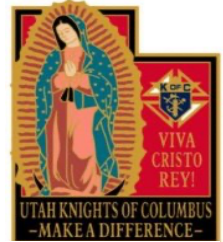


Frankly Speaking



Grateful Hearts, Strong Brotherhood, Bright Future Ahead

A Final Message to My Brother Knights of Utah

My Brother Knights,

As I sit down to write this message, I do so with a heart full of gratitude—and honestly, a big smile. What a journey this has been. Seven years ago, I had no idea where this path would lead. I simply made a decision—one rooted in brotherhood—to step aside and allow my brother, Bill “Wild Bill” Kelly, to enter the State Council. I trusted that if I stayed open to serve, God would take care of the rest. And He did.

From serving as Utah District Master... to State Advocate... and eventually as your State Deputy—it has been an incredible experience filled with growth, challenge, laughter, and most importantly, brotherhood. Was it always easy? No. But was it worth it? Absolutely.

Because along the way, I had the privilege of standing shoulder to shoulder with some of the best men I know. Men of faith. Men of action. Men who truly live what it means to be a Knight. And together—we accomplished something special.

When I think about Utah, I don't just think about programs, meetings, or numbers. I think about **people**. I think about the brother who quietly shows up every time something needs to get done. I think about the council that rallies together when a family is in need. I think about the laughter, the friendships, and the bonds that are built—not just in meetings, but in service. That is what makes Utah different. That is what makes Utah strong. Our principles— **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**—are not just something we talk about. We live them.

We see charity in action every day across this state. We see unity in how we support one another. We feel fraternity in the friendships we build.

And we demonstrate patriotism in how we serve both our Church and our country. That's something to be proud of.

I've also had the chance to witness incredible leadership. Not just from those with titles—but from everyday Knights who step up when it matters most. Leadership is not about being in charge, it's about being dependable. And Utah is filled with dependable men. And let's not forget the impact we've had when it comes to defending life. Time and time again, you've shown that being pro-life is not just something we say—it's something we do. Through your actions, your service, and your compassion, you've brought hope to people who needed it most. That is the heart of our Order.

Now, I want to take a moment to talk about something just as important—**our families**. Because at the end of the day, everything we do as Knights should point back to them. Over the years, I've come to appreciate more and more how important it is to not just serve our

Church and our Order—but to make sure our families are cared for and protected. Not because we have to—but because we love them. So I'll simply say this, as a brother to a brother: take the time. Make sure everything is in place. Make sure your family is truly taken care of. That peace of mind is a gift—and it's one worth giving. And to all of our wives and families—thank you. You are the reason we are able to do what we do.

Now here we are. At the end of one chapter—and the beginning of another. And while stepping away as your State Deputy is bittersweet, I am filled with excitement for what comes next. Because I know this: The future of Utah is bright. We have strong leadership stepping in. We have momentum. We have faith. And we have each other. And I'll leave you with this—because I couldn't resist:

“Just when I thought I was out...they pull me back in.” TGF3

I am grateful—and truly blessed—to continue serving my Lord, my Order, my brothers, and their families as your Benefit Advisor. And I can tell you this with confidence: Utah is **Number 1 in the Order**. So what do we do now? We do it again. Let's stay on top for the next two to four years. Let's keep building. Let's keep growing. Because I'll tell you—the air really is nicer up here.

My brothers, thank you.
Thank you for your friendship.
Thank you for your trust.
Thank you for the memories.
It has been an honor to serve you. Let's keep moving forward—together.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo REY!
Fraternally,
Frank Carmona
Utah State Deputy



2026-2027 State Officer Team

As of this date, the following individuals will be serving as your State Officers, District Deputies, and Faith in Action Directors+ for the 2026–2027 fraternal year.

State Officers

State Deputy – Doug Shane (St. Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181)
State Chaplain – Rev. Gabriel Mosher (Fr. Thomas Kraft Council 14764)
State Secretary – Chad Vargo (Bishop Hunt Council 5214)
State Treasurer – Steve Gerichs (Bishop Hunt Council 5214)
State Advocate – Dan Quintanilla (Fr. Thomas Kraft Council 14764)
State Warden – Steve Sevier (St. Rose of Lima Council 6010)
Immediate Past State Deputy – Frank Carmona (Fr. Thomas Kraft Council 14764)

Ex Officio

Assistant State Chaplain – Rev. Anthony Shumway (St. Thomas Aquinas Council 12959)
Assistant State Chaplain – Rev. Rogelio Felix-Rosas (Bishop Hunt Council 5214)
Executive Secretary – Bill Kelly (St. Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181)

