



**Knights of
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**Wisconsin
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Brothers,

This past weekend we celebrated Thanksgiving. We all have plenty to be thankful for as individuals. Our homes, families, jobs, communities, parishes, and priests. All of these things come from the Father, who also sent his Son to die for us that we could have Hope in the Resurrection and Eternal Life.

As a State Council, we also have plenty to be thankful for as well. During the last Fraternal Year, we had 2 Star Districts and 37 Star Councils in Wisconsin. We have District Deputies and a State Leadership Team that volunteer thousands of hours every year to lead the order in Wisconsin. We are currently +42 Net/Net in membership, putting us on track to grow membership in the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin for the first time in over 20 years. The Nowak Agency has a team of Agents that are working hard to protect each of our families, as well as ensuring that our membership has access to outstanding Fraternal Benefits Nights. In the last Fraternal Year, the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin donated over 700,000 hours, and over 4.2 million dollars in support of our church and communities.

As we enter a new church year this weekend, we are reminded that Advent is a period of reflection, anticipation, and preparation. It is a time to reflect on our personal relationship with Christ. Have we truly put our relationship with Jesus Christ at the top of our priority list? At the recent meeting of State Deputies, we were reminded that as Knights we serve a king, the King of kings, Jesus Christ. As Knights, we are called for Focus on the Mission – Growing in our Faith and then putting our Faith in Action.

As we focus on our Mission, we must both Plan to Succeed, and Decide to Succeed in this Mission. Do we pray and discern what we are being called to do when making choices?

- Taking time to grow in your faith is a choice.
- Understanding that we live in a time of Spiritual Battle is a choice.
- Praying for help when we find life challenging is a choice.
- Living your life as a Knight is a choice.
- Becoming an officer in your Council is a choice.
- Building up the Leadership Team in your Council is a Choice.
- Focusing on the Mission of Growing in Faith and Putting Faith into Action is a choice.
- Becoming a Star Council or a Star District is a choice.

I want to thank each of you for making the choices to Grow in your Faith and put your Faith in Action. For those that have stepped up to leadership positions within your Council, District, Diocese, or at the State Council level, Thank You. For those that have not yet stepped up to a leadership role, I ask that you prayerfully discern your calling. As Knights, we have a Mission, and we need everyone to step up to ensure that we succeed in our Mission.

Linda and I wish you and your family a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Vivat Jesus,

John Huttenhoff
State Deputy



STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Change your perspective for Advent. These holy days of penance before Christmas recall the days leading up to the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent also stands as our reminder that Jesus Christ will come again soon. In fact, Jesus is here now. He is waiting for you to see what he is doing in

your life right now.

Jesus Christ never gets tired of coming into the world. He's still waiting to introduce himself to you and me in ways that we have never experienced before. There will never be a moment when we will have exhausted the riches of Jesus Christ.

We get tired of waiting. It seems like we do the same old things and get more or less the same old results. Maybe some of our Council activities or meetings feel like they get into a rut. It's good to step back and get a new perspective. And as Catholic men, we should never be ashamed to admit, "I'm stuck." The best thing we can do is ask Jesus for help. Be specific. "Jesus, please show us how you want our council to make a difference in this parish."

In the last several months, I have noticed that we drive much of our energy towards membership. Ah but we have to reckon with the fact that the Catholic Church struggles in membership as well. Unless we help the Church by making new disciples, our membership efforts will be ineffective. Other times we say that we need programs, or specifically faith programs.

There are many good things that we offer as Knights of Columbus. Our holy faith is not a program. These times call for a total change of perspective. Let's humbly ask Jesus to be everything for us. He has the answers. We do not. Please show us, Jesus, how you want us to grow in your grace as Knights of Columbus.

In Christ,

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian Dulli
State Chaplain

District Deputies Information

We still have a few Districts in Need of a District Deputy. This truly is one of the most rewarding positions within the Knights of Columbus. District Deputies visit each of the Councils within their District Quarterly, Attend District Deputy Meetings in June and December, attend the State Convention, and Diocesan Huddle, and host District Meetings in July and December. Training and support are provided.

If you are interested in being a District Deputy, please reach out to State Deputy John Huttenhoff or any of the State Officers for more information. Districts currently in need of a District Deputy for the upcoming fraternal year are: 6, 9, 12, 20, 22, 29, 85 and 87.



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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

LAST CHANCE: 2nd Quarter Membership Incentive:

If a council adds and exemplifies new members in October, November, and December equal to 50% or greater of their MEMBERSHIP GOAL set by Supreme, then they will receive a 40% reduction on their April 1st per-capita invoice.

As I open this month's article, I'd like to reflect on the Gospel reading from this past Sunday, the 1st Sunday in Advent:

'As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.' (Matthew 24:37-44)

The Unknown Day and Hour.

I thought that this Gospel reading was apropos after the series of e-mail responses I received this past month from many as it relates to our activities to growing Membership in our councils. It was great to see so many that have a plan of action and have seen great success in growing their council this year and plans for future growth—trying new and innovative ways with much success. It was also equally disappointing to receive negative and defeated responses from some—feeling the burden of the inability to grow their council and lacking a vision of how to do so in the challenges they still face. Declining Parish attendance results in less opportunities to invite and engage in some cases.

