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Frankly Speaking

My Brother Knights — Happy New Year 2026!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each of you who attended our 2026 Midyear Meeting. With over 100 brothers present, representing our councils and assemblies, the spirit of fraternity was truly alive. We were deeply honored to welcome our new Vice Supreme Master, Nick Nielson—what a privilege, and what a historic moment for our Order here in Utah.

For the first time in our Order's history, we stand Number One in the World in membership, participation, and several other key areas. This achievement belongs to you. It reflects your faith, your dedication, and your tireless service. As we close out the 2025–26 fraternal year, I hope the information shared was timely, useful, and empowering for your councils. Please continue to share feedback with the State Team so we can make these gatherings even stronger.

Our momentum is real and growing. As of January 30th, Utah leads the entire Order with a net gain of 445 new Knights—over 190% of our goal. What an incredible testament to your outreach and commitment! I encourage you to keep inviting men to join our great fraternity. Supreme has made joining easier than ever, and with Field Agent Bill Mundy's code WMUNDY, new members receive their first year free. Let us continue to reach out—both in person and online—because the time to invite is now. Delayed invitations often become lost opportunities. The State Team stands ready to support you with materials, church drives, and CUF Degrees whenever needed.

As you read this, the Diocesan Science Fair will be underway. I extend heartfelt thanks to the councils, assemblies, and individuals whose generosity raised over \$3,000 to support this important event. Your investment in our youth and their future is a beautiful expression of our mission.

Many exciting activities are also on the horizon: the St. Patrick's Day Parade, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, and the State Basketball Free Throw Championship. The parade is open not only to Knights, but to families as well—please come and celebrate together. For the Free Throw, councils and districts should be concluding their competitions and preparing to send winners on to the state level.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Please be sure to submit your Fish Fry dates to PSD Doug Shane (candidate for State Deputy 2026–2027) so they can be posted on the State Calendar. These events nourish both body and soul, bringing our communities together in fellowship and faith.

Finally, a reminder to continue hosting benefit seminars with Field Agent Bill Mundy—two are required for the Founder's Award and Star Council qualification. Safe Environment compliance remains essential for Star Council and remember: Form 1728 (Fraternal survey) is not required. Brothers, thank you for your leadership, your service, and your unwavering faith. Together, we are building something truly extraordinary. Viva Cristo Rey! Frank Carmona Utah State Deputy

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

OPEN DATES

Member Drives Open Dates

- Sunday February 22
- Saturday March 7 & Sunday March 8
 - Sunday March 15
 - Saturday May 9
 - Saturday June 6
- Saturday June 13 & Sunday June 14
 - Saturday June 20

JOIN US!

Serve Your Parish & Community!

Regional Growth Director

Brothers and Leaders,

With the holidays behind us we can now look forward to the new year in the Order. This is a time to look at the end of 2025, evaluate our progress, recognize our successes and as importantly, acknowledge those areas where we fell short or even failed completely.

At the half-year point, failure can be a new beginning, if we choose to take it but only if we are willing to look in, analyze and honestly evaluate the reasons and even the excuses of how we missed the opportunities that were presented to us and make concrete plans to change what we are doing.

I encourage Councils, Districts and even States to take a look at the 2025 portion of Fraternal Year 2025-2026 and answer the following questions:

What worked and how do we keep it going?

What didn't work and can we fix it or do we need to go in a different direction?

What didn't we get to and what is the concrete schedule to complete it?

What can we do differently and when will we do it?

Simple questions but such a profound impact in our lives, in our families, in our Councils, Parishes and communities and yes, in the whole world.

I look forward to seeing your successes and helping whenever and wherever I can.

Vivat Jesus,

Chuck Davlin

Regional Growth Director

30th Annual Knights of Columbus Science Fair – Bill McCauley

The Diocese of Salt Lake City Parochial schools have mission statements that serve to develop the whole child according to the dictates of the Gospel and the Catholic Church and are commissioned by the Church and delegated by parents to teach the children entrusted to their care. The Schools provide well-rounded programs by addressing the spiritual, academic, social, psychological, aesthetic and physical development of each person. The Utah Knights of Columbus, in the furtherance of this mission, assist by recognition, encouragement and award of Parochial School students and educators in their accomplishments in the field of science. The Knights of Columbus Diocesan Science Fair is open to all Diocesan Middle School students in grades 6, 7, and 8. All participants must have the approval of their teacher and parents.

2026 be the 30th Diocesan Science Fair sponsored by the Utah Knights of Columbus. I wish to thank all the Councils, Assemblies and individuals that contributed to the cost or members to serve as judges. The 30th Diocesan Science and Engineering Fair will take place on Saturday, February 7th, 2026, at Juan Diego Catholic High School, Draper, UT. One week out and we need more judges. Please reach out to brothers and their families and make a push, it would be much appreciated! Below is the sign-up link to be a judge for the Diocesan Science and Engineering Fair. Please share widely.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZhWOGKsdalAlx8T6yyNnKuz9WcpOw6J6yiFM6BIYBW6itEQ/viewform>

Let's make a great showing at the 30th DSEF!

