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A Call Within A Call

WHO WAS SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON?

Many of you may be familiar with the story of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's life. She was raised in an aristocratic Episcopalian family and married man from wealth. She had children with him and decided God had called her to be a fine wife to her husband and a good mother to her children. Then tragedy struck. The family importing business failed and her husband died of tuberculosis. In her time of grief, she found great comfort from her Catholic friends and converted to Catholicism. After a period of grief, she took over a secular school. When some people discover she has become a Catholic they remove their children from the school. Eventually the school became quite successful. Women join her in educational efforts. The bishop encouraged Elizabeth Ann to found an order of religious women. They started the Catholic parochial school system in the United States. If she had simply said to herself, "I will spend the rest of my days as a widow and a mother," there would be no Sisters of St. Charity of St. Joseph and who knows when or if Catholic schools would flourish in the United States. But this is not

the case. Instead of seeing her future as "this is what all women in my station always do" and that God was done with her, she was open to "a call within a call." She frequently told her sisters, "We do God's will because it is God's will."

Why do something new?

The Knights of Columbus have been around for a long time, and we have many members who have been members for a long time. The brat fries, the pancake breakfasts, the tootsie roll drives, the winter coat drives, the charitable grants, the emergency assistance programs, the support of seminarians, the pro-life efforts are all wonderful things. Some are quite visible, and others are things most folks know nothing about. But a common complaint from some members is, "Why can't we just do what we have always done?" Helping men stay close to Christ was at the heart of Blessed Michael McGivney's mission when he founded the Knights of Columbus. That is the call for all Knights, everywhere, all the time. Currently in the United States many men's mental and spiritual health are in a perilous state. Loneliness and isolation are

leading to abuse of alcohol and drugs, depression, and suicide among men in the United States. These patterns are registering at an alarming rate. Even men participating in parish life struggle to understand their roles as a Catholic husband, father, a worker, and a citizen. So, we, the Knights, are now experiencing "a call within a call."

What can we, as the Knights of Columbus, do to help men stay close to Christ?

After sizing up the situation, the Knights of Columbus have made a significant effort to create something new called Cor. Cor comes from the Latin word for heart. This program brings the heart of the matter to heart of Christ. This initiative gives men an opportunity to experience Christ-centered brotherhood through in-person gatherings centered on prayer, faith formation, and fraternity. Participants strengthen each other to become holy men, fine husbands, and great fathers and to engage in the mission of the Church. This is not a program exclusively for Knights. It is for all the men of the parish. This is not a method of recruiting new

members. It is a new way to realize the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney's mission: Helping men stay close to Christ. What are the elements of Cor? Meetings vary according to local parish setting. Groups of men meet for 60 to 90 minutes. This could be monthly, twice a month, or weekly. There are three elements. First, every Cor gathering includes a time of prayer that helps men form the habit of focusing their minds on God. Second, in order to become closer disciples of Jesus, each Cor gathering includes formation like Bible studies, small group discussions, and other formats so that participants learn from each

other how to imitate Christ. And third, there is time for fraternity. Cor establishes Christ-centered brotherhood where friendship is encouraged, and men build each other up in holiness and virtue.

What about you?

As state chaplain for the Knights of Columbus I had a fantastic opportunity in early September to participate in training leaders for Cor in New Haven. I am extremely impressed with the investment of staff in creating materials to train leaders for Cor gatherings. The faith sharing at small group tables was outstanding. After more than four and a half decades of life as a priest I know how effective Cor can be. What about you? Could you

please encourage your council take the first step and explore the possibility of establishing Cor with your parish priest? If you are conducting Cor gatherings, could you please offer reports about your activity? Lastly, could you include in your prayers to Blessed Michael McGivney a special request for the success of Cor? If you need help starting Cor in your council contact [SW Andy Orgovan](#), State Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation. He can also be reached at (262) 844-6817.

This movement has filled me with hope. I am confident that it could do the same many men who want to Stay close to Christ and do not know how to get started.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Michael McGivney Award





DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, myself and my State Officer Team along with our Supreme Regional Growth Director, William Chasse traveled throughout the five dioceses of Wisconsin.