In some cases, declining Parish attendance results in fewer opportunities to invite and engage. What a great opportunity presented to the Knights—to work with our Parish Priests and Parish leaders to find unique and innovative ways to 'welcome' people back to Mass. We play a critical part in growing the future of the Church. Whether through firsthand involvement in the 'Eucharistic Revival' or the unique programs we can provide in Faith Formation and Evangelization, we have a bevy of ways to grow our Church and, in turn, your Council.

But no one said that this wouldn't be a challenge.

Was Noah challenged when building the Ark? Were others 'negative' around the time that he spent in preparation for the coming flood? Did people question his commitment and devotion—thinking that he could be putting efforts to something else more enjoyable, ridiculing him?

As leaders of the Knights, we will face constant challenges along the way as well. These challenges provide us 'opportunities' to try new and innovative programs as well as new and innovative ways to invite men to join our Order. At the District Deputy and Diocesan Meetings, we will be sharing with all some innovative and exciting ways for councils to try and 'evangelize' in our efforts to invite men into the Knights.

As Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addressed in his first annual report at the Supreme Convention in August 2021: 'Our growth depends on empowering men to be the husbands and fathers that God wants us to be. It is harder than ever, and for that reason we must push forward as never before. It will require creative courage.'

Corey Coonen-IPSD, Membership Director



Brother Knights,

Thank you to the many Councils that have paid their October Per Capita billings. As a reminder, payments were due November 30th and as of this writing, we have not received payment from approximately 90 Councils. If your Council has not yet paid and you need a copy of the invoice, please contact me and I will gladly email one to you.

It might be worthwhile to review the process for Per Capita billings. Invoices are issued each April 1st and October 1st. They are sent by email to the Council's Financial Secretary using the email address on record. Because State uses QuickBooks Online for its accounting, the emails come from QuickBooks. The emails received might include QuickBooks or Intuit in the email address and it is possible that a Financial Secretary might not recognize the email address and chooses to ignore or delete it. It is also possible that the email might go into the Financial Secretary's Spam folder. So, please be on the watch for it. Sometimes the emails bounce back because the Financial Secretary's email address of record is no longer active. In that case, we reach out to the Council's Grand Knight.

Occasionally there is confusion between Per Capita invoices sent by Supreme and those sent by State. The status of invoices from Supreme is reported monthly on their Council Payment – Summary and Payment Coupon, which is available to the Council's Grand Knight and Financial Secretary via Supreme's website. This report only reflects the status of Supreme's Per Capita billing. Unfortunately, the status of State Per Capita billings is not available online. To compensate for this, statements are periodically sent to Councils that have outstanding balances.

If you ever have any questions about your Council's State Per Capita billing, please contact me at rbreunig@wikofc.com or 608-247-8979

God bless,

Roland Breunig
Worthy State Treasurer



Brother Knights,

Advent is on the horizon, and we are nearing the half-way point of our fraternal year. There are still 51 councils who have still not submitted Form 185. This form is essentially the roster for your council's team, please work on this.

As of today, according to Supreme, 80 councils still have not submitted Form 365. As you know this is a list of your directors who will help your council succeed. It is instrumental in providing Supreme with a list of individuals who need to be Safe Environment Compliant. Let's work on this, please. On your 365 you must have the following positions filled: Membership, Program, Community and Family Directors.

The next topic of concern is our Safe Environment Status. Needless to say, without Form 365 and 185 Supreme cannot issue training invitations or track how a council is doing in becoming Safe Environment Compliant. It is critical that all councils become compliant for many reasons. We need to ensure that we provide a proper environment for those we deal with as well as ensuring that we do not allow situations to occur that can hurt others as well as ourselves. Of the 4 positions that require SE compliance there

are many councils that have 3 of the 4 satisfied. I will be contacting those councils to see what we can do to help to complete compliance. 117 councils are compliant with many in the pending status.

Please take the time to celebrate the upcoming holidays with your loved ones as well as members of your council family. In our very busy world, we tend to get overwhelmed and miss out on what is important in our lives.

Vivat Jesus!

Don Schoenherr
State Advocate

Public Relations Corner



Content

(extract from Supreme Public Relations and Publicity Guide)

What great content looks like

What exactly does engaging content look like? And where can you find it? As your social media presence is a representation and extension of your council, let the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity be your guide when looking for content appropriate to share with your audience.

Charity: *One of the best ways to encourage potential members to join your council is to promote the active charity that is central to the Order's mission. Posting high-quality photos chronicling such events is a great way to show your audience what it means to be a Knight.*

Unity: *Your content should promote your council's unity with your parish, with the Order's mission, and of course, with the Catholic Church. Share articles that feature upcoming parish events, new Knights of Columbus initiatives, and faith resources from Supreme website.*

Fraternity: Look to the *Knights in Action* section of each month's *Columbia* magazine for great examples of Knights around the world serving the Church and their communities. Sharing these stories shows how immense the Order's impact truly is! Also, include updates on our insurance and financial products from your Knights of Columbus field agent.

