

Brothers,

Fall is upon us and we have reached the end of the first quarter of our fraternal year. Have you checked your council's standing on ICC this year? How can your council continue to surge forward over the next few months?

With the holidays just around the corner, make sure to take time to enjoy them with your family. But also, consider ways to invite others to join our Knights of Columbus family so that we can share it together.

Here are some important dates and reminders to keep in mind:

#### October

- Order your Keep Christ in Christmas Cards from the State Faith Director if you haven't already.
- Hold a Coats for Kids Drive – Keep an eye out for the date of the State Coats for Kids Drive.
- State Soccer Challenge held on **October 28, 2023 at 12:30 PM** – Schuyler Field House, Schuyler, Nebraska.
- Order One Rose – One Life Cards from the State Life Directors by **October 15, 2023**.
- Hold a Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities – State Weekend is **October 5-8, 2023**.
- Hold a Church Drive for council growth.
- Continue plans for a Food for Families Program centered around the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Consider plans for a Council Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Hold a Rosary Program around **October 7, 2023**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Submit your September Family of the Month (using Form #10784) prior to **October 15, 2023**.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

#### November

- Hold a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Degree to bring in prospects from your Church Drive
- Hold a Food For Families Drive in your parish for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Hold a memorial Mass for deceased Knights of your council.
- Consider hosting a reception for families following the memorial Mass.
- Hold a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in conjunction with your local schools.
- Begin selling Keep Christ in Christmas Cards. Order more from the State Faith Director as needed.
- Participate in a program to recognize Veterans for Veterans Day – **November 11, 2023**.
- Take time to celebrate Thanksgiving with your family and friends, thanking God for all His gifts.
- Consider plans for participation in the March for Life and 9 Days for Life Novena
- Consider plans for participation in the Consecration to the Holy Family around **December 31, 2023**.
- Submit your October Family of the Month (using Form #10784) prior to **November 15, 2023**.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

#### December

- Hold a Nativity Set Blessing as a council prior to, or following, your monthly meeting during Advent.
- Prepare information needed to complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due **January 31, 2024**.
- Make plans for hosting your Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship in January.
- Host a Council Christmas Dinner for members and consider inviting prospects to join you.
- Consider holding a Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (who our Order is dedicated to) around **December 12, 2023**.
- District Deputies should attend the Mid-Year Meeting **December 9 & 10, 2023** in Lincoln.
- Consider a program or novena to celebrate the Consecration to the Holy Family on **December 31, 2023**.
- Submit Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest entries to your District Deputy by **December 1, 2023**.
- Take time to celebrate Christmas with your family and friends, remembering to keep Christ in Christmas.
- Submit your November Family of the Month (using Form #10784) prior to **December 15, 2023**.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report From (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.