

Brothers,

Advent is almost upon us, and we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of our Savior into the world. At Christmas, we exemplify the first principle of our order, Charity, and we share the love of Christ with our family, friends, neighbors, and those we meet in our daily lives.

This Christmas Season, considering Charity in another way. Share the gift of the Knights of Columbus with someone who has not joined. Allow them to see what the Knights have done for you and what the Knights can do for them and their families.

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

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**.
- Participate in the Advent Reflection Series found on the State Website.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

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 other local Marches).
- Support the March 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**.
- Submit a Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) and an ICC Activity Report for each activity conducted.

