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OUR 1ST QUARTER Fast Start results have been fully tabulated for the July–September time frame. Several districts and individual councils have stepped up to the Fast Start challenge. Some have even surpassed their objectives and are already at 100% or more of the yearly membership goal, became Safe Environment compliant, and completed their Fraternal Benefit Events goals, all in a 3-month period.

Our challenge is to have every council active. What does that mean? It means simply every council needs to add one new member to their roster, and they are considered being active.

With the excellent performance by the above Districts & Councils, we should have easily made our 1st Quarter goal of 248 new members as of the end of September if every council was active. However, we still have a great number of councils that have yet to being in a single new member this fraternal year.

Our Goal was 248 new members in the 1st Quarter. We achieved 241 We were short 7 new members.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you who have taken my initiative to heart and have gotten ahead of the curve on timely

compliance of your reports & member intake. You are “On Mission!”

We are now into our 2nd Quarter which historically has a higher influx of new men joining with councils ending their summer breaks and vacation schedules and getting back to regular monthly meetings and church drives and programs.

Stay tuned: New incentives are being announced for this quarter and should have been relayed by your District Deputies or Diocesan Directors at the time of this newsletter release.

By being active and effective in our Programs, Church, and Community we can become the Fishers of Men that Blessed Father McGivney laid out for this organization in 1882. Let’s not let him down at this critical time in our country where our faith is being challenged, and our men and families are being disillusioned. Men are willing to join an organization where they can bond, share a common desire to maintain, and stand up for their Catholic Faith.

Our accumulative goal year-to-date is 50% of our annual goal, or 618 new members, by December 31st. We already have 308 as of October 17th. Therefore, we only



need 310 new members by the end of December. With every council becoming active and inviting one new man to join their council and be exemplified, this should be a simple objective with us having over 300 councils.

Those councils that have not yet brought in a new member, are you ready to step into the breach and help us ensure that this great organization will continue to support the poor and less fortunate for another 140+ years?

Let’s become the Fishers of Men that are so needed at this time.

Your State Officers & staff are working diligently to finalize the Dec 6-8 Winter DD meeting registration & agenda.

All District Deputies should make every effort to attend this semi-annual mandatory meeting by registering on the State Website today. Block the date in your calendars.

Vivat Jesus!



AS THE MONTH of November unfolds, let us pray to God with sincere hearts. It is necessary for us each to intercede with our hearts and minds to God on behalf of our brothers and sisters.

Many of us are aware that we live in interesting times. So much is at stake. There is a battle against the devil playing out before our eyes. Evil is being exposed and is about to come undone.

None of this is possible without prayer. Lest we think that politics or finance will solve the world's problems, let us pray double now. Pray with the very Sacred Heart of Jesus himself! He wants the salvation of this world and of you and your family even more than you do. Ask him: "Jesus, show me your Heart for my children, my parents,

my siblings, coworkers and friends." Ask Jesus who he wants you to focus your prayer on. Just a few people will be enough. "Jesus, how do you want to use my friendship with this person to draw him closer to you?"

Prayer changes the way we see others. Are you praying for the brother nights of your council? We pray for the needs of our members at council meetings. Do you take time to ask a brother night individually what is going on his life? We all carry crosses. We don't need to wait until we are sick or dying to get prayed for. It's good for us to reach out in the heart of Jesus.

November is the month to remember the faithful departed. Take a moment and to visit your local Catholic cemetery. Attend the memorial service of your council



members. Have masses said for fallen members of your family. When we pray for the souls in purgatory, we are demonstrating that we have a desire for heaven in our souls. Jesus knows our hearts. When we are inspired to work and pray for the spiritual benefit of another, Jesus always has a way of bringing the benefit around to us too.

Vivat Jesus!

Membership Incentives

REMINDER: PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS UNIQUE STATE INCENTIVE BY GROWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS QUARTER!

NEW MEMBERS TO COUNCIL FROM OCTOBER 1st–DECEMBER 31st:

Councils that have 100 members or less need to bring in 4 new members

Councils that have 101-150 members need to bring in 5 new members

Councils that have 151-200 members need to bring in 6 new members

Councils that have 201-250 members need to bring in 7 new members

Councils that have 251-300 members need to bring in 8 new members

Councils that have 301-350 members need to bring in 9 new members

Councils that have 351+ members need to bring in 10 new members in quarter

Div 1 = \$100.00 off April Per Capita

Div 2 = \$250.00 off April per Capita

Div 3 = \$500.00 off April per Capita



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR COREY COONEN

AS WE CLOSE out October, it is hard to believe how fast time has flown by once again. Many of your Councils conducted a Membership Drive in October or are soon to do one this November. Most of our Councils are still in need of conducting their first Exemplification since July—and we encourage all to at least conduct ONE if not TWO exemplifications between now and December 31st to ensure we have ‘Every Council Membership Active.’