These meetings required your council's attendance, and I am pleased to say we had a very good turnout in all five dioceses. In addition to distributing Charity Raffle tickets and the new State Directories, there was a great amount of fruitful dialog shared back & forth. I believe we all left more energized and ready to take on these new programs and challenges that were presented.

Growing the Order, Our Primary Mission.

In September we added 140 new men, which is 23 more than last September, a 20% increase. Our 1st Quarter, which ended on September 30th brought in 253 new brother knights. This is a 5% increase from last year's 1st Quarter.

July = 51 August = 62 September = 140. As we can see, the summer months of July & August continue to be a challenge but you came back in September like a lion and made up the difference to allow us to achieve our 1st Quarter goal. Great work, We are growing and keeping Blessed Father McGivney's mission alive!

Now that summer is over its time to continue growing like we did in September and offer the gift of membership to every eligible Catholic man we encounter during our Programs, events and church drives. Remember: We are here to help where it's needed. You don't have to do it alone.

In speaking of not having to do it alone, I can't always do it alone either. I need your help in identifying men to step up to the position of District Deputy for our open districts.

With the growth of our membership base & new councils being established, we need additional motivated men that want to take the next step in their advancement with the Knights and become an active contributor to our mission in supporting our councils and their membership.

If you are that person or know of another brother knight that exhibits dedication & leadership abilities and believes in the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney and the Knights of Columbus and wants to be part of our team to help our councils grow & adapt to the necessary changes in how we operate.

Please reach out to me and I can answer any questions you may have. Filling these open positions is a high priority of mine that needs to be completed.

90 Day Special Offer – Try it Out!

I am offering the option for men interested in a District Deputy position to agree to a 90-day, no obligation assignment as my official representative in the district you reside in. The State Team and I & Supreme will provide all the necessary training and support needed. Hopefully, after the ninety days have passed, you will want to continue, but if not, you are free to step away with no hard feelings.

All prior DD's say it's the best job in the order, and they totally enjoyed the time they served helping their brother knights.

Looking forward to your call. Don't delay. Call today. You won't be disappointed.

Vivat Jesus!



BROTHER, ISN'T FALL IN WISCONSIN BEAUTIFUL?

We are literally in God's country. How blessed we are! September has been a very busy month for the Knights in Wisconsin. We welcomed many new Knights, and I hope those men are settling into their role as a Knight and equally I hope we are helping them find their place in our fraternity.

In addition to the success in Membership this month, we hosted Council Leaders at the five Diocesan Meetings throughout the State. Our Worthy State Deputy Patrick logged many miles to attend each of those meetings. Thank you, Pat, for your attendance and words of inspiration.

I was lucky to attend three of those meetings and WSD Patrick gave us all homework.

If you are a Grand Knight, you are tasked with taking the COR materials that you received and meeting with your Pastor to introduce him to COR and see if he wants you to start it in his Parish. The COR materials came in the white box with the Pope's portrait and if you don't have that box, contact your District Deputy for replacements.

All Brother Knights are asked to Go for Two. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly challenges **each** Knight to invite **two** men to join the order this year. In football and Knighthood, a winning play starts with you. Let's go for **two**!

Like all good sons, we Knights love Our Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary, and we dedicate our October efforts in the name of her Holy Son. Have a productive month and Vivat Jesus!





SEPTEMBER WAS A MUCH BETTER MONTH FOR

Online Membership. As of September 26, we have assigned a total of 137 new E-members since July 1. This is about 62% of the pace that we need to meet our State Goals. So far Councils have transferred 62 E-members into Councils this Fraternal Year. Roughly 31% of Council Intake this year has been through E-members. This is a significant drop-off from the prior Fraternal Year. This seems due to a 33%

conversion rate which is half of what we have done in the past. We are better than this.

Cards with the QR Code to join online are available from Supreme. These can be very helpful when inviting men to join. Your Diocesan Membership Directors and District Deputies should be able to help you get these cards if you need them.

REMINDERS

WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils **Prospect** tab. Should you experience any difficulty with this process, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you.

Supreme presented a Webinar in December on Transferring online members to council membership which you can access [here](#).

