

Brothers,

As we continue into the second half of the Fraternal Year, we need to remember that we have a lot of activities coming up for the State and for our councils. Finishing your yearly reports, planning for the next fraternal year, and running engaging programs with membership opportunities are all things to keep in mind.

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

#### 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 held.

#### April

- Help with the State Free Throw Championship – Held in Grand Island on **April 6, 2024**.
- Attend the State Convention in Kearney **April 26-28, 2024**.
- Report your Church Drive Results if you held one during March.
- Begin preparing your Form #SP-7 for the Columbian Award.
- Check on your council's progress towards Star Council – What are you missing? What do you need help with?
- Hold a Fraternal Benefit Event at the Council.
- Review your Safe Environment Council Status.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report (for 2025) for each activity held.