I am writing this article for you all on November 2nd, after returning from a memorial ceremony for All Souls Day at our Parish Cemetery. As I was attending with my wife and mom in memoriam of my dad who passed away this past February, following Mass I was called on by our Parish Priest to assist him by carrying the bowl of blessed ‘Holy Water’ as we walked around the graveyard to bless the gravesites of those in attendance for all their loved ones who have gone before us. When calling on me, he even mentioned ‘I have a nice Knights of Columbus member’ who will assist me, thus recognizing all the efforts that the Knights do to support our Priests (not just calling me by name as his friend).

Now, I bring this up as it was quite the challenge walking around this graveyard in 40 degree temperatures carrying close to a gallon of holy water in an awkward bowl (no arm workout needed for me today). I truly felt blessed to walk around and observe and witness Father Jim Baraniak’s ability to console and also remember every one of these

individuals that passed away in this past year. Speaking fondly and kindly of each to all of their families and giving another remembrance to each of the departed.

One of the families was parents of a 20 year old kid who passed away this past year. Those few extra moments the priest spent with them probably meant the world to all of these families! In daily life, our Priests are constantly called on to be there in times of need for individuals, to celebrate the good times in baptism and weddings, but also in times of need with the passing of loved ones, sometimes entirely unexpected. Our Priests lead us through these emotional roller coasters and I can’t help but imagine how challenging that can be at times outside of the day to day challenges of leading a Parish and being a faithful servant to lead them in Faith. So quite simply: When our Priests have a need, there is a Knight there to serve.

We continually need to have more new Knights to continue to serve our Priests and our Parish Communities, helping to at least lessen some of the burden that they are faced with day to day.

This was the vision that Blessed Fr. McGivney had in forming the Knights. He wanted us to be there to ‘help’ those in need, to help ‘families’ in need, whether it is to support for the loss of a loved one with our Fraternal Benefits program to the various charitable efforts we conduct and promote.



As we celebrate All Souls Day, I challenge you to think about this month at your next Council meeting. I want you to reflect on of all those Knights that have passed away in the past year, but also all those members of your Council that went on to eternal life. Our works we do is continuing on the vision and legacy of Blessed Fr. McGivney but also carries on the legacy of all those members that came before us. We continue to need new members to ensure that the Knights of Columbus and our councils carry forward for another 140 plus years as we have since our founding. Hopefully this month of November, leading into Advent and as we celebrate the ‘birth’ of our Savior, we can reflect on those that have come before us and celebrate a ‘new start’ once again by bringing in additional new members into your councils.

Vivat Jesus!



LATELY, SOME MINOR grievances have arisen within the council, which could have been resolved internally if certain members had known the proper procedures for addressing their concerns. It is crucial to bear in mind that our council possesses all requisite mechanisms to function autonomously, without any external intervention. Nonetheless, there may be occasions where the standard protocol falls short in providing a viable solution to the issue at hand, in which case the grievance may need to be elevated to the next level. Councils must recognize that the Knights of Columbus is comprised of 16,000 councils worldwide, and it would be an insurmountable undertaking for the Supreme to address grievances that disregard established protocols and directly approach the Supreme Council.

Filing a complaint within a Knights of Columbus council typically involves the following steps:

- 1. Identify the Issue:** Document the issue or concern you have. Include specifics such as dates, times, and any individuals involved.
- 2. Gather Evidence:** Collect any supporting documents or evidence that substantiate your complaint. This could include emails, written statements, minutes, records, or photos.
- 3. Review Council Bylaws:** Familiarize yourself with your council's bylaws and procedures for handling complaints. This ensures

you follow the correct protocol. The bylaws can be provided by the Grand Knight, Council Advocate, or State Advocate through Officers Online.

4. Contact the Advocate: Reach out to the council's Advocate, who handles legal and procedural issues within the council. They can guide you on how to proceed.

5. Formal Written Complaint: Write a formal complaint letter. Include your name, contact information, detailed description of the complaint, evidence, and any witnesses.

6. Submit the Complaint: Submit your written complaint to the Grand Knight, who is the presiding officer of the council, or to the council's Advocate.

7. Investigation: The council will investigate the complaint. This may involve interviewing witnesses, reviewing evidence, and holding meetings.