Do not send Form 100's to Supreme for new members, keep them for your council's records. If you must use a Form 100, scan it and email it to Supreme, keeping the original for your council records. Since Form 100's must be manually processed at Supreme, they can lead to data entry errors and delays. Utilizing e-membership or the **Candidate** tab for new members are the preferred ways to bring in new members. **The date field is the date they were exemplified by your council. Once you enter those dates in either tab, the members will be automatically transferred to your council's roster within the next week.**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me. I am in your State Directory.

Vivat Jesus!

PROSPECT TAB

The **Prospect** tab shows you e-members that have joined online via the Supreme app. The date field is used to transfer them into your council when they have completed their exemplification. With e-membership, new members enter their own data and confirm their membership, and then they receive an e-mail from Supreme. These e-members are then part of the state council, and get assigned to a local council. Until the local FS enters the exemplification date, these members remain part of the State Council. Local councils get credit for them when the exemplification date is entered by the FS to transfer them into your Council.

Clicking on this blue box will take you to the Prospect training.

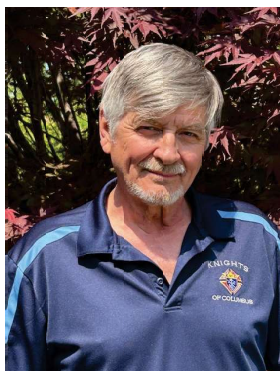
CANDIDATE TAB

The **Candidate** tab is what you use when you recruit a member locally or are handling a member transfer request or a reinstatement of a prior member. The Candidate tab can best be described as an online Form 100. The candidate tab training covers new members and transfers into local councils.

Clicking on this red box will take you to the candidate training.

ONLINE CEREMONIAL

Click on this box to take you to the **Online Ceremonial** invitation site.



BROTHER KNIGHTS, I'LL BE HITTING the road to deliver a series of energizing pep talks to our state councils. The mission: to ignite a renewed passion for growth, connection, and service. We'll be diving into the following:

Membership Momentum: Discover fresh, effective recruiting methods that work in today's world. Whether you're a seasoned Grand Knight or a new member with big ideas, you'll walk away with actionable strategies to grow your council.

Church Drives that Inspire: Learn to turn your parish presence into a powerful recruiting tool. I'll share tips on how to make church drives more engaging, more visible, and more successful.

Incentives that Motivate: We'll explore creative ways to reward and recognize members who go above and beyond because when we celebrate with effort, we multiply impact.

This is more than a talk—it's a rally cry. Our councils are the heartbeat of our mission, and together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant brotherhood. Let's make October a month of action, inspiration, and growth.

Vivat Jesus!

FALL IS IN THE AIR AND WHAT A GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR! As fall activities are in full swing so are our Wisconsin Councils! Through our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, our Faith, Family, Life & Community programs are being fully utilized. With that being said, I need to mention some of the Family Programs that are offered.

The first being the popular Family of the Month/Year program. Over the years, councils have nominated many wonderful families for the magnificent work they do at their parish and in their community for a Family of the Month. I encourage you to continue nominating these families, so they know their outstanding work does not go unnoticed. Please thoroughly fill out the 10784 form when selecting a family. [Click here for more information.](#)

NOTE: The Family of the Year is its own individual program which requires a council nominating their own specific outstanding family by mid-February for consideration of that award.

Our second popular program is the Food for Families program. As food prices continue to rise, an alarming number of people worldwide require assistance and rely on food pantries or soup kitchens to help feed their families. Encourage your council to get involved with our Food for Families program, which provides councils with a refund of \$100 for every \$500 dollars or 1,000 pounds they donate, up to \$500 per fraternal year. [Click here for more information.](#)

The other present Family Programs are Family Fully Alive, Family Week, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Prayer Night & Good Friday Family Promotion. As a newly appointed State Family Director, along with tutelage from others, I am currently working on drawing up a brief description of each "Family" program which I am hopeful to have completed in the near future.

As for the "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster program our coordinator is Knight Paul Mastalir followed up with Knight Joe Uchtyl coordinating the "Marriage Prayer" program. These two Knights along with several other Knights have stepped up to assist me with all the Family Programs! A sincere "Thank You" to all!

In closing, we have two **new** Life Programs: Remembering Our Faithful Departed & Quinceanera Support. There will be more information in the upcoming future. Take care, stay healthy & God bless us all!

Vivat Jesus!

