



Frankly Speaking

My Brother Knights,

Where did the summer go? What a whirlwind! The Supreme Convention was truly a blast. I was both humbled and honored when Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly asked me to chair the Committee to Pope Leo XIV, help draft the special letter and read it aloud before everyone present. That moment was unforgettable. The letter is attached in this newsletter if you'd like to read it.

This fraternal year is already off to a phenomenal start here in Utah! As of August 29th, we've welcomed more than 50 new members, putting us #3 in the entire Order for percent gain.

THANK YOU for your hard work and dedication to this would be possible without you!

Even more exciting, we're bringing in younger and Hispanic men, making Utah the youngest state in the entire Order. Amazing things happen when you simply invite someone to join the Knights.

Don't forget—there are strong incentives on the line. The State Council will reimburse \$1.50 per member if your council makes Star Council this year. Already, five councils have hit 100% of their membership goal—where does your council stand? We also have over 40 men currently sitting in the State's online roster. Let's make sure we reach out quickly while their enthusiasm is fresh.

Please notify the state team of any upcoming CUFs so we can help promote and attend.

Our Coats for Kids Drive is launching soon. PSD Bob Masse will be reaching out to councils and remember order through the state, and you'll get two cases for the price of one. Get those pledges in!

COR is spreading like God's wildfire in Utah—over 50% of our councils are already involved. Don't be left behind! If you're unsure how to begin, our Faith Director, Daniel Quintanilla, is eager to help. We have a packed calendar of events around the state. Send me details, time, location, description—so we can promote them statewide. If you'd like to host a membership drive, let us know and we'll back you up with logistics, leaders, and support. Remember, the Knights aren't about "lifetime Council Officers"—we're about forming new leaders and building momentum!

Coming soon

☐ Carmelite Fair – Mother Terez personally requested our help breaking down and packing tents at 5 PM on the convent grounds (5714 Holladay Blvd). Many hands make light work—please join us if you can!

☐ Reports – Thank you for submitting officer reports to Supreme—we're at 90%+ on service program reports. If you haven't yet submitted your semiannual audit, please do so quickly.

☐ State Directory – Wild Bill Kelly and PSD Doug Shane are finalizing the directory for release mid-September.

☐ Welcome Back – We're thrilled to have Bill McCauley back as our State Council Advisor after stepping away for personal reasons. Great to see him energized and back in the saddle!

Mark your calendars: ***The Relics of the Mexican Martyrs*** will be in Utah September 26–28.

Thousands of pilgrims are expected—plan ahead, as parking will be limited.

Brothers, we have momentum, energy, and God's blessing moving us forward. Let's keep it going strong!

Wishing you all a joyful Labor Day. God bless you, God bless America, and...

Vivat Jesus! Y Viva Cristo Rey!

Fraternally yours,

Frank Carmona

State Deputy

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August 7, 2025

Most Holy Father:

Gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 143rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, we convey our deep gratitude and filial devotion on behalf of our more than 2.1 million members worldwide. We are especially thankful for your gracious video message to this convention, presented at the opening session, and for the blessing you imparted upon us, invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and Blessed Michael McGivney.

We were deeply moved by your reflection on the “essential virtue” of hope, especially in light of the Jubilee Year and this year’s convention theme, Heralds of Hope. In your inspiring reflection, you reminded us that “the source of our hope is Jesus Christ” and that the Church is called to be a sign of hope in every age.

Particularly during this Holy Year, we embrace this call to be “tangible signs of hope” for those in need in our families, parishes, communities, and beyond. Like our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, who brought relief to struggling immigrant families through sacramental ministry and fraternal care, we seek to embody a charity that evangelizes — lifting up those on the margins, defending the dignity of life from conception to natural death, and strengthening the faith and mission of Catholic families.

We also take to heart your commendation of our faith formation initiatives and our charitable works in service to the vulnerable. These efforts — and our continued promotion of Eucharistic devotion, especially through Cor and our pilgrim icon program dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus — stand at the center of our identity as Knights and our mission to build up the Church.

The Order’s recent assistance in restoring Bernini’s iconic baldacchino and Chair of St. Peter in St. Peter’s Basilica, as well as the Chapel of the Sacred Heart at the Church of the Gesù, is itself a “tangible sign” of our devotion and our commitment to the Church’s unity and mission of evangelization.