8. Resolution: Based on the findings, the council leadership will take appropriate action. This could range from mediation to disciplinary measures.

9. Follow-up: Stay in contact with the council leaders to ensure your complaint is being addressed and to receive updates on its status.

10. Appeal: If you are not satisfied with the decision, you may have the option to appeal to higher authorities within the Knights of Columbus, such as the District Deputy or State Advocate.

Ensure you maintain records of all correspondence and documentation



related to the complaint throughout the process.

If your complaint within a Knights of Columbus council is not resolved to your satisfaction, you can take the following steps:

1. Request Clarification: Ask for a detailed explanation from the council leadership regarding why the complaint was not resolved. This can provide you with more insights and potentially clarify misunderstandings.

2. Appeal to Higher Authorities:

- ▷ **District Deputy:** If the council fails to address your complaint, you can escalate it to the District Deputy, who oversees several councils within a district.
- ▷ **State Advocate:** If the District Deputy cannot resolve the issue, appeal to the State Advocate, who handles legal and procedural issues at the state level.

3. Follow Formal Appeal

Procedures: Ensure you follow the formal procedures for appealing a decision. This usually involves submitting a written appeal outlining the unresolved issues and your desired outcome.

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4. Mediation: Request mediation between you and the involved parties. Mediation can sometimes lead to a mutually satisfactory resolution.

5. Supreme Council: As a last resort, you can appeal to the Supreme Council, the highest authority within the Knights of

Columbus. Provide comprehensive documentation and evidence supporting your case.

6. Consult the Bylaws: Review the Knights of Columbus bylaws for specific guidance on handling unresolved complaints and appeals.

7. Seek External Advice: If internal processes are exhausted without resolution, you might seek

advice from an external advisor familiar with organizational disputes.

Throughout this process, maintain professionalism and keep detailed records of all communications and evidence related to your complaint and its handling.





MY BROTHER KNIGHTS, I recently had the opportunity to serve the new Lacrosse Ordinary at three separate Confirmation Masses. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Bishop Battersby, he is a kind and learned man of Christ. I was struck how His Excellency truly absorbed his surroundings, in churches he had never visited prior, had connected with that Parish's past, present and future. He asked those gathered to think of the original families of the parish and what they must have sacrificed to build such a beautiful building and the beautiful families that would fill the pews for generations. He led us in reciting the Hail Mary to honor Our Mother and those families. A simple request, but one with a great impact on us present.

As Knights of Columbus, we look at our history with pride. We honor

our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney as well as Saint Pope John Paul the Great, who called the Knights of Columbus the strong right arm of the Church. We are raising more dollars and offering more hours than ever before, so we know our present is strong. We must also look to our future and make sure the Order is handed to Catholic Gentlemen. Catholic Gentlemen needing and wanting to live a heroic life of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. By now we will have all seen the results of the KofC study that found 7 million Catholic men in the US, say they are willing to join a mens group like ours and of that 7 million, 3.5 million of those men say they have not joined the Knights of Columbus because they have never been asked. Never been asked? How is that possible? My Brother, Advent is drawing near and "new" and old



faces will be next to us in our pew. Use this as an opportunity not to complain about the "Chri-Easters", but to welcome them. Please do what you can to make sure they were noticed. That you appreciated their witness and that you want them to come back and ask them to join us. Your Pastor will appreciate your kindness and our Order will grow today and tomorrow. Lady Rebecca and I wish you a most Blessed Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus!



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I AM WRITING you today on the feast day of St. Luke, he was such a great writer and the only gospel writer to include the following stories:

- ▷ The Annunciation
- ▷ Adoring angels and Christ birth in Bethlehem
- ▷ Angels announcing his birth to shepherds.
- ▷ Angel proclaims to you the good news of great joy that will be for all people
- ▷ The circumcision of the Lord
- ▷ Presentation
- ▷ Visitation
- ▷ Mary's Magnificat

As I think about these writings two things come to mind, Luke believed in Angels, and he also had a very close relationship with Mary the mother of God. Luke alone would suffice to enlighten the whole world with the light of faith and Christian doctrine, which is true wisdom and profound theology. Luke was born into this world to be a light for all the world. He also shines among the

most splendid and brilliant stars in heaven. (says saint Lawrence of Brindisi)

I have a question of each of us, do we believe in Angels? Do we have a close relationship with Mary?