HISTORY BOOK

Updates & Changes

By Mike Frase, State Historian

Please be aware of the new changes introduced for the 2025 Council FIA History Books. Timeline and new directions have been posted to the [State Webpage](#) for a time. An outline of the new timeline is below.

Phase I - July 2025—Align to Fraternal Year, No changes to Authorship Format. No submissions to State Judging. GK and DD give recognition of effort at Local level. Council Books and Digital Publications will be welcome at 2026 Convention. The 2025 year book will contain council data from January 1st, 2025 to June 31st, 2026. The 2026/27 book will then align to Fraternal Year July 1st to June 31st.

Phase II—Name change from History Book to New name. New Recognition program launch. Training and education to Councils Communicated December 2025-July 2026. Digital trial started.

Phase III—Continued promotion to educate Councils to archive fraternal year Council Mission. “Council XXXX Fraternal Year 2027 - Records of Service & Achievements” publication made available online and at 2027 Convention.

More details will be offered to the DDs at the Winter Conference



JOIN THE FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY GUILD



Honor His Legacy. Advance His Cause.

Strengthen Your Faith During the Jubilee Year of Hope.

As the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Hope, Catholics everywhere are called to renew their faith and walk more closely with Christ. What better way to respond than by drawing inspiration from our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who gave his life to strengthening families, building parish communities, and bringing hope to those on the margins.

By joining the Father McGivney Guild, you can (1) support his cause for sainthood and pray for his canonization, (2) deepen your spiritual life through his intercession during this Jubilee of grace, and (3) Publicly witness to our Catholic hope as a member of his spiritual family. Membership is free and open to all who believe in his mission. Guild members receive inspiring newsletters, spiritual reflections, and invitations to special devotions honoring Blessed McGivney. Let's help make our founder a saint.

McGivney Guild Chairman

Jack Wrbanich, PSD

FORMING PATRIOTS FOR GOD & COUNTRY

Building the Fourth Degree through recruitment, collaboration, and service to faith and country.

AS WE EMBARK ON A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR, the Fourth Degree across Wisconsin is moving forward with renewed energy and purpose. Both the Eastern and Western Districts are excited to announce the upcoming schedule of Fourth Degree Exemplifications, the ceremonial gateway through which our Third Degree Knights advance to the Patriotic Degree and commit themselves more visibly to service of Church and country.

Upcoming Exemplifications

Our exemplification calendar has been expanded to make it easier than ever for councils to encourage participation and help their members take this important step. The schedule for this year is as follows:

- > October 18, 2025 – Beaver Dam (Eastern District)
- > October 25, 2025 – Baraboo (Western District)
- > January 17, 2026 – Manitowoc (Eastern District)
- > April 11, 2026 – De Pere (Eastern District)
- > April 25, 2026 – Marshfield (Western District)

We urge councils to begin identifying worthy candidates now. Early planning allows time for mentorship, preparation, and securing the required paperwork, especially the Fourth Degree Membership Document (Form 4).

Clarifying Council Responsibilities for Form 4

To avoid delays and confusion, it is vital to understand each party's role in the Form 4 process. The council Financial Secretary confirms that a candidate is a Third Degree Knight in good standing and signs Section 8 of the form. The completed Form 4 is then forwarded to the assembly's Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller, who review it, present it to the assembly for approval, and forward it with payment to the District Master.

While the council plays an essential verification role,



the assembly ultimately bears responsibility for ensuring that the Form 4 is properly completed, signed, and transmitted with payment to the District Master well before the exemplification date. Clear communication between councils and assemblies is key to welcoming candidates without delay.

Partnering for the Warrior to Lourdes Pilgrimage

This year, we invite councils and assemblies to unite in support of the [Warrior to Lourdes Pilgrimage](#), a powerful outreach that brings wounded, ill, and injured military personnel and their caregivers on pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Sponsored in part by the Knights of Columbus, this program embodies the Fourth Degree's commitment to faith and patriotism.

Assemblies can organize fundraising events, while councils can help identify and sponsor worthy candidates, especially Catholic veterans within their parishes. Working together on this cause strengthens the bonds between councils and assemblies while offering our veterans a life-changing spiritual experience. For more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with your Eastern or Western District Master.