Holy Father, we pledge our unwavering loyalty and prayers for your apostolic ministry, especially as you call the Church to unity and renewed missionary zeal. We ask your continued prayers for the Knights, our families and those we serve, that we may reflect the hope that does not disappoint (Rom 5:5) and proclaim ever more clearly the saving power of Christ.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Blessed Michael McGivney, we entrust our work and witness to the Lord, that we may be instruments of unity and heralds of hope.

Most Respectfully in Christ,

Francisco E. Carmona, Chairman
State Deputy, Utah
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The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is liturgically celebrated every 15 September



State Chaplain

The first thing that I would like to do is recognize our State Deputy for the honor of chairing the committee to offer the greeting to our Holy Father for the Supreme Convention. This honor is not just for him but recognizes the respect that the Supreme Knight has for Utah Knights. Congratulations! I was honored to carry in the image of St. Dominic for the Memorial Mass at the Convention during the relics procession. What a wonderful gift we have in the Communion of Saints!

With this in mind I would like to encourage everyone who is able to participate in the events that honor the relics of the Mexican Martyrs from September 26-28 at St. Joseph the Worker. This is a major blessing for our local church. Don't miss out.

Additionally, I would like to update you on two personal projects that I am working on for our fraternity. I have put into action a process to offer condolences to the families of our deceased brothers. Notes of condolences should be going out soon.

Lastly, I'm working on a plan to visit all of the councils in the state over the course of my three-year appointment. In that time I should be able to visit each council twice during that time. Please stay tuned to further information on that. I hope to help everyone with their relationship with their priest or chaplain and to help motivate each council to lean in to the spiritual development of the membership. While at the Supreme Convention I had a long conversation with a brother knight who was very skeptical of Cor. But, after having a heart-to-heart we were able to identify the deep need that he personally had for this sort of fraternity in the faith. He approached me at the end of the Convention to tell me that he was going to make it his mission to build up Cor in his jurisdiction. Bothers, this is

something we all deeply need even if we don't quite realize it yet. Be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Now is the time for us to fortify our hearts and minds with God's grace to become true friends of God and one another for the sake of building up the kingdom of Christ here in Utah so that we might all be led to the heavenly glories that he has promised.

Fr. Gabriel Mosher, OP, KCHS
State Chaplain

State Secretary

My Brother Knights,

It is Labor Day weekend, where did the summer go! But our momentum with membership growth and council activities continued at a great pace. Of significant note, is that in the last two months, we have added 61 members to the state rolls and had 50 of these men transfer into active membership in councils. We have 3 councils who have already attained their membership goal and 9 councils who exceeded their quarterly goal. Keep up the great work on attracting members for your councils so you have the chance to win some cash from Supreme in the Fishers of men challenge. We have over 75 men on our state online roster, please contact these men have them take the CUF and become active in your councils.

I am pleased to report that Bishop Solis this past week approved Father Thomas J. Kaiser as the name our newest council in the state in the Moab/Monticello area. Supreme has activated the account and assigned Council #18795. Hats off to Bill Mundy, Patrick Garcia and Clyde Herrera who were instrumental in this noteworthy accomplishment. Thank you, Doug Shane, for compiling and completing the packet while I was away at the Supreme Convention. Welcome GK Pat Trim, DGK Bob Meierdierks, FS Pat Garcia to the team. Welcome to the Brothers of the new council. Now we can work to recruit even more new members to be CHARTER Members of this newest Council!!

Also, this past week, we had the 2025-2026 State Directory published. We will be getting these out to your District Deputies and Marshals the week after Labor Day for distribution and use. We understand that there may be errors in it, just let Doug or I know, and we will update our electronic directory and the State web page accordingly. Thanks to all of you who timely responded to our requests for information so we could attempt to get you a good product early in the year for immediate use.

Thanks to 25 councils and the 3 assembly who have submitted their 25-26 Per Capita payments. The state sincerely appreciates your timeliness in these payments as it enables us to effectively manage the state budget without having to figure out where to pull funds from to cover upcoming projects.

Regarding administrative requirements, we are doing well. Officer reports stand at 100%, Program Reports need only 2 submissions, and for DD 944 reports only 3 outstanding. However, we do need some work on Semiannual audits for the period 1Jan-30Jun25, here we have 9 councils who have not submitted. Applicable councils, please get this done. I realize several of you are behind on this, but if you just submit the current report, you will be all caught up. Why is this important? Timely submission bonds your financial secretary in the event something unfortunate happens. If you need help on completing this form, reach out to your DD or to Doug or I and we will help you.