If not, why? And if yes, do we ask of the Angels and our Lord's Mother to help us in our mission of evangelism? Do we share our journey with others to help them find what we have? The Knights should not be a secret part of your life, it should be a shining beacon of your presence to those with whom you break bread, and those you adore our Lord with. Our mission is to grow the order through evangelism.

My Priest asked the question today, (Luke 10-1-9) Our Lord speaks of the abundant harvest, if our Lord came back today would the harvest really be abundant? There was a long pause. "...or would our Lord be disappointed with the harvest his is reaping?" My Priest



spoke about the less than abundant harvest and said it might be because we don't preach the Gospel. He also stated, "We are told to give a homily, even on Sunday, of 5 minutes or less." To which I thought you know how many times people have told me to keep it short? I understood what my priest was saying, Luke added these amazing parts to his gospel to provide us a clearer view of who Jesus and his mother are, and the significance of Angels. Evangelize why you're a Knight while you are still here. Tell people how the Knights brought you closer to Mary.

Vivat Jesus!



IN TODAY'S FAST-paced world, staying connected is more important than ever. Following the Knights of Columbus on social media is a great way to stay informed, engaged, and inspired in your faith and service to the community. Here's why you should hit that "Follow" button:

Stay Informed About Our Initiatives

The Knights of Columbus are involved in countless charitable, faith-based, and community-driven initiatives around the globe. By following us on social media, you'll get real-time updates on our projects, from supporting local parishes to disaster relief efforts. This allows you to witness firsthand the impact we're making together.

Access to Faith Enrichment Content

Our social media channels regularly share content designed to strengthen your Catholic faith. From daily prayers and inspirational

messages to reflections on Catholic teachings, these posts are a great way to stay spiritually engaged throughout the week.

Celebrate Member Achievements

Our members are at the heart of everything we do. Social media allows us to spotlight councils and individuals making a difference in their communities. You'll be inspired by the dedication and service of fellow Knights from across the world.

Get Involved and Spread the Word

When you follow, like, share, or comment on Knights of Columbus content, you help spread our mission. Whether you're promoting a local event or highlighting our charitable efforts, social media gives you a platform to get involved and amplify our message of unity and service.



Stay Connected to a Global Brotherhood

With councils in countries all over the world, social media allows members to feel part of a global fraternity. Through shared experiences, resources, and events, you'll always feel connected to your brother Knights, no matter where you are.

By following the Knights of Columbus on social media, you stay in the loop, get inspired, and help spread the message of charity, unity, and fraternity. Join the conversation and be part of something greater!

Vivat Jesus!



ONLINE MEMBERSHIP IPSD JOHN HUTTENHOFF

AS OF OCTOBER 15, we have assigned a total of 156 new E-members since July 1. That is an increase of 59 in 1 month. Thank you.

So far Councils have transferred 114 E-members into Councils this Fraternal Year. Roughly 45% of Council Intake this year has been through E-members. We are a little behind where we would like to be here.

A major focus this quarter is to get Every Council and Every District Active. We currently have 47 pending e-members from last year, and 72 more pending e-members from this year, assigned to 80 Councils in 43 Districts. If we can Exemplify these 119 E-members and get them into Councils, it would significantly increase the number of Active Councils and Districts.

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries can find these Assigned E-members on their Prospects Tab in Officers Online. Please make it a

priority to reach out to these E-members this month and bring them into your Councils via an Exemplification.

As you are doing your programs & church drives, be sure to include the E-membership online invitation app in your invitation process to potential members.

WGK & WFS please **frequently review** your councils **Prospect Tab** and if you are having difficulty in making contact, or any other issue, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you with reaching a remedy.

Remember:

The **Prospect Tab** shows you e-members that have joined your council online via the Supreme app. and the date field is used when they have completed their exemplification.

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.

Again, 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.

Do not send Form 100's to Supreme for new members, keep them for your councils records. If you must use a Form 100, Scan it and email it to Supreme – Keen the Original for your Council Records.

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

Together, Let's get it done!

Vivat Jesus!



FOURTH DEGREE

DUANE ZABOROWSKI & JACK WRBANICH

THE FOURTH DEGREE of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus held two scheduled exemplifications in the month of October – October 12, 2024 on the Eastern Side (Green Bay) and October 19, 2024 on the Western Side (Platteville). Over 60 brother Knights became Sir Knights at these degrees. Supreme has declared that the goal for each Assembly is to be a STAR Assembly which basically starts with an increase in new members equal or greater than 6% of your current membership. If your Assembly has 96 current members, your goal would be 6 new members for the year from July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025. We will be working with the State Officers and all third-degree Grand Knights to help in increasing the number of men joining the 4th Degree! The challenge to the Councils that the State Deputy and the Masters are making is this – over 80 percent of third-degree members are not fourth degree. Please invite them to take the degree. And the challenge to the Assemblies and their members is to continue recruiting, not only third-degree members to move up but to bring new members into the Councils so that we all “win”.