District Deputies

District 1: George Muggee – Councils 777, 9849, 12959
District 2: Joseph Neid – Councils 5502, 6010, 14399, 16127
District 3: Daniel Tracy – Councils 602, 12264
District 4: Richard Green – Councils 14764, 15418, St. Ann (Round Table)
District 5: Alex Reynoso – Councils 6966, 11479, 13297
District 6: George Jockish – Councils 5214, 6739, 9731, 10304
District 7: Robert Diaz – Councils 7961, 12181, 14239
District 8: Michael Aiken – Councils 1129, 7401, 18695
District 9: Clyde Herrera – 2611, 6147, 18795
District 10: Matthew Rhoades – 1136, 8606, 9561
District 11: Frank Carmona (IPSD, FMFD) – 5347, 8350, 10733, 11246, San Felipe (Round Table)

Faith In Action

Program Director – Steve Sevier, State Warden
Faith Director – James McManaman
Youth Director – Jon Gauchay
Community Director – Actively Recruiting!
Family Director – Actively Recruiting!
Life Director – John Porter

We are still recruiting for a few key positions. If you are willing to step in and serve your brother Knights, please reach out directly to State Deputy Doug Shane.

State Organizational Meeting

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
2026 UTAH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ORGANIZATIONAL Meeting

FRIDAY
JUNE 19, 2026
FOR DISTRICT DEPUTIES
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

SATURDAY
JUNE 20, 2026
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
HOLY MASS 5:00 PM
FAMILY DINNER/SOCIAL 6:30 PM
(MUST RSVP FOR MEAL HEADCOUNT)

SUNDAY
JUNE 21, 2026
FOR DISTRICT DEPUTIES
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH, MEYER HALL
3015 E CREEK RD, COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, UT 84093

FAITH | FAMILY | FRATERNITY | CHARITY

RSVP WITH **SS CHAD VARGO**
★ PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 13, 2026
★ INCLUDE NAMES FOR MEAL HEADCOUNT
★ QUESTIONS? CONTACT SS CHAD VARGO

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER! | LEAD. SERVE. INSPIRE. | BUILDING THE FUTURE THROUGH FAITH IN ACTION

Faith and Family

My Brother Knights,

What an incredible blessing it was to see so many of you and your wives at the State Convention! Moments like those remind us exactly who we are. We are a fraternity, and the time we spend breaking bread, sharing a few beverages, and enjoying each other's company is not just enjoyable. It is essential. That brotherhood is a gift, and it fuels everything we do.

I am deeply grateful to each of you who placed your trust in me as your new State Deputy. It is truly an honor to serve you. As I shared in my letter of intent, I wholeheartedly believe that the mission of the Utah State Council is to form men who live their faith with courage, charity, and

brotherhood. I am excited to get to work! I promise to lead with openness, gratitude, and a servant's heart every step of the way.

Brothers, I am fired up for the year ahead, and my focus is clear: **Faith and Family**.

Our **Catholic faith** is our foundation. It is what unites us, strengthens us, and calls us higher. But just as powerful is our faith in each other as **Brothers**. Together, we lift one another up, challenge one another, and grow stronger in Christ.

And then there is **family**. Building strong Catholic men means building strong Catholic families, and that is vital. The Knights of Columbus is not just a brotherhood; it is a *family!* When we invest in one another, we strengthen homes, parishes, and communities across Utah.

The State Officer team and I are energized, committed, and ready to serve. We are eager to earn your trust by supporting you in your mission to serve your families and communities with faith and purpose.

And I can't wait to see many of you on June 20 at our organizational meeting! The brothers of St. Thomas More Council are hosting a kickoff social for the new fraternal year, and it's going to be a fantastic time. You and your families are warmly invited—so come out, bring your energy, and let's start this year together the right way: in faith, fellowship, and brotherhood!

Let's make this an amazing year!

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!

Doug Shane, PSD
State Deputy - Elect





The Month of June in the Catholic Church

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a month of devotion, renewal, and reparation in the Catholic liturgical year.

Why June is the Month of the Sacred Heart

The tradition dates to the 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, received visions of Jesus revealing the depth of His love for humanity. In these visions, Jesus appeared with His heart visible, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns, asking for a feast to honor His Sacred Heart and for acts of reparation.

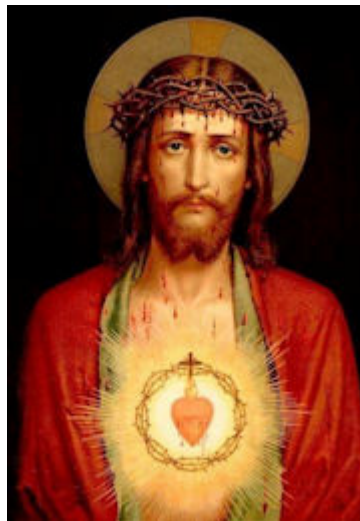
The feast of the Sacred Heart was approved for specified dioceses by Clement XIII in 1765 and extended to the whole Church by Pius IX in 1856. In 1889 Pope Leo XIII elevated it to the rank of first class, and through an encyclical letter in 1899 dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Pope John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church.