Another area, I need your help on is safe environment. I realize that I am a broken record on this subject but it is important.

Please have your GKs and Program Directors complete the training and submit the background investigation form as soon as possible. If it is not completed by Oct 1, Supreme Safe Environment Department will remove your appointees creating more work for you. Please ask Steve Gerichs for assistance in this matter.

Significant upcoming activities that should be on your radar include: submitting your Coats for Kids orders/pledges to Bob Masse - now, 4deg Provincial meeting on 20Sep, Carmelite Fair on 21Sep, the relics at St Joseph the Worker on 26-28Sep.

Thank you for all that you do and your continued support to the State council.

Vivat Jesus

Bill Kelly

State Secretary/IPSD

Assistant State Secretary/Executive Secretary

Brothers,

State Directory

The State Directory is at the printers as we speak and will be distributed out to Knights leaders in the next few weeks.

Reports!!!

We only need two councils to submit their Service Program Personnel Reports to Supreme to be at 100%. We are at 100% for the Report of Officers Chosen for the Term.

Thank you for working to get these in!

State Secretary Bill Kelly (ISPD) and myself are at the ready if you have any questions or need support on filing any reports in the future.

Vivat Jesus,
Doug Shane PSD

State Council Advisor

Brothers,

I'm baaaaack! The worthy State Deputy asked for my assistance on several upcoming projects. I have agreed to help the other officers, Program Directors, and several of the Program Chairmen in their tasks. I also publish the Monthly Update and chair the Diocesan Science Fair and the Catholic Essay Contest. Other duties may be added.

This month I will restart Council visits to either events or meetings to say Hello!

Vivat Jesu, God Bless You and God Bless America!

Bill McCauley, PSS, FMFD
State Council Advisor

State Treasurer

Brothers,

I'm happy to report to the State that the finances are in order, and the budget is balanced. Reports are being generated in a timely manner.

In addition to this, at the beginning of August with our state deputy and state secretary out of town I had the honor to attend the Utah Special Olympics opening ceremonies and present a \$10k check on behalf of the Knights of Columbus here in Utah. All the athletes were extremely excited! In addition, the president of Special Olympics advised me how grateful he is and all the athletes we have helped over the years.



Vivat Jesus

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State Advocate

Brother Knights

So now that you're Safe Environment certified, what next? Well, we are seeing where individual parishes are asking Knights to take the Diocesan safe environment training. They are similar but not the same. The requirements are set by the pastors of each parish, so now it's not just 3 members of the council, it could be every volunteer at an event. So, pay attention to any new requirements from your pastor, or safe environment coordinator. The Diocesan training can be found at:

Safe Environment - Diocese of Salt Lake City - Salt Lake City, UT

<https://dioslc.org/safe-environment>

Viva Jesus

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State Warden - Daniel Quintanilla



Regional Growth Director,

My Brothers,

We are two months, 16.67%, 1/6 of the way through our Fraternal Year. What is your Council's progress through your year's activities, growth and Faith formation?

Has your Council completed and had approved your Officers Chosen Report Form 185 so both the State and Supreme can get your Council Leaders the resources needed to do the jobs they volunteered for?

Has your Council completed and had approved your Program Personal Report Form 365 so both the State and Supreme can get your Program Leaders the resources and support needed to promote and staff all the good works you do in your Council, Parish and Community?

Has your Council appointed an EFF Director and submitted his name to both the State and Supreme so he can get the resources needed to provide the best opportunity for the men of your Parish and Community grow in their faith and the through that faith to look for a way to put that Faith into action in one or more of our great programs?

Have YOU asked just one man this month to join us in growing in Faith by participating our COR initiative?

Have YOU given just one man and his family to opportunity to protect their financial future by participating in our GREAT Fraternal Benefits by becoming a member of the Order?

Have YOU asked just one man this month to join us in our good works by becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus?

Are YOU required to complete our Safe Environment program to help protect all the vulnerable people, kids and vulnerable adults, in our Parish and Community and have YOU done it?

Have YOU received the information (training) to perhaps SEE a person who is being abused somewhere else and needs to be rescued? It took me one hour and nine minutes to complete this vital program intentionally using the slowest method I can find to do it. Do YOU have just one hour to spare to protect the most vulnerable in our Community?