Bill McCauley - DSEF Chairman

Life Director – John Porter

Brother Knights,

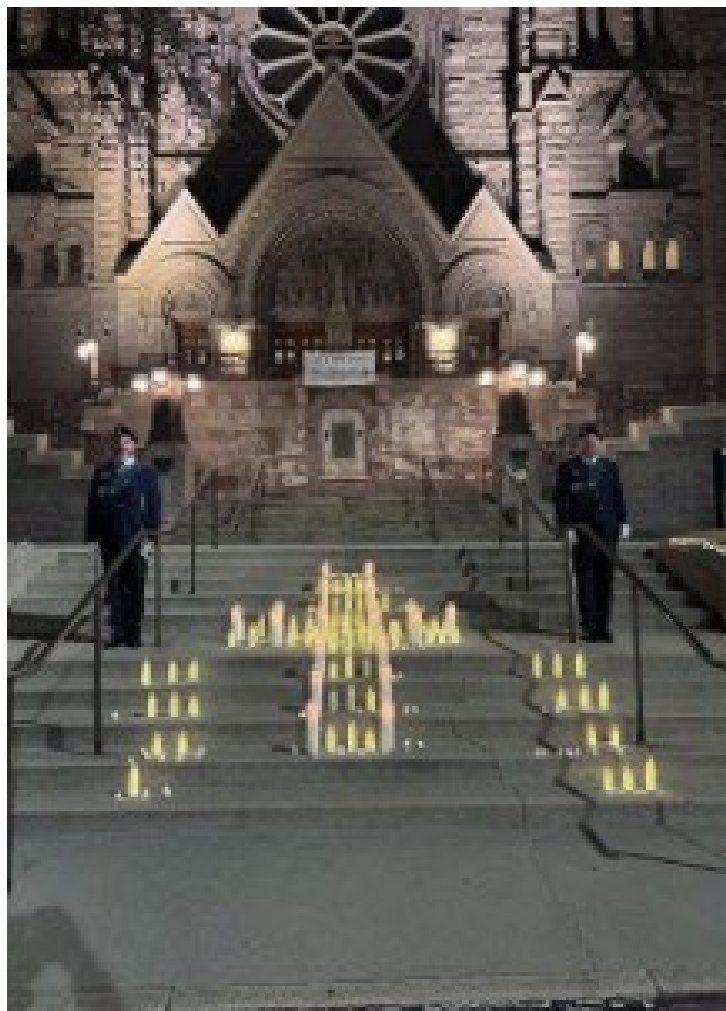
I stand corrected by AI. The Life situation is far worse than I knew. The tragedy of abortion now kills 73 million (US 1.2 million plus) human souls yearly worldwide as of 2025. This is more than 2 abortions every second.

Many countries and societies have birth rates well below replacement. The world as we know it is going to change. Some other societies with high birth rates will control the culture, religion and demographic makeup of the near future.

Shout out to Utah Knights of Columbus for participating and contributing to the Mass for the Unborn, the Sanctity of Life rosary with Bishop Solis, and the March for Life.

11 Sir Knights that participated in the Mass (and stood guard until 9pm).

12 Sir Knights in uniform at the march for Life and Rosary, our largest showing of Sir Knights at a march to date, along with several other Knights in attendance.





Our green and white KofC signs were carried by many marchers.



Thank you to all the Councils/Knights that participated this year! May we have many more be a visible presence at all future Life events. The world as we know it depends on more Catholic lives.

Upcoming Life Events

40 Days for Life

February 18 to March 29, 2026. Knights are welcome to be involved. How?

Peaceful Vigils: Sign-up for one hour or more at www.40daysforlife.com/saltlakecity to pray with a buddy for the end of abortion.

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood Metro, 160 S. 1000 East 84102 Vigil hours: Between 7am – 7pm, Monday-Sunday - Feb 18 to March 29.

Community Outreach: Show your support! Available yard signs, bumper sticker etc. Just email 40dayforlife.sl@gmail.com Barbara Granja

March 25, 2026, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, marked the fifth anniversary of the launch of **Walking with Moms in Need**. Please join us in praying that Walking with Moms in Need will continue to become embedded in the very fabric of every parish and diocese as a natural expression of Jesus's call to serve the most vulnerable. May every mother know that she can turn to her local Catholic parish for help in her time of need. To learn more about Walking with Moms in Need visit www.walkingwithmoms.com to find out how your parish can walk with moms in need in your community.

Baby Bottle Drive – First weeks of May. Please consider this event for your parish. To learn more about the program, reserve your bottles etc., please contact Linda Thomas at the Charis Pregnancy Clinic in Salt Lake City - linda@charisclinic.org or reach out to your local Pregnancy Resource Center to see if they are planning a Baby Bottle campaign.

The Silver Rose will be in Utah June 8th until July 5th. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. State Silver Rose Chairman Michael Leith will be sending out the state schedule in coming weeks. Please consider holding a Silver Rose service at your parish. If you need more information or tips on how to hold one of these programs please feel free to contact me or visit <https://www.kofc.org/silverrose> to learn more. Let's see if we can get every Council to host the Rose!

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:

<https://www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life/events-calendar>

For information from Supreme on Life Programs, visit www.kofc.org/life

Vivat Jesus!

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

Utah has one Patriotic Degree scheduled for February 28, 2026. It will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Orem, UT. Please sign your candidates up and make reservations for the Exemplification Banquet NOW!!!

We are working on a second exemplification in 2026, this one in the Salt Lake Valley. The final location and date have not been finalized, but it looks to be near the end of April. A final target for us is the city of Moab - but we have quite a few excited nights there. We could even attract a few from Colorado!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Odle
Utah District Master

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