

Brothers,

The first half of our Fraternal Year has come to an end. In the first six months, we as a state and as local councils, have done amazing things for our parishes, our communities, and our families.

While it seems that this would be the time to ride “downhill” for the remainder of the Fraternal Year, this is actually the time that things are going to continue to get busier. Lots of activities and events will be taking place, and it is a great opportunity to get someone new involved.

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

January

- Consider attending the Pro-Life Gala on **January 5, 2024** at the Lincoln Embassy Suites.
- Consider making a donation as a council, or individually, to support the Pro-Life Gala.
- Complete your *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (Form #1728) and submit by **January 31, 2024**.
- Support and attend the Nebraska Walk For Life or the Walk For Life in Washington, D.C.
- Consider supporting students at Nebraska Newmann Centers to attend the March For Life.
- Hold your annual Council Free Throw Championship.
- Pray the 9 Days for Life Novena with your Council.
- Submit your report on participation in the Special Olympics Program (Form #10784) by **January 31, 2024**.
- Prepare to complete your *Semiannual Council Audit* (Form #1295), due by **February 15, 2024**.
- Start planning a Spring Church Drive.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

February

- Submit your *Semiannual Council Audit* (#1295) by **February 15, 2024**.
- Complete your Council Free Throw Championship if you did not hold it in January.
- Prepare and hold your District Free Throw Championship.
- Prepare for your Spring Church Drive.
- Consider plans for a Lenten Food For Families Program.
- Consider plans with your Pastor and/or Chaplain for a Good Friday Family Promotion.
- **Ensure that your Supreme & State Per Capita are paid Prior to March 1, 2024.**
 - **Councils who do not appear on the March 1 Per Capita Report from Supreme will not be eligible for State and Supreme Awards at the 2024 State Convention in April.**
- Prepare for any Lenten Meals your Council/Parish offer. (Ash Wednesday is **February 14, 2024**).
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

March

- **ALL ICC Activity Reports, Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, Rookie Knight of the Year, Chaplain of the Year, and ICC Columbian Qualifiers must be submitted by the end of the day March 1, 2024 to be considered for recognition at the 2024 State Convention in April.**
- Participate in the Regional Free Throw Championship for your Region.
- Consider holding a Spiritual Reflection Program during Lent.
- Run a Spring Church Drive in your parish.
- Participate in the Good Friday Family Promotion Program as a Council or in your Parish.
- Submit your Form #10784 with your Council Free Throw Participation by **March 31, 2024**.
- Consider having a Mass held, or a celebration for, Founders Day on **March 29, 2024**.
- Make plans for delegates and others to attend the State Convention **April 26-28, 2024**.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report (for 2025) for each activity.