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Frankly Speaking

My Brother Knights, it seems like Winter will leave us soon, considering all the sunshine we have had in the last 2 weeks. Lent began on March 5th, and many folks were excited. They attended church services to start our preparation for Easter. Soon, the State Convention will be upon us, May 2nd and 3rd, at the Comfort Suites Ogden Conference Center; I hope many of you plan on attending. The State Council and the Convention Committee have modified the agenda to provide an enjoyable experience. Key Notes: on Friday evening, we will have the Outlaws in the Wild West theme with a delegate Caucus in the evening. On Saturday, we will have our business session. However, all business and elections will be completed that afternoon. You will have Sunday off. While we are meeting, the Ladies will have their activities and a choice of lunch with us. Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ogden, followed by the awards banquet hosted by PSD Andy Airriess and back by popular demand; Riverton Council, 14239, will sponsor the casino night for us. I have been told that hotel reservations are going fast again, so please don't wait till the last minute, or you may have to stay at the Hotel across the street or in a motorhome. Please go to the UtahKnights.org link and reserve now.

This past month, we have made significant progress in the state's growth. We have seen a considerable increase in membership and volunteer hours. We are at 83% + of the membership goal. Great job, team! Many thanks go out to our Field Agent William Mundy and "Wild" Bill Kelly IPSP for their membership initiatives and the leaders in our councils whose efforts have resulted in this success. Please keep this momentum going as we move to close the year strong.

Many of you are on track for Star Council. We just sent out the updated Utah online roster to the District Deputies. Thank you, leaders, for conducting in-person CUF degrees or reaching out to these new men to have them take the online version that enables them to become active members of your councils. Councils have attained their McGivney Award, and others are currently on track.

The following significant events we have coming up are the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th and the State Basketball Free Throw Championship on March 23rd. DM Nick Nielson has scheduled the only 4th degree Exemplification in Utah on March 29th at Saint Vincent de Paul. Several deadlines for the Convention will be due soon. Council Award Submissions: March 15th; Convention Ads: March 20th; Resolution Submissions: March 31st; Convention Booklet: April 1st; and Delegate Forms: April 3rd. Please don't miss these deadlines; we do not want you to miss out. Please remember also to submit your Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and Priest of the Year entry forms. I will be selecting judges soon; also, here is a reminder to get your scholarship forms in so the judges can award them. Reminder: I am NOT a voting delegate but a tiebreaker.

Many things are going on at this time of the year, so if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact your District Deputy, New State Program Director John Carty, or anyone on the state team members in that order.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

Viva Cristo Rey!!!

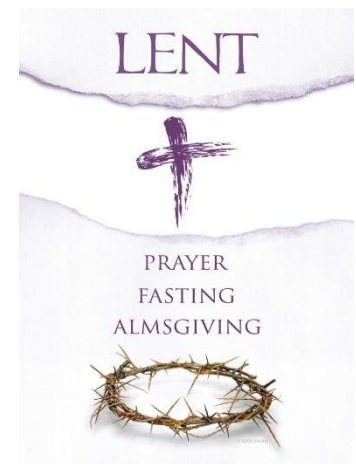
Francisco "Chico" Carmona

State Deputy

State Chaplain

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. Dominic Briese, O.P.
State Chaplain

State Secretary

Brothers,



Preparations for the State Convention

- The Financial Secretary and Grand Knight will receive the credential forms for the Delegates to the State Convention, a proposed budget for 2025-2026, and a reminder of the suggested Donations to funds (Christopher, Vocations, Military Chaplains, Culture of Life and Scholarship). I thank those Councils who have already donated funds. The Delegate Forms need to be filled out and returned to me **before April 4**.
- **Delinquent Audit Reports** from Councils 7401, 8350, and 12264. Please get your audit submitted.
- The State maintains a Perpetual Memorial Book that is presented at State Council Masses. For a \$10 donation (that goes to the State Scholarship Fund) you may add any name to the book.
- Begin to fill out and submit the Columbian Award Application (SP-7). Council 12264 also needs to submit a Program Personnel Report (365)

Remember the Ides of March (March 15)!