Moving Forward Together

By collaborating on recruitment, streamlining the Form 4 process, and championing worthy causes like Warrior to Lourdes, our councils and assemblies will continue building a stronger Fourth Degree presence throughout Wisconsin. We look forward to seeing many new Sir Knights join our ranks in the months ahead, ready to serve God and country with honor.

May God bless you, bless the Church, and bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus!



THIS PAST MONTH WE HAVE learned the importance of sending in your programs reports (10784). I know that your council sends in the program reports to Supreme. Supreme will send your council an email that has the 10784 pdf. Please send this to forms@wikofc.com. We do

need these so we can back you up for your awards. It is okay if you do not want the award, but we still need these to prove your council is an active one.

All councils along with the Grand Knight should not wait until the end of the Fraternal Year to send in your reports. Remember that if anyone in your council is computer savvy, they can fill out the program (10784). Please turn in your reports as soon as possible.

We are in the second quarter of the year and we have a long way to go before we can rest on our laurels. We still need our programs to show that the Knights is an organization that helps a variety of people and families, as our founder wanted us to do.

I believe that we all need to find a niche in the Knights, some as council officers, others on the District level, and some on the State level. There are opportunities throughout the organization and several more at the state level, such as Punt, Pass, and Kick; Soccer Challenge; Special Olympics; Into the Breach; Food for Families; Coats for Kids; Holy Hour; RSVP; Ultrasound; Wheelchairs; and the COR programs.

There are also the new programs that Supreme has provided us this year, many of which are centered around the Hispanic people. **Bright Futures** encourages the youth to celebrate occasions inside and outside of school. **Remembering our Departed** is recommended for November. **Imagine Juan Diego** leads up to the December Feast Days.

I know that there are a lot of programs that use the Fraternal Planner to help keep you on track, and I know that your council could be the organization that can make a difference.

Know that you are Blessed Father McGivney's dream team. Be proud!

Vivat Jesus!

**You asked. We delivered.
Now, will you?**

***Fraternal Year 25/26 Schedule for
GA-sponsored FBE (7:00 pm CST)***

Wednesday, October 29

Monday, November 24

Wednesday, December 17

Thursday, January 29

Wednesday, February 25

Thursday, March 26

Wednesday, April 29

Thursday, May 28

Wednesday, June 24

Mark your calendars and make plans.

Remember to invite the **entire** parish, making sure to get the invite in the church bulletin.

Get Educated.

Get Credit.

Have **FUN!**

ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

Hope Life Center, Wausau, CareNet Dane County, Madison. Congratulations to Council(s) #1069 & #4586 for your leadership on these ultrasound initiatives. If your council would like to help, please send your checks to:

St. Joseph Council #4586

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George S. Schreier Council #1069

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NEED HELP WITH ULTRASOUND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN?

There is a great pro-life organization out in Yelm, Washinton (state) called [4US](#). They will help with **25%** of the cost of the ultrasound. **Yes**, that is **half** of your council's obligation! Here's their [website](#).



SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have agreed to have boots on the ground for all Special Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI) statewide events. Please help get the word out to your members to volunteer!

BOWLING

Join us for Special Olympics Wisconsin State Bowling Tournament at Dale's Weston Lane's on **December 6-7 in Weston, Wisconsin!** From a volunteer standpoint, I don't think it can get any more fun than this. Get your men there to volunteer and bring the whole family! Special Olympics of Wisconsin will put your whole family to work. It's a lot of fun!

ASAP GRANTS

Hopefully the month of September left your council's checking account **empty** after giving away all your money to pregnancy centers in your area. For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100. But, you have to [apply for it!](#) It is always best to apply online. If you need help, let me know and I'll walk you through it. You can also provide me with the information and I will apply for you online! There are only two forms you need, [Donation Receipt Letter](#) and a [W9](#).

CHOOSE LIFE WISCONSIN GRANT FUND

Any pro-life pregnancy center or maternity home can apply for a grant from Choose Life Wisconsin, the Choose Life Plate People! Apply [here](#) any time. You can also purchase Pro-Life license plates. The more plates we have on the road, the more the pro-life message will be shared, and the more money there will be for the Pregnancy Resource Centers. The extra \$25 you pay for the plate is **tax deductible** if you itemize on Schedule A. More information [here](#).

