of Blessed McGivney visits Utah (Saint Francis of Assisi (Orem), and TBD)
17-Feb	CG: Hockey Night at Utah Grizzlies (Council 67369)
17-Feb	President's Day
20-Feb	Fraternal Training: Faith & Fraternity
22-Feb	Fourth Degree 125th Anniversary, New Ceremonial, New York City
25-Feb	[FBS] Beneficios Fraternales: Estrategias para un Futuro Seguro (Virtual, Spanish)
25-Feb	Fraternal Training: Online Tools & Resources

Next Month: March 2025	
01-Mar	International Wheelchair Day
01-Mar	FYI: SP-7 (Columbian Award Application) Submissions Accepted for 2024-2025
01-Mar	CONVENTION: Intent to run for office letters due to State Deputy [IV.5.(a)]
03-Mar	CONVENTION: Resolutions due to State Deputy from Councils [III.6.(a)]
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)
15-Mar	CONVENTION: State Secretary sends Credentials Form to Financial Secretaries [II.2.(a); V.5.(d)]
15-Mar	CONVENTION: State Deputy sends Intent to run for office letters to councils [IV.5.(b)]
15-Mar	CONVENTION: State Treasurer sends proposed budget to Grand Knights [V.6.(d)]
15-Mar	CONVENTION: Award Submissions due to State Deputy [XIII.1]
16-Mar	Second Sunday of Lent
17-Mar	Saint Patrick
19-Mar	Saint Joseph
20-Mar	Fraternal Training: Practical Tips for a Strong Finish
23-Mar	Third Sunday of Lent
23-Mar	State Free Throw Championship, Blessed Sacrament, Sandy (for District Champions)
25-Mar	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Celebrated)
29-Mar	Founder's Day (KofC chartered in 1882)
29-Mar	HG: Fourth Degree Exemplification, New Ceremonial in Utah!
30-Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 2025	
01-Apr	CONVENTION: Today's Council Membership roll sets state per-capita [VII.1] billed 7/1, due 8/30
02-Apr	CONVENTION: State Advocate sends Resolutions to Councils [III.6.(b)]
04-Apr	CONVENTION: Council FS sends credential forms to State Deputy and State Secretary [II.2.(a)]
06-Apr	Fifth Sunday of Lent
11-Apr	CONVENTION: State Deputy Appoints Convention Committees [III.3.(c)]
13-Apr	Palm Sunday
17-Apr	Holy Thursday
18-Apr	Good Friday // KofC Good Friday Family Promotion
19-Apr	Holy Saturday // Easter Vigil
20-Apr	Easter Sunday
23-Apr	Saint George
24-Apr	Fraternal Training: Programming Ideas to Help Councils Shine
26-Apr	FYI - Mass for 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War (April 30, 2025)
27-Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday

REMINDER: The Utah State Convention is Friday evening of May 2 and all-day Saturday May 3, 2025.

Council and Assembly Activities	
Submit	https://www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm
07-Feb	Dinner and Games (Council 5214)
09-Feb	Breakfast (Council 1129)
13-Feb	BINGO (Council 14399)
17-Feb	Utah Knights Hockey Night (at Utah Grizzlies) (Council 6739)
22-Feb	"Connect with Catholics" Interfaith Event (Council 13297)
27-Feb	American Red Cross Blood Drive (Council 7961)
07-Mar	Dinner and Games (Council 5214)
07-Mar	Lenten Fish Fry (1 of 2) (Council 13297)
07-Mar	Fish Fry (1 of 3) (Council 6010)
07-Mar	Lenten Fish Fry (1 of 3) (Council 11479)
13-Mar	BINGO (Council 14399)
15-Mar	Saint Patrick's Day Party (Council 1129)
21-Mar	Blood Drive (Council 1129); Park City
21-Mar	Lenten Fish Fry (2 of 3) (Council 11479)
28-Mar	Fish Fry (2 of 3) (Council 6010)
02-Apr	Blood Drive (Council 1129); Heber
04-Apr	Dinner and Games (Council 5214)
04-Apr	Lenten Fish Fry (3 of 3) (Council 11479)
10-Apr	BINGO (Council 14399)
11-Apr	Lenten Fish Fry (2 of 2) (Council 13297)
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27-Apr	Breakfast (Council 1129); Park City

Looking to see your council programs and activities listed? Submit them! As State Deputy Frank mentioned back on Page #1, Fish Frys (and other Lenten Meals) are very welcome! Just fill out this online form at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm>. Put anything useful in the "Additional Details" box, it will be copied over to the state calendar. You can even attach a flyer!

Assembly and District programs and projects are also welcome, just fill out the same form and select your assembly (or District) from the list (below the list of council numbers).

Tip: The form requests the "Name of Event" and generally that's what's used for the name on the calendar, so be descriptive. "Dinner and Games" or BINGO? Same thing, different councils.

Note: Events are added and updated as information is provided, so please check the calendars on the state website at www.UtahKnights.org/state-calendar/.