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My Brother Knights and Heroes,

The kids are back in school, the leaves are starting to turn, and fall is officially here! The air may be cooling down, but the *fire of our brotherhood* is burning bright. Thanks to Worthy Former Master Bob Masse, PSD, the State's **Coats for Kids** order is on the way—soon, children across Utah will be bundled up and warm before the first snowflakes fall. Thank you for your generous pledges that make this possible!

We're off to a **phenomenal start this year**—in just three months, we've welcomed **160+ new members**, placing Utah **#1 in the Order at 63% of our membership goal!** We also have a council at over **1000% of membership**. Incredible work, brothers! Let's keep that energy rolling by inviting new parishioners to join us. With exciting programs from Supreme like **COR** and **Fishermen of Men**, we have more ways than ever to grow in faith and fraternity. Truly, there's something here for every Catholic man over 18. Need more marketing tools? DD12 William Mundy has you covered! On the financial side, Worthy State Secretary Bill Kelly will be sending out **per capita notices** soon. Thank you to the councils who've already taken care of this—your support keeps our state running strong. And for those who pledged to Coats for Kids, please consider sending in your contributions (partial or full) as soon as you can.

A huge shout-out to all who joined the September **Fraternal Benefits Seminars**, and special thanks to our field agent, William Mundy, for his tireless work protecting families and strengthening the Order. If you haven't attended one yet, don't miss the chance to learn about the incredible programs the Knights of Columbus offer.

September was packed with joy and fellowship—our Utah Knights showed up at the **Greek Festival**, **Carmelite Fair**, **Magna's Spaghetti Dinner**, and the historic **Mexican Martyr Relics event**. I was also blessed to attend the **4th Degree Provincial Meeting** at Saint Olaf, right in our own backyard, alongside our new Vice Supreme Master **Nick Nielson** and our newly appointed District Master **Tom Odle**. **Congratulations, brothers!** I can't wait to work with you.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars!

- **Mid-Year Meeting** – January 10, 2026, at Saint Francis Xavier in Kearns. Smaller councils now have the chance to host these meetings—step up if your council is ready!
- October is full of action: **Intercultural Marian Celebration**, **Clergy Convocation**, **Special Olympics Fall Games**, **State Soccer Challenge**, and so much more. Send me your events so we can add them to the **State Calendar and Website**.
- And don't forget our **St. Ann's TRUNK-A-TREAT ON Oct 25 after Mass**, don't miss it!

Brothers, your energy, faith, and commitment continue to make the Utah Knights shine. Thank you for all you do for our parishes, communities, and families. Together, we are building something extraordinary.

Viva Cristo Rey!

Frank "Chico" Carmona, KHS, FMFD
Utah State Deputy
Deus Lo Vult!

State Chaplain

I just returned from New Haven. I was there to attend the 60th annual College Council's Conference. This year, our college council, Fr. Thomas Kraft, OP Council, was awarded the Faith Award. This is one of the highest awards given to college councils. It was a great honor to have this award present to us by the Supreme Knight in recognition for promoting devotion to Bl. Michael McGivney. One of the most amazing things this year is that one council was able to achieve Octuple Star Council. That's eight times their membership quota! All this, including the talks on membership, Cor, moral formation, etc., were all reminders to push forward with joy to meet and exceed the goals that the Supreme Council puts before us as Knights. With that in mind I'd like to offer this bit of advice that I give my own council. When you get your copy of Columbia Magazine, make sure you look at the section that highlights what other councils throughout the world are doing and use that to prompt ideas for your own council. Plan the activity, execute it, document it, and send it in to Columbia for recognition. This can prompt us all to even greater acts of charity for our communities. Remember: Iron sharpens iron.

Fr. Gabriel Mosher, OP, KCHS
State Chaplain

State Secretary

My Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that it will be October soon, where did the summer go. A quarter of our fraternal year is now completed, and Utah is exceeding expectations. Thanks to your efforts, Utah has brought in 102 new members currently sitting at Number 5 in the order, achieving 37.6% of our Annual Goal! Eighty of these men {78%} have already transferred into active membership in your councils which will help you on upcoming events and programs. Congratulations to Councils 1129 and 18795 who now join Councils 6010, 6147, and 7961 by attaining their membership goal and meeting qualification for the Father McGivney award. In addition, we have 12 of our councils who have exceeded their quarterly goal of 25%. Great work for the first quarter, but let's kick off the next quarter with a bang by converting 80 plus members from the online roster to council membership. This past weekend, the state council, honor guards, knights from across the state and the membership team supported the Mexican Martyr Relics at St. Joseph the Worker. Many Catholics in Utah attended this event for reverence purposes, holy hour devotionals, processions, and Holy Mass. The event also provided a great opportunity to promote the Utah Knights and made attendees aware of the purpose we serve. Thanks to the promotion efforts by Father Silva, Supreme reps (Jose and Pona), GK Juan, Member Director Bill Mundy and his team, the state collected over 70 cards of men interested in becoming Utah knights.