Has your Council coordinated with your Fraternal Benefits Field Agent to hold a local Fraternal Benefit Event to start the year off in style? Has your Council invited your Parish and ALL your Brother Knights to see what we can offer in the way of financial protection of our futures and our families?

Has your Council given all your members the opportunity to fulfill the vision of Blessed McGivney in protecting the widow and orphans, the family of all our Brother Knights.

Have YOU taken advantage of our World-Class benefits by meeting with one of our Fraternal Benefit Agents to be sure your family is protected?

Are YOU participating in our benefits so the Order can continue to provide relief to the victims of disaster, man-made and natural, in the U.S. and throughout the world?

If the answer to any of these questions is "no" or even "I don't know" or "I think so?" when will the answer be "YES" for YOU and your Council?

When will it be EARLY enough to make next May and June EASY for YOU and your Council?

When will it be Early enough to put the boring, irritating, frustrating, tedious but NECESSARY work behind you so your Council can grow and thrive so you can meet the needs of your Parish and Community this year and for years into the future.

When is EARLY IS EASY enough for YOU?

EARLY IS EASY

Chuck Davlin

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Congratulations!
2025

Newest Councils in Utah

Saint Lawrence

Council 18695®

in Heber City, UT

And

Rev. Thomas J Kaiser

Council 18795

Moab and Monticello

Program Director – John Carty

Things to accomplish this Month:

- Finalize Council Church Drive plans – continue talks with your pastor and get bulletin announcements ready
- Conduct, if applicable: • Catholic Essay Contest • Soccer Challenge
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) for each program conducted this month
- District Deputy should submit District Deputy Report #944- Due 09/15
- Order Coats for Kids
- Pay any outstanding balances to the Supreme Council. Council Billing Statement is located under the Reports tab in Officers Online
- Rosary Program
- Holy Hour
- Pilgrim Icon
- Food for Families
- Family of the Month
- Review the Safe Environment Reports in Officers Online to validate Safe Environment requirements have been met.
- Ask someone to join your council.

Plan Ahead:

- Which prospect(s) will you invite to activities?
- What new program(s) does your council plan to institute this year?
- Start fundraising for Coats for Kids
- Rosary Program for October (Consider October 7th - the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary)
- Christmas Poster Contest
- Citizenship Essay Contest
- What prospects will you invite to activities?



Faith Director The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial

the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

“The purpose of the Devotion of the Seven Sorrows is to promote union with the sufferings of Christ through union with the special suffering that Our Lady endured because she was the Mother of God. By uniting ourselves with both the Passion of Christ and His holy Mother, we enter into Jesus’ Heart and honor Him greatly; He is more honored because we have so honored His Mother.

The Seven Dolors are taken from Scripture events and the devotion has a long history, although it was not officially promulgated by the Church until the early nineteenth century. Before Pope Pius VII’s formal approval, the Servite Order had permission in 1668 to celebrate the Feast of the Seven Dolors because the Order was instrumental in popularizing the Seven Sorrows Devotion.”

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows
Our mother of sorrows,
with strength from above you stood by the cross,
sharing in the sufferings of Jesus,
and with tender care you bore him
in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith,
which accepted the life God planned for you.
We praise you for your hope,
which trusted that God would do great things in you.
We praise you for your love
in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example,
and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God,
stand by us in our trials and
care for us in our many needs.
Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!



Family Director – Tim Soran

Community Director – Mark Sheffield

Youth Director – Jon Gauchy

Life Director – John Porter

Benefits Advisor

Why the Knights offer Disability Insurance

Disability insurance is essential because it provides a safety net for individuals who are unable to work due to illness or injury.

According to the Social Security Administration, about 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching retirement age.

This underscores the likelihood that many workers may face a long-term disability that could prevent them from earning an income. Without disability insurance, these individuals would be at risk of financial hardship, struggling to cover everyday expenses like rent, utilities, and healthcare.

In fact, nearly 40% of Americans report that they would have trouble meeting their financial obligations within a month if they lost their income, highlighting the importance of income protection during times of incapacity.

Additionally, disability insurance helps maintain financial stability and quality of life during periods of disability, which can be particularly important as medical costs can skyrocket.

