

Brothers,

The fraternal year has already gotten off to a great start. With the start of school just around the corner, many of our families are returning from vacations and trips (which is part of the reason that I did not get this out as early as I had hoped to). As families start returning home and begin attending masses at our home parishes, now is a great time to get out in front of them with some of our activities and remind them what it is that the Knights of Columbus do.

Here are some important dates and reminders to keep in mind as we begin the year:

#### August

- Ensure that your Semi-Annual Audit (Form 1295) is submitted prior to **August 15, 2023**.
- Consider hosting a family activity during the month of August.
- Talk with your Chaplain and/or Pastor about hosting a Mass around Fr. McGivney's Birthday on **August 12, 2023**.
- Have your council participate in the Novena to Blessed Michael McGivney **August 4 – 13, 2023**.
- Begin holding fundraisers to support Coats for Kids.
- Continue planning for your Fall Church Drive.
- Order your Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Kit in preparation for the event.
- Begin planning for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.
- Submit your July Family of the Month (using Form #10784) prior to **August 15, 2023**.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

#### September

- Submit the ICC Council Activity Planner on the State Website ([nebraskakofc.org](http://nebraskakofc.org)) by **September 1, 2023**.
- Finalize your Fall Church Drive Plans.
- Conduct a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.
- Conduct your Council Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.
- Order coats for the Coats for Kids program.
- Make sure all supplies are ordered for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.
- Consider planning an event for the Rosary Program.
- Consider plans for a Trunk-or-Treat program with your council or parish around Halloween.
- Order your kit for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in preparation for the event.
- Consider plans for a Food for Families Program centered around the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Submit your August Family of the Month (using Form #10784) prior to **September 15, 2023**.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

#### 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.