I am pleased to report that Supreme instituted our newest council 18795 in Moab/Monticello on August 30, 2025. Congrats and welcome the new council leadership to the team. In New council development area, we will now focus our efforts to St. Anns in Salt Lake City. We have several activities scheduled to get men from that Parish as part of our Utah team.

This past month we completed distribution on the 2025-2026 Directory. Hopefully, everyone received their copy {ies}; if not send me a text/email and either Doug Shane or I will get one to you. Also, if you notice errors, please let both Doug and I know, and we will update the electronic copy. Thanks to 28 councils and the 8 assemblies who have submitted their 25-26 Per Capita. This really helps the state manage our funding. With the State's coats for kids' program in full swing, this enables us to leverage funding for order payments pending pledge payments or council coat drive donations. Our chairman Bob Masse has submitted several orders already to ensure we coats on

hand before the weather goes south. Please, if you have a pledge or an order try to submit payments as soon as you can to the State Secretary.

Regarding administrative requirements, they need help from seven councils to submit their Jan-Jul25 semiannual audits. Like I mentioned last month, if you are behind on audits, just submit the current period and you will be caught up. Also, we need councils to review their safe environment status audits as we are only 50% qualified across the state. I appointed directors have not completed their training or background check, GKs or FSs may need to go back into council administration and reappoint positions. Reminder, without safe environment qualifications, you could forfeit your council's year end award.

One last thing, please when signing up a new member please input and only use the agent referral code "WMundy" when completing the online application. This helps our dedicated field agent plus there are less key strokes than Blessed McGivney. Significant upcoming activities that should be on your radar include:

Thank you for everything that you are doing in your Parishes and councils. Should you have any concerns or issues please reach out.

Vivat Jesus

Bill Kelly

State Secretary/IPSD

Assistant State Secretary/Executive Secretary

Brothers,

SAVE THE DATE!!!

2026 Supreme Convention: August 3-6, 2026

Denver, Colorado

Let's Represent in a Big Way!

I'm excited to be leading the charge for our state in organizing a hospitality suite for the upcoming Supreme Convention!

This is an incredible opportunity to experience all the excitement of a Supreme Convention, and it's happening close to home. Let's make the most of it together!

As the event approaches, I'll share more details. In the meantime, if you're planning to attend or want to be involved in the hospitality suite planning, I'd love to hear from you.

Let's show up strong and make it an unforgettable experience!

Vivat Jesus,

Doug Shane PSD

State Council Advisor

Brothers,

October begins the second quarter of our Fiscal Year! Keep up the great successes of the 1st Quarter!

It is also a month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and the celebration of many saints. This month is a time for Catholics to deepen their faith and engage in spiritual practices such as the rosary and novenas.

You need to start planning for Keep Christ in Christmas activities, Catholic Citizenship Essay, and food drives. The 30th Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair will be held in February. Please consider pledging an

amount towards prizes so this will be the best Science Fair ever. We will need Diocesan Safe Environment trained judges. Please volunteer for training NOW!

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

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country.

Congratulations in September for a successful Carmelite Fair, 93rd Annual Our Lady of Lourdes Spaghetti Dinner and Council 14764 being awarded the College Council Faith Award.

Thank you to all the volunteers and Knights that attended the Relics of the Mexican Martyrs at St Joseph the Worker.

Vivat Jesu, God Bless You and God Bless America!

Bill McCauley, PSS, FMFD
State Council Advisor

State Treasurer

Brothers,

The state's finances are in order and all is well. Unfortunately, as mentioned earlier in September upon my return from Washington DC I uncovered fraud attempts on the State checking account. Thankfully no money was stolen, but this did require us to change the account number. Sadly, this aligned with setting up the Microsoft accounts and the transaction did not go through. Now that the fraud has cleared up, we should have Microsoft up and running soon.