This is the date that all State Award applications are due. Every Council and Assembly is involved. Council forms are submitted to the **State Deputy**.

- Councils submit an #STSP form (and any additional materials) to the State Council for EACH program category (4 categories = 4 #STSP forms).
- Councils submit their Family of the Year nomination through the Year Form (#10680).
- Knight of the Year is a Utah award. You may use the #10765 form as a guideline for the information that is required.
- Councils submit a chaplain nomination through the #SBMMA form. Chaplains do not have to be a part of the submitting council; however, they must reside in the state as of the date of submission. Councils can submit winners from previous years.
- Each assembly can submit the To Be a Patriot award (#TBP-2) to the **District Master**.
- All scholarship applications need to be sent to **Charles Dover, Jr.**

All applications MUST be sent by March 15!

Online Training offered this month

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 MDT

March 6, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Membership Records Management](#)

March 10, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Introducing Families to the Knights](#)

March 18, 2025 6:00 PM.....[Engaging Members](#)

March 26, 2025 8:00 PM.....[Best Practices for Council Fundraising](#)

Has your Council achieved all its objectives this year? Make these last few months count! Please join us on Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 PM MT, for **Practical Tips for a Strong Finish**. Register online [here](#).

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

Bill McCauley

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State Treasurer

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Lent is upon us, and we all have heavy crosses we have to bear. Building up our capacity to deny ourselves during Lent will strengthen our ability to carry those crosses that we struggle with. It is through the desert that we prepare for the cross. Your crosses won't get lighter, but it does mean that we will be stronger as we carry them. Lent is a time for God's grace to transform us into whom we were made to be. If we become men who are constantly in need of pleasure and comfort, we will never be able to sacrifice ourselves for the love of others. We weren't made for comfort or pleasure. Our lives were meant to be self-donating gifts for God and those around us. Jesus gave us the example of sacrifice by his life and death on the cross. Jesus also gave us a roadmap of what our lives are destined to be if we chose to follow him. Let's make some sacrifices, take on some challenges, pray, read the bible, and commit to service. Ask the question, who did I live for? Lent is an opportunity for us to no longer live for ourselves.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Gerichs

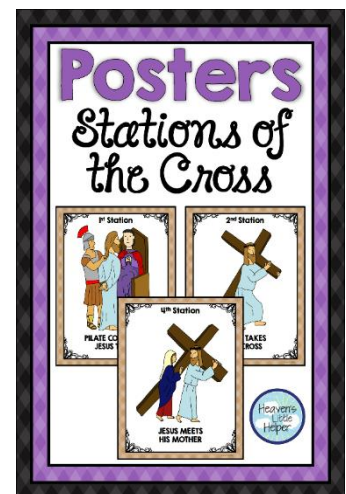
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State Advocate

Brothers,

We still need to work on Safe Environment. Especially in the following:
Councils: 1129-CD; 5214- CD, FD; 5502-CD; 8350-All; 10304-CD, FD; 10733-GK,CD,FD; 13297-FD



See your council listed, but not sure what needs to be done? Call me! I'm here to help!

Vivat Jesus,

Giancarlo R. Gazani

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State Warden

Just a reminder to please communicate in advance with me if you need any items from our storage unit for upcoming events.

Please go online at utahknights.org and register for the May 2-3 State Convention.

Thank you and God bless you all,

Chad Vargo

State Warden,

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Regional Growth Director

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

Earlier this month while listening to the Gospel in Mass, the reading was when Our Lord “recruited” Peter and Andrew. You remember the story. Peter and his men had been fishing all night long and they had caught nothing. Cast after cast and troll after troll they fished. Might they have said at some point, ‘we have worked so hard and caught nothing, maybe we have caught all the fish and there are none left to catch.’ Sound familiar? Then after they returned to the shore and were cleaning and repairing their nets, along came Jesus. And what does Jesus say? “Put out again into deep water.” How crazy that must have sounded to them. As professional fishermen, they knew that you fished at night and not mid-morning and you fished in shallower water where the fish schooled. Peter protested, politely but firmly: “Master, we have fished all night and have caught nothing but at you word we will put out into deep water.” When they did, what happened? They caught more fish than they could imagine. When they returned to shore, nets nearly bursting, Peter made his confession – “Depart from me Lord for I am a sinful man”. What did Christ say in return? Come, follow me and I will make you Fishers of Men.