Members of the Patriotic Degree are an integral part of the Order, and we serve our brother Knights, we proudly foster patriotism in each nation in which we are active

and we act on what is right and honorable. Being an honor guard is only part of the 4th Degree. The uniform is what makes us visible but it is the other things that we do that will make us more visible as Knights. Without the uniform, you can still participate in funerals, masses, meals, helping the parish and the priests by doing some activities as 4th degree and others with Council members. There is nothing that says a 4th degree Assembly cannot do a fundraiser for a pregnancy center and get the matching funds from Supreme. Help out at a VA Center, work with your local Veteran groups, participate in the Valentines for Vets program with your local schools and deliver them to a veteran's home. These are a few examples of things you can do without the uniform.

Related to Honor Flights from the state of Wisconsin, there are a few that are still scheduled for the fall. You can support Honor Flights by making donations to support a veteran being on the flight, being in attendance when the flight returns from Washington DC and greeting their return or write letters to be given to the veterans at Mail Call on the flight. For the current schedule of flights this fall please go to the web site of each location that are listed below.



- ▷ Appleton/Green Bay – Old Glory Honor Flight
- ▷ La Crosse – Freedom Honor Flight
- ▷ Madison – Badger Honor Flights
- ▷ Milwaukee – Stars and Stripes Honor Flight
- ▷ Mosinee – Never Forgotten Honor Flights
- ▷ Superior – Honor Flight Northland

Also, the cost of the uniform did go up after 5 years at the former price. The new price for the uniform will be \$475 which was effective September 1, 2024. The 4th degree has been charged with increasing the number of Sir Knight with uniforms.

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FAITH DIRECTOR DENNIS BEDNAREK

AS YOU ARE reading this you will be at the end the period of both secular and religious services that the Church referred to as Allhallowtide. Yes even Halloween had a religious origin as it came from the Eve of All Saints Day, originally called All Hallow's Eve, and All Saints day was called was originally called Allhallos. The final day of this Triduum is All Souls Day when we pray for all those in purgatory. This is also the time as knights we should have a memorial service to remember and pray for all past members.

Looking into the near future, Thanksgiving Day is only a short few weeks away. Thanksgiving is the day that may be a secular Holiday but its meaning is more than just giving thanks at a big Turkey Dinner. It is the day where we need to give thanks for the harvest after the long growing season. What better way to give thanks than through offering it to Our Lord in the Eucharist attending mass. Remember our first order is Charity and what better time than Thanksgiving to spread our blessings to those who are in need with donations to local food pantries or other agencies that provide a meal for the homeless. Remember donations do not have to be cash, but offering your time and service is often even more important.

A big program in the spirit of Charity and Faith, that was created by our State Council years ago, called the "Sentiments for Seminarians." Each council is asked to advertise for our seminarians the

need for cash cards or gas cards that will be presented to the seminaries throughout Wisconsin to help with the daily needs of the seminarians. These Cards will then be passed on to your District Deputy to bring to our winter meeting starting on Friday December 6th. At the meeting all cards will be collected and distributed directly to the Seminaries before Christmas.

This is also an ideal time to remind you of the RSVP program. Remember that it is a custom for our Councils to support our Seminarians as much as possible. This includes praying for them, inviting them to our meeting and social events to show them our support and helping them financially. Supreme wants to encourage this program by returning assistance to the Councils and Assemblies that support our seminarians by reimbursing them with \$100.00 for every \$500 they donate to a seminarian. Remember you need to complete two forms for full credit and the reimbursement of forms. Form 2863 RSVP refund Application with a copy of the checks needs to be submitted to Supreme. Form #10784 Fraternal Programs Report needs to be submitted as well to Supreme. Remember to also copy and submit a copy of all forms to the state at Forms@wikofc.com to receive state credit and a back up if questions pop up.

YCAT bibles are still available. I will have them to distribute to those Districts that ordered them at the Winter District Deputies meeting. If



you need them before then send me an [email](#) or call me at 262-470-4477. To order them go to the State web page and select the blue button labeled "State Council Store" to pay with credit card. Check payment can be sent to either the State Office or me, directly to me at the with checks made out to "Wisconsin State Council K of C". However, to ensure we have sufficient copies to fill all the orders at the meeting, please send me your order in advance. The cost remains at \$12.50 per bible.