Vivat Jesus!



WELCOME TO FALL and the one-third mark of the Fraternal Year. Hope your Community and Youth programs are going well so far. You should have placed your orders for the Supreme/State BOGO Coats for Kids Drive. If not, see the State website for details and contact State

Coordinator PSD Corey Coonan soon to get in on the next State order. In any event, there's still plenty of time to arrange for your coats and/or other supplies to make for a successful drive around Black Friday or in December/January when the need is great.

October also makes a great time to participate in the Bright Futures new Community program. Organize a fundraiser now for your parish school and students. Use the money in the November/December Holiday period to purchase gifts or supplies or needed equipment for the school, teachers and staff, career support programs, religious education classes, etc.

The other new program, Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage, could also come into play. In October, it's a good opportunity to make the plans and secure the supplies to help your Latino parishioners to celebrate the November Remembrance Month, Our Lady of Guadalupe in December or Christmas with a Posada program. See the Supreme website for more information.

Fall is also a golden opportunity to do a fundraiser for a donation to Habitat, toward the purchase of wheelchairs for the Global Wheelchair Mission, or to fund that difference making Helping Hands project you've been thinking about doing for the parish, community at large

or someone in need, especially with another local organization. Work with neighboring Councils or the entire District to increase your impact! See the Supreme website for ideas on where you can help.

Fall is the time where we really start to ramp up our Youth programs. PPK and fall Soccer local contests should be finished by October 1. Diocesan PPK Contests are set for Green Bay, Madison, La Crosse and Superior Dioceses. See the State website for details (Milwaukee – contact Dan Teter). As always, be sure that your local Council PPK winners have completed accurate green travel cards to present at registration to the officials at the Diocesan PPK Contests. Also remember that they should bring their own practice balls. The State Finals will be Saturday, November 1 at Newman High School in Wausau. Registration and practice 10-11 AM, announcements and start 11:15 AM. All local Soccer results should be sent to your Diocesan Program Coordinator and to me.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest materials should be in the hands of schools, Faith Formation Directors, parents, media by the end of September for grades 8-12. Students write essays in October and November. Due to Councils by December 15. Councils judge and send 1st, 2nd place winners from each grade level to their DPC by January 1 (more next month). The topic is "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your 3 favorite popes and why?"

Finally, for all your Community and Youth programs, remember to file that 10784 form soon after you complete that activity. Send to Supreme and the State Forms address. You may well wish to send one to your District Deputy and keep a copy for yourself.

Have a great October! *Vivat Jesus!*



WORTHY BROTHER KNIGHTS,
As I write this message, the State Charity Raffle tickets are on their way to their respective Diocesan Huddle Meetings throughout the state. I cannot express enough my appreciation to my team member charity

coordinators in each of Diocese for their time and effort they are and have put in to help us get to this point. District Deputies are asked to kindly get the council packets to each council Grand Knight or Council Charity Chairman as quickly as possible and then: **Let the Selling Begin!**

For Districts that do not have an assigned District Deputy the Diocesan Charity Chairman will contact their Diocesan Director to arrange to get packets to those councils. A courtesy email will go out to all the District Deputy's in early October followed by another email to all council Grand Knights a short time later about the program updates and reminders. It would be a great help if your council could provide who their current Council

Charity Chairman is to their Diocesan Charity Coordinator so they can maintain real-time contact information. Thank you, in advance, for your kind assistance.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the state had gone under redistricting in most areas, we believe we have the labels correctly done and the new district numbers correspond to the councils in their districts. If any are missing or incorrect, please accept my apologies for the mistake. Secondly, please send me an email with the error(s) and I will do my best to update our records; and thirdly, thank you, again, for your patience.

Raising the funding for charitable outreach is very important to our mission: **Charity**, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. There are many good people out in our communities that are grateful for organizations like the Knights of Columbus who don't think of themselves but only of serving the needs of others. Let's keep that beacon of light glowing for many years to come!

"Give to the poor. Give them whatever your resources will allow."

+ St. Caesarius of Arles, bishop (468-542 A.D.)

Keep Christ in *Christmas*

Right NOW is the time to start getting organized for this program.