How does this apply to us and what can we learn from this encounter? What did Jesus say and to that recruited Peter and Andrew as his followers? First, he met them where they were. He challenged them to put their faith into action. After they had felt the joy and wonder in this faithful action, they were open to his suggestion to follow him.

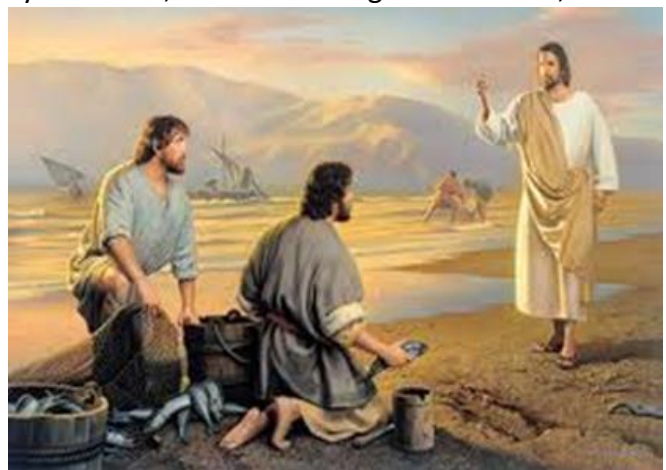
How do we become Fishers of Men in our families and Parishes? We meet a man where he is. We don’t argue with his objections, but we invite him first to put his faith into action at one of our events. We let him live in the wonder of the moment and when we invite him to join us on our journey. This has always been the most successful way to recruit, one man asking another man, a parishioner, a friend and family member to experience what we have found in the Knights – feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving drink to the thirsty and visiting the sick and the imprisoned and then to come and join us. As we enter the Lenten Season, what better time is there to become Fishers of Men.

Fraternally,

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State Executive Secretary

Thank you to all who helped with the first-class relic of Blessed McGivney visiting Utah last month. Saturday, 2/15 and Sunday, 2/16 were busy days as Regional Growth Director Chuck Davlin and State Deputy Frank Carmona accompanied the relic to five parishes! Thanks also to the fourth-degree color corps members who participated in the prayer services, procession, and Masses that weekend. Interested in joining the fourth degree? <https://tinyurl.com/UT4th125> is the quick way to get to the page with details on the upcoming fourth degree ceremonial on March 29th, with the candidate and dinner reservation form link.

THIS MONTH councils need to put some attention on STATE CONVENTION PREPARATION from selecting their delegates, to donations to the hospitality room, to advertisement(s) in the book, to helping their District Deputy recount their greatest successes, to donations to the "bishop's funds", and of course submitting for the awards before the March 15th deadline. Assemblies aren't exempt, as the "**To Be a Patriot**" Award submission is also due to District Master Nick Nielson by March 15th.

Let's take a closer look at the award submissions and the forms online at www.kofc.org/forms

- "Assembly Forms" has the To Be a Patriot form at www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/to_be_a_patriot_p.pdf
- "Council Forms" has the State Council Program Awards Entry Form at www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf -- a copy is used for each of the Faith, Family, Community and Life program award submissions.
- "State Forms" has the Chaplain of the Year form at www.kofc.org/en/forms/state/blessed-michael-mcgivney-medal.pdf -- but notice they call it the "Blessed Michael McGivney Medal" form, since that's the prize at the Supreme Convention in August.
- "Faith in Action Program Forms" has the Family of the Year form at www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf
- That just leaves the "Knight of the Year," which doesn't have an entry form, just write up the council's selection on "council letterhead" to submit it. You can review the College Council Knight of the Year form for inspiration -- www.kofc.org/en/resources/college-programs/10765-knight-of-year-form-fillable.pdf
- Specific to Utah, we have **two scholarship applications** (one for those finishing high school and continuing their education, and the fourth degree scholarship for continued education) both of those are found on the state council website at https://utahknights.org/programs/#state_scholarship

Don't overlook the next relics visiting Utah! On Thursday, April 10, the "Relics of the Passion" will be at Saint Joseph the Worker for a prayer service and veneration in the evening. Information on the relics is online at <https://relictour.org/relics-of-the-passion-2/>, details of the visit to Utah are on the calendar with the honor guard request.