As mentioned, I was in Washington DC, I was there to represent the Knights of Columbus as part of the McGivney Fellowship. This is a program where they bring future leaders from across the States and Canada and put us through extensive leadership training. I've been in this program for over 2 years and will graduate from the program in May of next year. This meeting we focused on leaders through history, and why Jesus Christ should be seen as the ultimate leader. I look forward to future events and will be keeping you all in my prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Chad G. Vargo

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State Advocate

Brother Knights

The children are back in school and it's time to finalize plans for your upcoming programs that involve children. You may have programs that you have done for a long time or new ones you have never done. Ensure your plans are reviewed with safety in mind. Involve younger new Knights in these events, they are the ones more likely to have children. The faster you get new Knights involved, the better chance you will keep and grow them into leaders. Work with your school principal to set a time and place for your event. Ensure you will have enough brother Knights to run the event efficiently and safely. Verify you have enough safe environment trained people present. This requirement used to be 2, but requirements can change at the Parish level very quickly. Go over the best practices with all the knights and parents involved. Keep our kids safe and ensure a good time is had by all. Whether you are doing the Baskett ball free throw challenge, Coats for Kids, Keep Christ in Christmas, a food drive, or any other program involving children; always follow the requirements and keep our children safe.

Just over a month ago there was a very tragic incident at a Catholic school. The shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis where two students were tragically killed and dozens of people wounded. It is a reality that our faith can make us a target. Our members can get training on preparing for an active shooter, but there are simple things you can do. Be aware, watch what is going on around you, look for things that just don't look and feel right. You know your parish better than most other people. If an incident does occur, be ready to help, protect the kids, get people to safety and provide aid to any injured people. Know where the first aid equipment is located like an AED or other equipment. If you need some first aid training you should get some. That is a great idea to do at the council level. Be safe out there and Pray for the children.

Viva Jesus

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State Warden

"In your heart, be always ready for your departure. If you are wise, you will expect it at every hour... Go to sleep with these thoughts every night, and reflect upon them every day. When the messenger comes, go joyfully to meet him, saying: 'Come in peace. I knew that you would be here, and I have not neglected anything that could help me on my journey.'" St. Isaac the Syrian
Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.

Daniel Quintanilla

State Warden

Regional Growth Director

Brothers and Leaders,

As we put a bow on the 1st Quarter of this Fraternal Year and move into the 2nd, it is a good time to evaluate where we are and what we are doing so we can plan for where we want to be and what we need to do to be successful this Fraternal Year.

On the Council level, does Supreme have your Officers, Directors and Chairmen on file so we can communicate the tools and information you and they have available to make your job easier?

Is your Council Safe Environment Compliant?

Has your Council contacted your Fraternal Benefit Agent to schedule a Parish-Wide Fraternal Benefit Event? Has it been published to the Parish?

Have your Program Directors and Chairmen published a calendar of upcoming events so our members and the Parish can plan to attend?

Has your Membership Team scheduled and published your upcoming opportunities for new members and their families to join our Family (CUF Degrees) AND are we recruiting TO those events?

Finally, have each one of us, Supreme, State, District and Council member, asked just one eligible Catholic man and his family to attend one of our events, participate in one of our activities and finally to join our Order yet this year?

If the answer to any of these questions is “no” or even “not yet”, when will it happen? If not now, then when and if not each one of us, then who?

Remember – EARLY IS EASY

Fraternally,

Chuck Davlin, Regional Growth Director – West - Chuck.Davlin@kofc.org - 203-500-1302

Program Director

Things to accomplish this Month:

- Hold 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
- 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?