Pilgrim Icon. Currently we have roughly a month before Supreme has requested us to return the St. Joseph Icon to them. There were a few councils that claimed they never had a chance to get the ICON so I'm currently trying to get them the ICON before it is returned. Come early 2025 Supreme has promised us a new Item of the Sacred Heart which will be rotated. Looking back at the history of the St. Joseph ICON, it was in Wisconsin for three rotations. The first rotation went smoothly, and the second rotation went well. However, on the third rotation many councils canceled out of the program creating gaps and confusion. With this being the first rotation of the NEW ICON, I'm anticipating a much smoother rotation. *Continued on pg. 12.*



CHARITY RAFFLE

BERNIE HEIT

THE CHARITY RAFFLE tickets have been distributed to your district deputy, if you haven't seen any maybe inquire. With the holidays fast approaching feel free to start distributing and selling the raffle tickets. Many families will need the proceeds from your sales, and they don't even know it yet, it could be someone you know!

Below is a list of the charity members for each diocese. Please thank them if you get a chance.

Superior Diocese

Dennis & Doris Berends

La Crosse Diocese

Michael Haight

Green Bay Diocese

Jeff Janssen

Madison Diocese

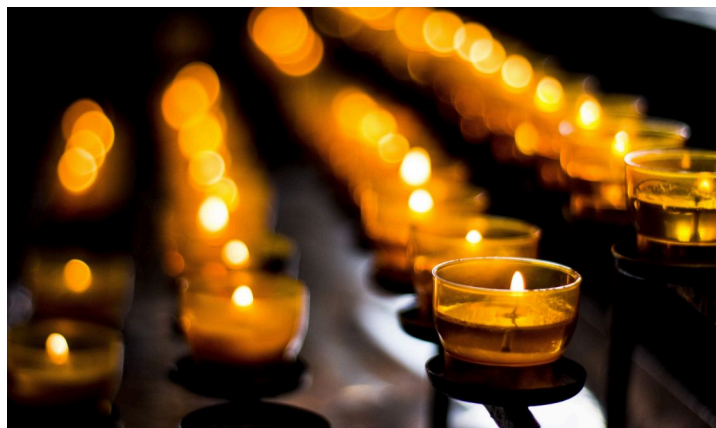
Robert & Colleen Pizur

Milwaukee Diocese

Jim & Beth Ten Pas

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With Easter being only 6 months away it is not too soon start thinking about Eucharistic Processions. They do take time to plan and you can never start planning too soon. Some things to consider is if your Parish has a Eucharistic Canopy for an outdoor precession? If not it is not too early to plan a fundraiser to help the parish get one. Supreme has a wonderful booklet available [online](#) on Eucharistic Processions.



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Please help us attain that goal by purchasing the uniform today.

Finally, a word to our Faithful leaders of our Fourth Degree Assemblies. Remember, it is never too early to start completing the paperwork for the various awards such as the Patriotic Award and the Civic Award. The District Masters do realize that you do all this work and don't always get recognition for it. We know it is not about the recognition here on earth, but it does matter to

Supreme. (We will let you know in a future newsletter how many received the awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024). We have 55 Assemblies in the state of Wisconsin, we should have all 55 Assemblies receive one or both of the above awards which could then be delivered to your assembly by the Masters. It only takes a few minutes of your time to complete the paperwork. AND – remember to complete two more forms – a listing of your new Assembly officers by August 1st and your

annual Assembly audit report. These last two are mandatory. Please complete them as soon as possible.

“Sir Knight” is not just a title, it is an “Honor.”

Happy All Saints Day and Happy Thanksgiving – November is the month of giving thanks and we all have much to be thankful for!

Vivat Jesus!



ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

St. Gianna Clinic in De Pere,
Our Lady of Hope Clinic in
Madison and Life's Connection
(new location) Menomonee Falls
and Abiding Care in Medford.
Congratulations to Council(s)
#17889, #10714, #4240 & 1744
for your leadership on these
ultrasound initiatives. If your
council would like to help, please
send your checks to:

St. Maria Goretti Council # 17889

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The Wisconsin Knights of
Columbus have agreed to have
boots on the ground for all Special
Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI)
statewide events. There are five
events (Fall Games, Bowling,
Winter Games, Spring Games,
Summer Games). We look
forward to seeing your council at
one of their statewide events!