Many calendar entries this month, with no shortage of training, or deadlines coming up. Also, several councils submitted their "Fish Fry" information, that's all listed as well. Remember the easy way to submit programs for the calendar is to use this webpage - <https://www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm> - as it asks for all the useful information. In this newsletter it may only have a date and the activity listed, but the online calendar should have more details. Nobody wants to show up to a fish fry at the wrong time, or with the wrong method of payment, or be confused by the menu -- so please share all the details with us!

Vivat Jesus!

-- **Karl VanMaren**

2024-2025 State Ceremonials Director

2024-2025 State Executive Secretary

Utah Knights of Columbus

Program Director

Things to Accomplish:

- Council Church Drive – participate and report back your results.
- Lenten Food for Families – www.KofC.org/food
- Continue to submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) for every program conducted each month.
- Pay Per Capita, Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life Assessments to Supreme. Council billing statement is located under the “Reports” tab in Officers Online. www.KofC.org/oo
- Submit State Program Awards Forms (#[STSP](#)) and Family of the Year Form (#[10680](#)) by 3/15. Don’t overlook Knight of the Year, and Chaplain of the Year (Form #[BMMM](#)).

Plan Ahead:

- What is your council’s progress toward earning the Star Council Award? www.KofC.org/Star
- How many districts in your jurisdiction are on track to earn the Star District Award?
- Good Friday Family Promotion www.KofC.org/GoodFriday
- Spiritual Reflection Program (Lent)

Reminder:

- Conduct a Charitable Program in your community in honor of our founders, Blessed Michael McGivney.
- Ask someone to join your council.

Vivat Jesus!

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Faith Director

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

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. How will you develop a relationship with this saint?

1. Entrust every intention to his intercession
2. Honor the fathers in your life.
3. Pray the Saint Joseph novena. (His feast day is March 19th!)

Here are a few ideas to help you dedicate March to Saint Joseph.

1. Pray the **Prayer to Saint Joseph** daily (“Blessed Joseph, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.” (Pope Francis, Patris Corde)).
2. As the patron saint of work, **offer a prayer of thanksgiving** during your work day for the love for Saint Joseph. Also, **honor the Sabbath** (Sundays and Holy Days for Catholics) as a day of rest from any work.
3. **Read and meditate** on the role of Saint Joseph from passages of Scripture like the Presentation (Luke 2:28-33), or the Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15).
4. **Place an image or icon of Saint Joseph in your house.** Seek intercession for your family from Saint Joseph, who is called the Pillar of Families.

5. **Honor the fathers in your life.** Remember to include your priest or spiritual father. Send them a card expressing your gratitude on the Feast Day of Saint Joseph.
6. **Strive to live a life that reflects the virtues of Saint Joseph.** Seek to imitate his love for Mary and Jesus.

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Pilgrim Icon

Worthy Brothers,

The two Sacred Heart of Jesus Icons and printed material (prayer service kit) have arrived in Utah and the Pilgrim Icon Program is now fully underway. This program offers an excellent opportunity for our members and parish communities to grow in devotion to the Sacred Heart and pray that our hearts may become like his.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly describes the Sacred Heart Icon in his introduction to the Sacred Heart Holy Hour booklet, writing:

“The particular image chosen for the Pilgrim Icon is the most famous depiction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome — the mother church of the Society of Jesus, which evokes the Jesuits’ longstanding resolve “to practice, promote and propagate devotion to His most divine Heart” (23rd General Congregation, Decree 46 – 1883). In Batoni’s beautiful painting, Jesus holds out to us his heart, enflamed with love and wrapped in thorns, so we can meditate on the sacrifice of his passion and be engulfed in his love. Thus, we see that devotion to the Sacred Heart is profound yet simple. It reminds us of God’s love for us and is meant to inspire our love in return.”