- > Decide to run this program
- > Order Contest Kit from Supreme- CPC-KIT-E(English) S=Spanish, F=French. Do this step in **October**.
- > Coordinate with your School, Religious Education Coordinator and/or Art Teacher to implement their involvement in running this program. Grades K-8. Easy program for them to assist as it fits with the rhythm of the season. Most of the coordinators/teachers are looking for ideas. Start this in **October**.
- > Collect posters and judge between December 16-31. Earlier than the latter date.
- > Send 1st place winning posters to the DD by January 1 (take pictures before sending)
- > Arrange a time to award Participation Certificates and First Place Certificates after all school mass or school assembly. First place winners should receive a gift card or trophy at this time. Take publicity pictures for local media and council scrapbook. Announce results in the parish bulletin.

This is a **brief** outline how to start. If you have any questions about this program or sourcing of trophies or medallions, please contact me: Paul Mastalir, State Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Chairman. The contact information is on page 3 of the 2025-2026 State Directory. Council budget approx. \$200.00.



Summer vacations have come to an end. Fall is approaching where nature shows off its beauty as the trees prepare to drop their leaves. In only a few weeks they will go into hibernation. This is the seasons that remembers those that have gone before us. When the kids are looking to be scared and running from door to door looking for candy we will be entering the period that the Church remember the thousands of nameless Saints and Souls who are waiting go through the heavenly gates to meet Jesus. It is also the time weas individual and Councils should remember those who have gone before us. I ask all our Grand Knights now have you planned your councils Memorial Mass year? Are you doing it alone or are you supporting your Parish for a combined remembrance?

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

Yes, we are still selling the bibles. Both the YouCat Bibles and the Complete Bibles. While they were takes us off the State online store temporarily they did return them to the last items you can order from the store.

If your having problems ordering them do not hesitate to contact me either through the phone or through email. All the Bibles are \$12.50 each with the Youcat Bibles geared for our younger students and the Complete or St. Ignatius Bibles with the accurate text geared more to our older youth and adults.

SACRED HEART ICON

Over this last month I have seen some issues with the rotation of the icon. As you review your schedule for the rotation please check with the Councils before and after you at least a month prior to your expected transfer. Regardless how I'm trying to get the message out there are Council that have not heard about the icon yet, and there are some councils that simply do not want to be involved. If you do not check beforehand you may be sitting waiting for the Icon from a council that was not aware they needed to transfer it to you. In the last few months, I ran into Councils that did not get the icon on their assigned date and when they called the council ahead of them they were not aware they were supposed to get it. In one case I found an entire District that was skipped over while a council waited for a month with the icon waiting for someone to tell them what to do with it.

Remember to Order your supplies for the icon, at least a month in advance. They are free except for shipping. Items that are repordely reported as short are #11520 Sacred Heart Prayer Cards, and #613 Sacred Heart Litany Prayer Card, if you find problems please contact me, my contact information is below.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART

This is a new program that Supreme announced was coming in January to be run with the Icon. Slowly more information was released and now Supreme is pushing this Faith program more than any other programs. It is a simple program that Councils simply have to introduce to the Families in their parishes. From that point the Families display an Image of the Sacred Heart in their homes and partake in a Novena to the Sacred Heart. Please review Supreme's webpage and order some sample Images to sell to families when you order prayer cards, before your Council gets the icon.

Recommended material #11769 Home Enthronement Booklet, #11774 Home Enthronement Prayer Cards, #11762 Home Enthronement Certificates. Home Enthronement Brochures, as well as samples of the ICON #4361 11X14 image @0.38 each, #PT-8 framed 11X14 Image @\$20.00 each.

Vivat Jesus!

I WOULD LIKE TO START THE SEPTEMBER BULLETIN with an update on the August 9th storms and flooding that occurred in several areas of the state. There were several messages sent out right after the event to request some help and to see if councils had any resources (manpower focused mostly on cleanup). If help is available, then councils should contact the local counties for specific information and where assistance is needed.

As of today, September 5th, there are long term recovery plans underway by multiple agencies. Multiple agencies. Please note that there are currently over 7500 cases loaded on crisiscleanup.org.