Wisconsin Special Olympics –
State Bowling Tournament

Here is what Special Olympics of
Wisconsin needs from us:

The 2024 Special Olympics
Wisconsin Bowling regional
competition will culminate in the
State Bowling Tournament, held
December 7-8 in Wausau. Athletes
that qualify for State can compete
in singles, doubles, team and
unified events. Visit the State
Bowling Tournament webpage for
additional information and
registration forms.

[Volunteer Here!](#)

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- ▷ **Date:** Saturday, December 7–Sunday, December 8
- ▷ **Location:** Competition– Dale's Weston Lanes, 5902 Schofield Ave, Weston, WI
- ▷ **Schedule: Saturday, December 7**
 - ▷ 8:30am – 6:30pm – Competition
 - ▷ 10:00am – 3:00pm – Healthy Athletes: Medfest, Healthy Hearing, Special Smiles
 - ▷ 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Dance/Celebration
- ▷ **Sunday, December 8**
 - ▷ 8:30am–6:30pm – Competition
 - ▷ 10:00am–1:00pm – Performance Station

Safe Haven Baby Boxes

There has been a lot of discussion about the Safe Haven Baby Boxes and how the KofCs can get involved. Currently, Racine and Elkhorn are ready to be installed. I heard through the grapevine that Sturgeon Bay is organizing one at their local hospital! Praise the Lord!

If your council wants to sponsor an installation, in full, or in part, you can do that through Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc. directly, or with Pro-Life Wisconsin, who has set up a grant fund for the endeavor. If you want to sponsor a specific project, it has to have a signed contract with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. If you simply want to sponsor the effort in general, you can direct your checks to Pro-Life Wisconsin with "Baby Box" in the memo section.

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As the projects come together and are looking for funding, we will grant funds from that pool of donations as they make themselves known to us. If you have a donor who wants the tax write off, have him or her send their donation either to Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. and have them earmark it for a Baby Box in Wisconsin, or to Pro-Life Wisconsin, with Baby Box in the memo line of your check.

Get the ball rolling in your community to have one installed! Start with your fire chief. These boxes must be installed in an area that is manned 24/7/365, which usually means a police station, hospital ER or the local fire station. For guidance on where to start, call Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. at 888-742-2133

ASAP Grants

Hopefully the month of October left your council's checking account EMPTY after giving away all your money to pregnancy centers in your area! For every \$500 (up to \$2,000) you gave to a maternity home or pregnancy center, Supreme Council will give that non-profit entity another \$100! But, you have to apply for it! Always best to apply online! If you need help with that, let me know and I'll help walk you through it. OR... you can give me the information and I will apply for you online!

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.

The more Choose Life Wisconsin plates that are on the road, the more money Choose Life Wisconsin will have to help the pregnancy centers of Wisconsin. It's only another \$25 when you renew your registration on your car! 100% of those funds go to the pregnancy centers! Currently, we have about 2,500 plates on the road. Every pro-life person should have these plates proudly displayed on their car(s)! Apply here for your Choose Life Plates! It's a PDF and you have to mail it in—old school!

Vivat Jesus!



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State Yard Sign Program

The Keep Christ in Christmas yard sign program satisfies a Supreme Council recommended Faith in Action -Family activity. Over the years, a large number of Midwest councils have participated in this program.

If your council is interested in participating in this year's KCIC yard sign program, please complete the order form below and return it to coordinator SK Randy Radtke/ Council 6690 no later than Oct. 15, 2024. Yard signs and wires will be shipped early November.

[2024 ORDER FORM](#)

Yard Sign incldg wire: \$3.50e. Minimum order: 25 signs, allotments of 25 please. Moisture resistant sign placard is 11"x28" with wire stake. Regional dropship delivery may be coordinated.

KCIC Car Magnet: \$2.25e. Minimum order 25 magnets.

Please submit your order no later than Oct 15, 2024. Signs are also available in SPANISH. Please note on Order Form if your Council needs signs in SPANISH.

Please PRINT All Order Information

Council name and number: _____

Council contact person: Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Shipping information: (Must be a residential or business address, no P.O. Boxes please!)

Ship to: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Qty of signs _____ x \$3.50(+ Qty of Magnets _____ x \$2.25 e) = Total enclosed \$ _____

Destinations served by our planned, regional drop ship locations: South WI, North IL.

Outside areas will incur shipping costs. Please call. We will provide that modest cost at time of order.

Please make your check payable to RJ Enterprises -no credit cards, and mail to:

RJ Enterprises, c/o Larry Raupp, 300 Brookstone Dr., Lake Mills, WI 53551

If you have questions about the program, please send your email to
keepchristinchristmassigns@gmail.com or rjenter@charter.net or call (920) 859-184).