A report by the Council for Disability Awareness states that over 90% of disabilities are caused by illnesses, such as cancer, heart disease, and mental health conditions, rather than workplace accidents, meaning they can be long-term and unpredictable. Having disability insurance allows individuals to focus on recovery without the added stress of financial strain.

Moreover, the average long-term disability claim lasts 34.6 months, demonstrating that a short-term solution, like savings, may not be enough to cover living expenses over a longer period.

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In Memoria

My Brother Utah Knights. It is with sincere regret that I must report the deaths of four of our Brother Knights since the publication of our last newsletter in Aug.

Rivera	Richard	10733	8/2/2025	5502786	3Deg, 1Yr
Gutierrez	Paul	6010	8/17/2025	2387147	1Deg, Hon Life, 42Yrs.
Dillon	Jospeh P.	10733	7/26/2025	2276859	SK2393, 21 yrs
Amicone	Daniel S.	97043?	8/28/2025		3deg, 15yrs.

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

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

Bill Kelly, PSD
State Secretary

Membership Director – William Mundy

Brother Knights

We are putting out the call for “ALL HANDS ON DECK” to participate & (hopefully) volunteer in a very special event.

The state of Utah will be hosting the Relic of the Mexican Martyrs.

WHEN : Friday September 26 through Sunday September 28

WHERE : St Joseph the Worker Parish 7405 South Redwood Road, West Jordan

This is the very first time this important Relic will be visiting Utah. Normally it is housed in the Catedral de la Asunción de María Santísima in Guadalajara Mexico

Please plan on visiting the relic and enjoying the festivities that will be happening during the event. We also would like to ask if you can volunteer for an hour or two ! Please wear your Knights Council shirt.

If you're able & willing to help, please contact me directly :: William Mundy 801.599.4512



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RELICS OF THE

MEXICAN MARTYRS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 27, AND 28

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

7405 S REDWOOD RD, WEST JORDAN, UT 84084

Friday

3:00 PM Relics Exhibition
5:00 PM Holy Hour
6:00 PM Procession with the Relics
6:45 PM Blessing of the Relics
7:00-9:00 PM General Veneration

Saturday

3:00 PM Confessions and Exhibition
5:00 PM Mass with Relics
6:00 PM Speeches with guests
6:45 PM Fiesta with Mariachi
9:00 PM End of the Exhibition

Sunday:

8:30 AM Exhibition of Relics and General Veneration, Masses with the relics at
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 2:00 PM with Bishop Oscar Solis (TBD)
3:00-5:00 PM Fiesta with Mariachi at 5:30 PM, the relics will be removed



**To only the Third
Vice Supreme Master of
the John H Redding
Province from UTAH,
Our Brother PSD, FDM,
Vice Supreme Master
Nick Nielson**

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

As everyone probably knows by now, Utah's current District Master, Nick Nielson, has been selected to be our next Vice Supreme Master. My congratulations to him – I know that he'll do our state proud. Of course, that left a vacancy for the position of Utah District Master, and I was asked to fill it. I know that there are other Sir Knights who are more qualified than I am, but I promise that I'll do my best to take up the challenge.

I first want to thank my Honor Guards and Color Guard for their tremendous dedication to their work. We've participated in the First Friday Procession at St. Catherine's, served at the celebration at St. Peter & Paul Church for the end of the liturgical year, and celebrated the feast day of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney at the Cathedral. But I also want to thank the rest of our Patriotic Degree members who, though they may not have participated in an Honor Guard this month, have still been very active in supporting our 4th Degree.

Assembly 2577 (Rev. Thomas J. Meersman Assembly) has hosted the annual Assembly 2577 Golf Tournament at Stonebridge, which was a major success, and I'm told that they improved on last year's fund raising. Way to go, guys! And let's not forget that they came to the aid of at least one Brother Knight in a time of great need. No details required here.

Looking ahead, Utah is hosting the John H. Reddin Provincial Meeting on September 20, 2025. We will meet at St. Olaf's Catholic Church in Bountiful, Utah, and will be welcoming leaders from Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico, along with our State leaders. I look forward to a fulfilling time with our Brothers from around the Province. This is also the season of officer installation for our Assemblies. I will do my best to attend all of those that I can.

We will have many challenges ahead, I'm sure, but I also know that my Brother Knights will always be up to the task. I hope that you'll accept my earnest attempt to serve as your District Master. I know that I'll be leaning on many of you to make this a great year.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Odle

Utah District Master