I just received the resources for the program including the guide sheet, holy hour booklets, prayer cards, promotional posters, and news release. They can also be found through kofc.org/SacredHeart. Please review these materials to learn more about the program.

We are also offering enthronement resources, so that families can enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes. This involves placing an image of the Sacred Heart in a prominent place in the home and formally recognizing Jesus as King through an enthronement ceremony. These can be found by using the same link as above.

To date, St John the Baptist - 12181 and St Marquerite - 6739 have held Holy Hour services with downloaded and copied booklets, but now we have the entire kit to accompany the Icons. Also, St Rose of Lima - 6010 and St Thomas Aquinas - 12959 have already expressed their interest (dates TBD), and St Joseph the Worker - 7961 has requested an Icon for the week of 27 June.

To learn more about how your council can participate in the Pilgrim Icon Program, please contact me.

Greg Keller, PSD.

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Family Director

Brothers! Now is the time to plan a **Good Friday Family Promotion** and to continue to recognize a **Family of the Month**. See below for a great idea of conducting a food drive with little more than setting up a collection area and advertising food donations in Church Bulletins, posters, and word of mouth.

Vivat Jesus,

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State Family Director

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Food For Families

“I Can, You Can, We Can!”

With Lent upon us, here’s a simple but highly effective way to help those in need. It’s called “I Can, You Can, We Can!” The program asks parishioners to work with your council and donate one pantry item for each day of Lent, thus creating a large boost to your favorite pantry when they may be in dire need following the holidays. Your council can select the pantry where the almsgiving goes or consult with your parish priest if you are unsure. Begin by promoting in your bulletin and ideally announce the program following masses. You’ll just need a couple of Knights to collect the donations before and after masses and a place to stockpile the donations. You can get creative by having theme weekends, like Peanut Butter or Mac & Cheese Sunday. Of course, cash donations are also welcome. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council — up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. For more clever ideas and details, here is a link to get you going.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/2024/february/i-can-you-can-we-can.html>

Good luck and hopefully this becomes a signature event for your council and Parish.

Jim Van Diver

Food for families Chairman

Community Director

Councils,

March is a busy month! Lent begins and with it are fish fries and Lenten Meals. Remember to contact Karl to get your event on the Calendar.

The St Patrick’s Day Parade will be March 15. The Honor Guard will lead the parade, but all Knights’ families are invited to march. See details online.

The State Free Throw Championship for District winners and DDs is scheduled for March 23 at Blessed Sacrament School at 12:30 PM.

God bless,

Chad Vargo

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Youth Director

Basketball Free Throw Championship at the State level is this month. DDs remember that you also participate in the State Championship.

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.

Jonathan Gauchay

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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 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 St Joseph 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 Mid-year 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 McC State Secretary, 1752 East Briar Glen Ln, Sandy UT 84092-5811. Or Venmo a payment to "UtahKofC State Tres".

For further information, contact Faithful Navigator Greg Keller, KKeller3@msn.com, 801-941-1733.

Life Director

Brothers,

The 40 Days for Life Spring campaign is almost here. It will begin on Wednesday, March 5th and end on Sunday, April 13th. There will be a kick-off rally on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM outside of the Planned Parenthood Metro clinic located at 160 S 1000 E, Salt Lake City. All are welcome. The kickoff is a great way to get more information about 40 Days and how to participate and pick up various materials and signs.



March 5 - April 13
40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SALT LAKE CITY!