Guidelines For Political Activity

Knights are first and foremost Catholic citizens who are members of their communities and constituents of their elected officials. A citizen most effectively petitions his elected official as an individual voter. Ordinarily, there is no need to refer to one's membership in the Knights of Columbus when petitioning an elected official. The message we want to send is "I am an informed constituent who has a principled stand [against / in favor of] your public policy choices and I vote." As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded us: "It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States comes to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness." [1] To help members answer this call to faithful citizenship effectively, the Knights of Columbus provides the following list of political activity "DOs and DON'Ts":

DOs

- DO become active in the political life of your local community;
- DO register to vote and encourage others to register to vote;
- DO initiate and participate in robust "get out the vote" efforts to bring voters to the polls in all primary, general, and special elections;
- DO become informed on public policy issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church at the local, state, federal, and international levels;
- DO become acquainted with public policy initiatives of the national conferences of Catholic Bishops as well as state and provincial Catholic conferences;
- DO study and reflect upon the teachings of the Catholic Church so as to develop a well-formed Catholic conscience – a good place to start would be to review relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, available at http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM ;
- DO order booklets on specific issues of fundamental importance to Catholics published by the Catholic Information Service, <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html> ;
- DO share with others the Catholic Church's teachings on moral issues of fundamental importance to society;
- DO advocate for Catholic positions on local and national legislative and other issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church. This includes participation in action alert announcements that seek to make the voices of Catholic citizens heard on legislation of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO write letters to the editor of local newspapers;



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- DO know your elected representatives and their positions on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO correspond with your representatives and let them know that you support the Catholic position on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO thank representatives for their actions taken on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO join the Supreme Council and your State Council in advocating for public policy issues. When doing so, echo the sentiments and wording the Supreme Council or your State Council have already articulated; and
- DO VOTE!

DON'Ts

- DONOT engage in any partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as including activity that seeks to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.
- DONOT make partisan political statements in the name of the Knights of Columbus. A partisan political statement is defined as including statements that seek to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.
- DONOT, on behalf of your local council, congratulate or admonish public officials in the name of the Knights of Columbus.
- DONOT, on behalf of your local council, take a position on a matter of public policy unless you are joining a position the Supreme Council or your State Council has already articulated;
- DONOT distribute any Knights of Columbus member lists or contact information to political campaigns or to individuals running for office;
- DONOT use an official fraternal title in connection with your personal political activity, except to convey biographical information; and
- DONOT use Knights of Columbus facilities, including, but not limited to, email accounts, social media, fax machines, letterhead and the like, in connection with partisan political activity.

[1] ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI, POPE EMERITUS, TO THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THEIR "AD LIMINA" VISIT, Consistory Hall, Thursday, 19 January 2012
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/january/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120119_bishops-usa_en.html (last visited June 2, 2016)



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Newsworthy • Broad Appeal • Concise • Complete • Factual • Accurate
Answers the Questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How

- ▷ Articles should contain a minimum of **300 words** (*ideal*) but no more than **600 words max**. Articles that are longer than this may be shortened by the editor.
- ▷ Articles should be submitted to the State Secretary by email as a Word document attachment.
 - ▷ PDF submissions are for **ads** or **promotions**, not **articles**.
- ▷ Pictures need to be sent separately as an attachment and the original pictures. Include photo information and credits. **Please do not format them in any way; we will do it.** Do not embed them within your Word document. Consider providing photos whenever possible. It makes the newsletter more interesting to look at and read.
- ▷ Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- ▷ At a minimum, Who, What, When and Where needs to be in the **first** paragraph.
- ▷ Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and **of interest** to the entire State Council:
 - ♦ What is the event/activity about?
 - ♦ Whom did it benefit?
 - ♦ What was the result?
 - ♦ Who are the key players/Knights?
- ▷ Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the editor.
- ▷ Authors must submit **on time** for each issue, which is the **last day of the calendar month**. Late submissions will be placed farther down the newsletter or not published.
- ▷ Proofread your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (use spellcheck or a software such as Grammarly). **Advice:** read your articles out loud to get a sense of tone.
- ▷ There is no need to put two spaces after periods for new sentences. That is an outdated method!
- ▷ Please name your filenames with your name, title, and newsletter month (e.g. Hopper, Joshua_Editor_Jan24).
- ▷ Please send me any questions at jjhoppermusic@gmail.com. I always accept feedback and recommendations on ways I can improve the newsletter, though I can not guarantee all ideas will be able to be implemented.



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