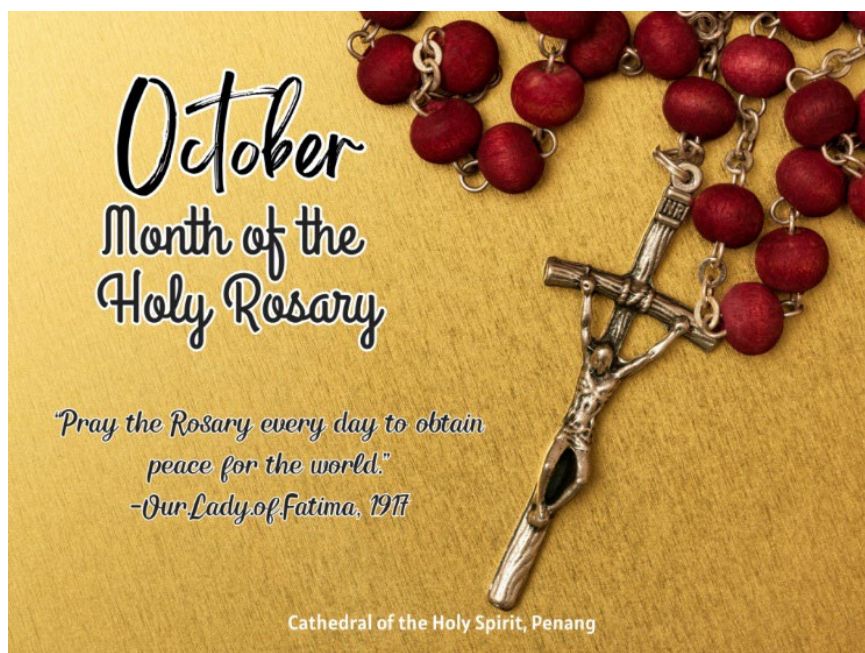
- Helping Hands – World Day of the Poor, November 17th
- Christmas Poster Contest
- Coats for Kids
- Is your council on track to earn the Star Council Award?
- Food for Families (Thanksgiving - US)
- Citizenship Essay Contest



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Faith Director Month of the Rosary

In the Catholic Church, October is designated as the "Month of the Rosary", celebrating "Our Lady of the Rosary" on October 7. This month is rich with many feast days and is dedicated to the sacredness of life and the holy rosary. Additionally, it features various solemnities and memorials, highlighting significant celebrations in the liturgical calendar. Overall, October serves as a time for reflection and devotion, particularly through the practice of praying the rosary.



Catholic Citizenship Essay

Brothers,

How many members in your Council have children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, or neighbors who have Catholic children? Are any of the children in the 8th – 12th grade?

Children in the 8th – 12th grade are eligible for the **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**. Granted, having a child write an essay that is optional is a tough sell, but several Councils have utilized their parish CCD, parochial schools and youth groups to provide entries. Maybe a child you or your members know, enjoy creative writing. This is a Faith in Action - Community Program. It encourages youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing and is open to all qualifying Catholic students. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. Entries are due to the Council by November 30.

Each year, councils invite children in grades 8-12 to write unique essays on topics of interest. This year's topic is timely: What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues? Please contact schools, parish families, and home school groups as soon as possible to promote this program. Maybe your Council could even advertise the contests in your parish bulletin or online website. This contest is open to all the Catholic youth in your parish, in the 8th through 12th Grade. Your Council will be amazed at the beautiful write-ups you receive. For more information, please review the program's [Guidebook](#).

The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St. Peter to lead His Church on earth. This year's topic is:

In an essay of 500-750 words, **out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?**

<i>Due dates:</i>	<i>Essay</i>
<i>Sent to Council for Judging</i>	<i>11/30/2025</i>
<i>1st place winners to District</i>	<i>12/15/2025</i>
<i>District winners to State</i>	<i>1/10/2026</i>

Councils can determine their own prizes of cash and/or certificates and/or something else. The State will award certificates and an award for \$50, \$30, or \$20 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning essays in each grade. Remember, this is a Faith in Action Community Program.

Bill McCauley
Catholic Citizenship Essay Chairman
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Life Director – John Porter

Brother Knights,

October is a crucial month in our journey to pray for the sanctity of human life! Please consider actively participating in one of the many events.

Fall 40 Days for Life

The first is the **Fall 40 Days for Life** campaign which runs from September 24th to November 2nd. I am encouraging all Councils who are reasonably close to downtown SLC to plan for at least one, 1-

hour prayer vigil outside of the Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic located at 160 S 1000 E Salt Lake City, UT 84102.

40 Days for Life is a 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, peaceful hourly vigils, and community outreach. Sadly, chemical abortions are now the leading method of killing babies in the womb. From guttmacher.com, "Medication Abortion Accounted for 63% of All US Abortions in 2023—An Increase from 53% in 2020." Prayer vigils are meant to be peaceful and non-interactive. You may stand on the edge of the sidewalk or the area between the sidewalk and the street. Please do not block the sidewalk, driveways or parking areas or stand on private property. If you need signage or prayer programs, please reach out to me or Barbara Granja who is heading up this year's campaign – SLC40DaysforLife@gmail.com

Why 40 Days?

Throughout Biblical history, God has used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities, and nations...

- Noah was transformed by 40 days of rain
- Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai
- David was transformed by Goliath's 40 day challenge

How can your council get involved?

Select a day and hour for your prayer vigil.

Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/saltlakecity> to verify that your day and time is not already covered by someone else. If it is available, please signup on the online calendar so that organizers and others know the time slot is covered. Then invite your Council members and parish community to join you. If possible, signup for more than one session. Take pictures of your group and send them to me and Marco Gonzalez for promotion - marcoabraham94@outlook.com

Banquet for Life

The PRC of Salt Lake City is now called **Charis Pregnancy Clinics** and they are celebrating 40 years of ministry!

Their annual Banquet for Life will be held on Friday, October 3rd and we want the diocese to show up in droves. Please consider purchasing a table as a parish community and join in this wonderful celebration and fundraising event.

Details:

Friday, Oct 3rd

Hyatt Regency Hotel SLC

6:00pm - 7:00pm Hors d'oeuvres Reception

7:00pm - 9:00pm Dinner and Main Event with special guest Dr. Marc Newman, renowned pro-life apologist and author of *Contenders* will deliver a bold, inspiring message to ignite your heart for building a legacy of grace.

October 12 - Respect Life Month Novena will run from October 22nd - 30th to pray for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Get the daily prayers by email or text message just by signing up. To find out more, please go to <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

Is your Council planning a Life event? If so, please notify me as well as our State Program Director John Carty of any upcoming Life events your Councils may have planned for the months ahead.

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

Vivat Jesus!

John Porter

Life Director, Utah

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Benefits Advisor

Autumn is here which means...

The leaves are falling

AND So are the interest rates

The Federal Reserve has dropped their rate by .25% and are expected to drop two more times, probably by the same amount.

Good news if you're borrowing money

BAD NEWS if you're investing.

The Knight's Annuity Program provides GUARANTEED minimum interest rates

(you'll never make less than our guaranteed rate - regardless of what the Fed does - FOR LIFE!)

Please contact me if you're interested in learning more

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In Memoria

My Brother Utah Knights. It is with sincere regret that I must report the deaths of five of our Brother Knights since the publication of our last newsletter in Sep25.

Lname	Fname	Council	DOD	Member	Service
Beranek	Gilbert R.	1136	12/22/2022	1276368	3deg, Hon Life, 56 Yrs,
Moore	Clifford J.	1136	1/11/2025	343224	SK1146, Hon Life, 60
Reynolds	James E.	1136	6/30/2025	1583431	SK1146, Hon Life, 51 Yrs,

Negrete	Patrick A.	11246	9/12/2025	5298802	3 deg, 3 Yrs.
Wiebe	Robert J.	97043	8/18/2025	3930333	3deg. 2 Yrs.
.Stephens	John A.	5214	9/28/2025		SK1144, 15 Yrs.

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

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

Bill Kelly, PSD
State Secretary

Membership Director – William Mundy

Brother Knights

Autumn is here which means...
Football Season is still new
Baseball Season is ending
Pumpkin Spice is everywhere
And Council Member Drives are in full swing

The State Membership team is already booked for October !

So if your council would like the Utah State Membership Team's help with your member drive, please :

1. Provide, at minimum, a two (2) week prior request of event
2. Gather as many of your council members as possible to help with the event
3. Contact State Membership Director to review the event (this allows us to correctly prepare for your specific event)

Thanks for your efforts

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Knights of Columbus

Utah District – Fourth Degree

John H. Reddin Province

October 2025



Utah had a rare opportunity to host the reliquary cross of the Mexican Martyrs last month. The relics imbedded within the silver cross are from six Mexican holy men who were killed during the persecution of Catholics by the Mexican government in the 1920s. The cross was carried in a procession on September 26, then venerated on September 27 and 28 at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church. Sir Knights participated in an Honor Guard all three days. St. John the Baptist Parish in Draper, Utah

hosted the annual Blue Mass for first responders in September. All police officers, firemen, and military service personnel are invited, and the Knight prepare a lunch for them after Mass. As usual, it was very well attended.



The Carmelite nuns at the Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery hold their annual fair in September. Our Honor Guard is always ready to raise the flag at the start of the fair, and to support their efforts in any way they need us.

We will also be hosting the John H. Reddin Provincial Meeting on September 20. District Masters, State Deputies, and other Knights of Columbus men from within our Province will meet in Bountiful, Utah for the annual gathering.

We have been greatly saddened by the assassination of Charlie Kirk during his meeting at Utah Valley University. Many rosaries are being said, and we are all praying for his soul and that his wife and children can find peace.

Vivat Jesus!
Tom Odle
Utah District Master