If you are not familiar with 40 Days or have never participated before, this is a peaceful prayer vigil which takes place outside of the Planned Parenthood Metro clinic mentioned above. We encourage all Councils to sign up to do at least one, 1-hour prayer vigil at some point during the 40 Days. Invite your parish, friends and family. If you have KofC "Life" signs, bring those. It is recommended that at least two people are present while there. To learn more or to sign up for a prayer hour, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/saltlakecity If you have any questions or need more information please contact Barbara Granja, 40DaysforLife.SLC@gmail.com, 385-799-5433 40daysforlife.com/SaltLakeCity

Silver Rose: Coming up soon will be the annual Silver Rose prayer service. Before too long our State Silver Rose Chairman, Michael Leith will send out the scheduling calendar and related information. Please begin planning for your prayer service. Routes and dates should be very similar to last year. To learn more about the Silver Rose program, please visit www.kofc.org/silverrose

Other news:

Is your Council planning a Life event, diaper drive or other? If so, please notify me as well as our new State Program Director John Carty - jsc1940_20878@yahoo.com of any upcoming Life events your Council 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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Field Agent

Utah Firearms Association invites Knights of Columbus members, their families and friends to “**Brotherhood, Bullets and BBQ**”.

Join us for a day of bonding, brotherhood, shooting, gear and top-notch BBQ on Saturday, April 26th, 2025.

We encourage you to plan to hang out for as long as you are able, eat delicious food, visit with brother Knights with us at Culper, and the other firearms and gear experts we will have in attendance to serve you, answer questions and help you to be better prepared defensively.

Cost is \$50 per person. What do you get for that?

- Gift Card for 10% off Culper Precision purchases. (There will be more aggressive discounts available to brother knights at the event for purchases made on the day.)
- Gift Card for 15% off Tactical Cowboy Training Stations courses (up to \$500 value)
- HighDefKote Knights of Columbus Brotherhood, Bullets and BBQ Commemorative Magpul Magazine (\$32 value).
- Fully catered lunch
- Four (4) fully loaded mags to shoot and leave at each of the four (4) stations (\$60 worth of ammo to shoot at the event, leave empty mags at stations).

Each ticket is good for four (4) full magazines that can be used on any of our rifle stages, and to conduct TCTS drills. This event will feature huge discounts on Culper Precision rifles, custom work, and merch, Tactical Cowboy Training Solutions classes, Axil Earpro Discounts, 1 HighDefKote Magazine, and Catered Lunch.

Location: Garth Kilpack Shooting Range, 110 Hobble Creek Road, Springville, Utah, 84663.

Register online at <https://www.strideevents.com/events/brotherhood-bullets-and-bbq/2025/register>

Best Regards

William Mundy

801.599.4512; william.munday@kofc.org

In Memoriam

My Brother Utah Knights,

It is with sincere regret that I must report the death of another brother Knight in February.

Edwin Michael "Gunny" Stephenson 14239 2/27/2025 3083240 SK 2577 Hon life 32 years

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

Please say a Hail Mary in honor of Gunny and his family when you finish reading this.

Bill Kelly, PSD

Membership Director



District Master Utah Knights of Columbus

Utah had a very busy February! As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Former District Master Dick Hall passed away. The funeral services were held January 31st. Dick's Widow was very pleased and knew "Dick would be smiling down on us." We had 24 Sir Knights come out and serve in the Honor Guard for his services, including the current District Master, 3 Former District Masters, 3 District Marshals, and several other brothers.



This past month we also had the honor of having the Relic of Blessed McGivney come into Utah. It was a very busy weekend February 15th and 16th with honor guards for Masses and Venerations. The Relic started off at St Catherine of Siena Newman Center at the University of Utah, then went to St Ambrose Catholic Church. The following day the Relic started off in Orem Utah at St Francis of Assisi, then traveled up to the Salt Lake City valley at St Joseph the Worker parish, and ended the day at St Vincent de Paul parish. While it was a lot of travel and work it was wonderful to be present with the Relic and share it with several communities.

On February 17th we had "Utah Knights Hockey Night" at a Grizzlies match (the Grizzlies are a minor professional team). We had a Knight sing the national anthem and an color guard to present the colors on the ice. State Deputy Frank Carmona even got to ride a Zamboni!