"For evangelization today," he said, "the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation. It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."

In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gives these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.



Carmelite Car Schedule

The Carmelite Car Raffle is a primary source of funding for the Carmelite mission, providing vital support for their ongoing work. This year's vehicle has been generously donated by Jerry Seiner Kia, for which we are deeply grateful. Special thanks also go to Mike Griffin for coordinating the schedule and making this effort possible.

Please support the Carmelite mission by participating in the Car Raffle at the following councils:

June 6 – St. Lawrence Council 18695 (St. Lawrence Church, Heber) Contact: Louis Jauregui
June 13 – St. Andrew Council 14239 (St. Andrew Church, Riverton) Contact: GK Bob Diaz
June 20 – Sts. Peter & Paul Council 8350 (Sts. Peter & Paul Church, West Valley City)
Contact: GK Marco Martinez
June 27 – Bishop Hunt Council 5214 (St. Francis Xavier Church, Kearns) Contact: GK Orlando Martinez
July 4 – St. Ambrose Council 15418 (St. Ambrose Church, SLC) Contact: GK Larry Henkels
July 11 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12181 (St. John the Baptist Church, Draper)
Contact: Michael Leith
July 18 – Fr. Escalante Council 1136 (St. Francis of Assisi Church, Provo) Contact: Dennis Robles (801-369-7122)
July 25 – Corpus Christi Council 6966 (Blessed Sacrament Church, Sandy) Contact: Greg LeClaire
August 1 – Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9731 (Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Magna)
Contact: Salvador Velez
August 8 – Salt Lake Council 602 (Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC)
Contact: Eddie Henkels
August 15 – St. Vincent Council 13297 (St. Vincent DePaul Church, Holladay) Contact: GK Michael Goleniewski
August 22 – St. Thomas More Council 11479 (St. Thomas More Church, Sandy)
Contact: GK Daniel Foslid
September 17 – St. Joseph the Worker Council 7961 (St. Joseph the Worker Church, West Jordan)
Contact: GK Juan Arrianga

Please help support this important initiative by promoting the raffle within your council and at your parish.



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 May 2026 newsletter:

Lname	Fname	Council	DOD	Member	Service
Barrett	Gerald O.	5502	5/13/2026	3027177	3deg HonLife, 34y.
Gonzales	Jay M.	15418	4/30/2026	4461336	SK2636, 25 Yrs.
Junk	Sam J.	6010	5/23/2026	3135587	3Deg HonLife, 33y
Sappie	Doug L.	7961	5/18/2026	3816461	SK1144, 23 Yrs.
Trujillo	Dennis L.	9849	5/28/2026	5316647	3Deg, 3 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.
Respectfully Submitted

William “Bill” Kelly
Utah State Secretary, IPSD

Utah Master Tom Odle

Fourth Degree Business

May and June are the primary months in Utah for Bishop Solis’ confirmation Masses. This year is no exception, and our Honor Guard has a full schedule. We have had two or three every week in May and at least one per week in June. We also have some extra special events in June, including our priests’ convocation – a week-long retreat of studies, speeches, and celebration – and our Sir Knights provide an afternoon of snacks and libations for our priests on the first day. We also have an ordination Mass for two new priests at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City.

I wish to remind our Sir Knights that, even though the fraternal year is starting to wind down, there is no lack of effort required to bring in the new fraternal year in July. Make sure all requirements for Star Assembly are accomplished; Faithful Navigators, please continue to work hard to complete the work of your Assemblies. However, though it seems that time flies

faster at this time of year, we have to remember that taking time to renew our souls, whether with vacations, retreats, or simply turning to the scriptures, is as important to our spiritual and mental health as food is to our bodies. Life continues to be a fun ride!

June 30.

FRATERNITY is choosing followers

[Jesus chose Simon and Andrew], James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James, son of Alphaeus and Simon (...the patriot), Judas son of James and Judas Iscariot. - Luke 6: 14-16.

To: Jesus of Nazareth.

From: Jerusalem Business Consultants, Inc.

We have reviewed the results of your candidates for managerial posts. We recommend you continue your search. Peter is too emotional and prone to faulty snap decisions (Luke 22:33). James and John lack a Team spirit and are prone to be hotheads (Matthew 20:20-21, Luke 9:54). Thomas will miss meetings and is a skeptic. Simon is a left-wing political zealot who would fight constantly with Matthew, an establishment tax collector currently under investigation by our Bureau. The only candidate you should retain is the highly motivated and competitive Julius Iscariot. - Inspired by similar accounts.

What do you think Jesus was looking for most and those he chose to be His 12 apostles? How do you decide whether or not to invite a potential candidate to become a knight? Do you do so just to increase membership? Is the lowest common denominator your only criteria for knighthood?

Be a Fisher of Men

I do not judge as people judge. They look at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart. 1 Samuel, 16:7.