If your council or several councils can combine to lend some assistance in the Milwaukee-Waukesha area, please contact either of these two individuals to get specific information on where you can assist:

> [Aaron Titus](#)—(202) 669-2969

> [Gina Newby](#)—(406) 461-2388

Please keep me and Don McInnes in the loop on any councils assisting these communities. We appreciate any help that your council can lend us to help the many communities impacted during the latest emergency situations.

> [SK Don McInnes](#) ~ Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief
> Milwaukee 4240 Saints Menomonee Falls

> [SK Paul R. Shepherd](#) ~ Director of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief
> (608) 449-3853

We are entering the fourth quarter of the calendar year but would like to get an update on how many councils have participated in or actively run blood drives this year. We would also like to be aware of council plans for October through December blood drives. Form 10784 is the best way to record what your council has done so far This year. One of the Wisconsin Disaster Relief's main goals is to attain over 40 councils running at least two to three blood drives by year end. This is one of the best ways to provide needed blood for the Red Cross to use during disasters that occur.

Disaster relief personnel will be attending all the diocesan meetings in the month of September. I am hopefully going to get to 3 or 4 of them myself, and Jim Burkhart will also be giving updates on disaster relief at these meetings. This discussion will primarily continue to reiterate the need for additional Disaster Relief team members to effectively communicate when a disaster happens. Many thanks to all members who have participated in this last year, and to those who will continue with this great communal effort.

God bless all our council members and their families.

Vivat Jesus!

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Pray for Me

Joshua Hopper

GRAPHIC DESIGN HAS BECOME A HOBBY THAT has interested me, mainly that of creative advertisements and newsletters. I also enjoy writing, which prompted me to provide these monthly reflections. However, I was tempted this month to give in to laziness and copy a reflection that a colleague of mine writes for our weekly Wednesday Warrior, which is a prayer newsletter that I put together sharing the prayer intentions of my staff at Regis Catholic Schools. As luck would have it, directing my mind to these weekly publications ignited a spark in me.

This story goes back several years to when I was teaching at a Catholic School in Burlington, IA. I saw a teacher who was very distraught and emotional. On the spot, I asked her if she would like me to pray with her. Once I finished praying out loud for her, she felt better and thanked me with a quick embrace.

This experience reminded me that while other Christian denominations may be misguided in their beliefs, one thing that we can learn from them is their

religious fervor, their confidence in spontaneously praying at a moment's notice. If you ask them to pray for you, I believe that they will do so right there on the spot or at their earliest convenience.

Therefore, Worthy Brothers, I present you with two important questions. (1) Do you mean it when you tell someone that you will pray for them? If you asked someone to pray for you, do you hope or even expect that they will? Should not the same be expected of us? (2) If you see someone in need, do you offer to pray for/with them on the spot? These are important questions to reflect upon.

Remember that we are all God's children and we all deal with our own unique hand of trials and tribulations. Could we take a moment of our time to reach out and offer a comforting hand to those who need exactly that?

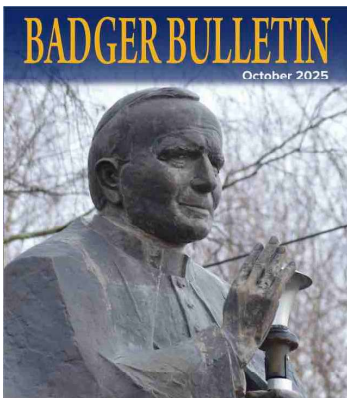
O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.

Vivat Jesus!



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- Keep articles below 500 words.
- Submit word docs to the PR email.
- Send photos separately, clearly labeled, with credits.
- Prioritize quality content with articles.
- Proofread thoroughly for spelling and grammar.
- Avoid double spaces after periods.
- Be punctual! Late submissions will be excluded from future publications.



ON THE COVER: ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II

Just 3,312 days passed between the time Pope John II entered the heavenly kingdom and his canonization under Pope Francis. On earth, his papacy was the third longest in history, spanning 26 years, 5 months, and 7 days. During that time, he managed to quell the rise of communism in Eastern Europe, promulgate the modern *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *Theology of the Body*, and beautified/canonized more blessed and saints than any of his predecessors. While St. Pope John Paul II has been gone 20 years, his legacy reached millions of people and is still felt on a global scale today. His feast day is celebrated on October 22.

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