Looking ahead, March will be busy as we will be participating in the St Patrick's Day parade in Salt Lake City, collecting Assembly and Council award submissions to be ready for our State Convention, and holding Utah's 125 for 125 anniversary Exemplification of Patriotism. Are you a 4th Degree Member? If you are come join us for some fellowship at the banquet and support the new candidates receiving this honor.

If not, Why Not? Now is the time to join!

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 next page 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!
125th Anniversary Utah 4th Degree Exemplification of Patriotism:

Registration (click the link to register as a candidate or sign up for banquet meals):

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/KnightsOfColumbusUtahDistrictMaster/UT4thDegreeExemplificationRegistration03292025>

- 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.cognitofrms.com/KnightsOfColumbusUtahDistrictMaster/UT4thDegreeExemplificationRegistration03292025))
- Cost:
 - Candidates: \$85.00 (candidate meal included)
 - Guest Banquet meal: \$30.00 each
- Additional Details can be found on:
 - [Invitation letter link](#)
 - [Parish promotional flyer](#)
 - www.TinyURL.com/UT4th125

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>

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Nick Nielson, PSD

Utah Master of the Fourth Degree

John H. Reddin Province



Calendar Highlights

<i>This Month: March 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-Mar	International Wheelchair Day; www.kofc.org/wheelchair
01-Mar	SOUT: Polar Plunge, Park City
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)]
03-Mar	Kick-Off Prayer Rally - 40 Days for Life (Spring 2025)
05-Mar	[3/5-4/13] 40 Days for Life Spring 2025
05-Mar	Ash Wednesday
06-Mar	Fraternal Training: Membership Records Management
07-Mar	HG: Eucharistic Procession, U of U Campus
09-Mar	First Sunday of Lent
10-Mar	Fraternal Training: Introducing Families to the Knights
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]
15-Mar	CONVENTION: To Be a Patriot Award submissions due to District Master Nick Nielson
16-Mar	Second Sunday of Lent
17-Mar	Saint Patrick
18-Mar	Fraternal Training: Engaging Members
19-Mar	Saint Joseph
20-Mar	Fraternal Training: Practical Tips for a Strong Finish
22-Mar	Diocesan Lenten Retreat (AM Spanish, PM English); Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
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)
26-Mar	Fraternal Training: Best Practices for Council Fundraising
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
31-Mar	DEADLINE: Convention Ad Sales; www.UtahKnights.org/State-Convention

Looking for the Fish Frys and Lenten Dinners?

They're listed below in the Council/Assembly section on page #17.

Submit your activities online at www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm

April 2025	
01-Apr	DEADLINE: Convention Ad Content; www.UtahKnights.org/State-Convention
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)]
04-Apr	HG: Eucharistic Procession, U of U Campus
06-Apr	Fifth Sunday of Lent
10-Apr	HG: Relics of the Passion, Saint Joseph the Worker
11-Apr	CONVENTION: State Deputy Appoints Convention Committees [III.3.(c)]
13-Apr	Palm Sunday
17-Apr	DEADLINE: Convention Hotel Reservations; www.UtahKnights.org/State-Convention
17-Apr	Holy Thursday
18-Apr	Good Friday // KofC Good Friday Family Promotion - www.KofC.org/GoodFriday
19-Apr	Holy Saturday // Easter Vigil
20-Apr	Easter Sunday
23-Apr	Saint George
24-Apr	Fraternal Training: Programming Ideas to Help Councils Shine
24-Apr	DEADLINE: Convention Meal Reservations; www.UtahKnights.org/State-Convention
26-Apr	FYI - Mass for 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War (April 30, 2025); D.C.
26-Apr	Brotherhood, Bullets and BBQ 2025; Springville, UT
27-Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday

May 2025	
01-May	[5/1-6/15] Council Officer Elections (See www.KofC.org/CCL section 128)
01-May	Fraternal Training: Preparing for Your District Organizational Meeting (for District Deputies)
02-May	HG: Eucharistic Procession, U of U Campus
02-May	State Convention 2025; District 4; Ogden
03-May	State Convention 2025; District 4; Ogden
11-May	Mother's Day
13-May	[5/13-5/18] 2025 Warriors to Lourdes
15-May	Fraternal Training: Preparing for the New Fraternal Year
17-May	HG: Adult Confirmation @ Cathedral (1 of 2)
19-May	Fraternal Training: Engaging Your Members with Summer Activities
20-May	KofC Mexican Martyrs
26-May	Memorial Day

June 2025	
01-Jun	Ascension of the Lord {Solemnity}
06-Jun	HG: Eucharistic Procession, U of U Campus
08-Jun	Pentecost {Solemnity}
13-Jun	Sacred Heart of Jesus {Solemnity}
14-Jun	Flag Day
14-Jun	HG: Adult Confirmation @ Cathedral (2 of 2)

Council and Assembly Activities	
Submit	https://www.cognitofrms.com/UTKofC/UTKofCActivityForm
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)
07-Mar	Fish Fry (1 of 2) (Council 602)
13-Mar	BINGO (Council 14399)
15-Mar	Saint Patrick's Day Party (Council 1129)
15-Mar	Saint Patrick's Day Dinner (Assembly 3501)
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)
04-Apr	Fish Fry (2 of 2) (Council 602)
10-Apr	BINGO (Council 14399)
11-Apr	Lenten Fish Fry (2 of 2) (Council 13297)
11-Apr	Fish Fry (3 of 3) (Council 6010)
27-Apr	Breakfast (Council 1129); Park City
02-May	Dinner and Games (Council 5214)
08-May	BINGO (Council 14399)
11-May	Mother's Day Flowers (Council 1129)
30-May	Blood Drive (Council 1129)
06-Jun	Dinner and Games (Council 5214)

Are your council/assembly activities missing? Submit them!

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Hospitality Donation & Program Booklet Advertising Order Forms

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, Brother Knights All –

District # 4 is planning the 2025 Convention, including the convention program book with advertising. The financial success of the convention is directly related to the sales of advertisements for the program booklet. *If the councils help with just **two** ads each (one from the council, one from a business) the funds raised would allow the convention committee to cover all anticipated costs.*

Please use the correct form; there are separate pages for the business ads.

Please use the Council/Assembly order form **only** when submitting an ad for the Council/Assembly. Included on the form is a place for **Hospitality Room Donations** (\$25 per Council and/or Assembly is suggested), and for **Individual Member Support** of the booklet (at **\$10 a name and \$20 for a couple**).

We would very much appreciate the money coming in for the council & assembly ads early!

For those Councils and/or Assemblies that haven't budgeted for this expense, one possibility would be for individual members to donate towards the cost of the ad and mention them in the ad itself (thanking them by name). This would have no impact to the council/assembly's bank balance, and would still allow for recognition of every council & assembly. You decide how your space is used – just remember we're Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

You can also purchase your ad or donate to the Hospitality Suite by following the QR code:





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Hospitality Donation & Program Booklet Advertising Order Form

Purchaser of Advertising Council or Assembly # _____

Please select the size and price of the ad of your choice:

- One (1) Full-Page **Council/Assembly COLOR** Ad.....\$200.00
- One (1) Full-Page **Council/Assembly Black** and White Ad\$125.00
- One (1) Half-Page **Council/Assembly COLOR** Ad\$125.00
- One (1) Half-Page **Council/Assembly Black** and White Ad\$75.00
- Each **Individual Sponsor** Mention on the “Convention Supporters” Page\$10.00

List names here _____ (and please email names!).

Submit ad copy no later than April 1st (or have us use a 😊 to fill your space)

Please email your ad to: utahknights.stateconvention@gmail.com

Need help? Just ask (but ask early!)

Please select your choice of contribution toward the stocking of the Hospitality Suite:

- \$25.00
- \$50.00
- \$125.00
- Other _____

Special requests? _____

Please mail this order form (with check payable to “Knights of Columbus”) to:

**Ray Folks
862 East 650 South
Santaquin, UT 84655-5539**

Thank You! Vivat Jesus!

Date Received: _____