Another great resource for content is to visit Supreme **[Social Media Hub](https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/social-media-hub.html)**
<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/social-media-hub.html>

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Wrbanich, PSD
State Public Relations
Wisconsin State Council
"Put out into the Deep..."

Are You A Member?

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Blessed Michael J. McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God.

As of July 1, 2022 Wisconsin has only 1,245 out of 34,467 members registered in the Guild. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July - August and is sent free to Guild members.

Join the Guild today, register online at: [http:// www.fathermcgivney.org/](http://www.fathermcgivney.org/)



Join the Fourth Degree!

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Honor Guard is the most prominent feature of the Order. These are the Knights in parades. These are the Knights saluting the Bishop and Priest at your Parish. These are the Knights carrying the flag to centerfield. These are the Knights who will stand and pay tribute to you at your funeral.

While there is no denying the good works of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity done by our Brother Knights in the Councils, the image most people in your Parish have when they think of "the Knights of Columbus" is the Honor Guard. Participation in the Fourth Degree Honor Guard is not mandatory. However, for those Sir Knights who do it, the experience is life changing. Only members of the Fourth Degree can be members of the Honor Guard. It is perhaps the greatest gift and the greatest responsibility of the Patriotic Degree.

Membership in the Honor Guard is one of the best ways to be a visible contributor to the Knights of Columbus. In order to join the Honor Guard, Sir Knights must first acquire the official Fourth Degree Uniform and a Knights of Columbus sword. These uniforms became the standard for the order in 2019. The new uniform is a requirement for all members of the Honor Guard. Presently the cost of the new uniform is \$449.00.

I encourage all Councils and Assemblies to help offset this cost of the uniform for all Fourth-Degree members that wish to be part of the Honor Guard. Having on Honor Guard at a member's funeral is not just for Fourth Degree members. We try to Honor all members of the Knights of Columbus.

At this time Honor Guard membership is low and we need your help to increase membership into the Fourth Degree and especially the Honor Guard. We need Honor Guard members to help cover all of the ceremonies that are requested of us. I don't know of any reason why a Third-Degree member should not join the Fourth Degree. We are here for you, your family, your Parish, and the community.

Next Exemplifications are May 13 (Western District) and May 20, 2023 (Eastern District).

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General Agent's Message



Bishops, Priest and State Membership, and Ladies

Happy Thanksgiving,

I am thankful for the works of your hands, the time spent gifting to others, and the precious work of your councils. Thank you all.

This month we will revisit the Fraternal Benefits Nights and how they are to be conducted for the success of the order and councils. Again, thank you to all who have participated to this year's success and thanks for letting me go through the desired process for even greater success the second half of the year. You know a good coach must look at the first half and see what was done well and then make changes so that the second half has an even greater outcome. We have over 50 councils that have completed the two required Fraternal Benefits Nights already, we are shooting for all to have the same result, so here are some things to improve the way we do them moving forward. The four things discussed below should help everyone achieve better results.

- 1) Advertise in the bulletin the invite for all to be welcome to the FBN, set the date then get that invite in every bulletin three weeks in a row, and an invite from the pulpit (with Father's blessing)
- 2) Do a mass email to all members each week leading up to the event. If your event coincides with the last Wednesday of the month event held by your general agent, that is great! If you work with a Field Agent to do a live event at your parish that is great too!
- 3) Get people to register to make sure you have enough for a successful event. We now have a roster sign up for the Field Agent and Grand Knight to help register those who have trouble with technology. Inviting those who are not members is critical for growth. People are looking for things to do right now.
- 4) We have a survey that needs to be completed by each person. They will be sent out to all Grand Knights and made available on the state website. We need the survey to help us provide people with the type of information they need.

One per district per month, two per council per year is a way we can grow membership. Tell our story and make sure the best kept secrets are not secret anymore. We have the highest rated, most ethical company for providing protection for our catholic communities. With a eye toward Charity that can't be matched anywhere. We are the premier Catholic organization, and we need to grow our works.

Vivat Jesus

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←-----[Click here for info on the NEXT Fraternal Benefits Night!!!!](#)

Knights of Columbus all over the world stand in solidarity, ready to support the 1,889 Knights and their families, the Church, and all in need in Ukraine.

To date, members and friends have donated over **\$19,489,618!** The situation in Ukraine continues to be volatile and the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will continue to work with local councils in Poland and Ukraine, the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches and partner NGOs to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, religious supplies, and any other humanitarian needs necessary as the situation continues to change on a daily basis.

**Remember 100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THOSE
EFFECTED BY THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE.**



“Faith is something that sustains us.”

Learn how you can make a difference Kofc.org/Ukraine





Officers Online Access

Members in a role permitted access to Officers Online will be emailed an invitation code once the Supreme Council receives the appropriate form from the state council, local council, or assembly indicating the election or appointment, and records this information. If you do not receive an invitation code within a reasonable time, click "Account Assistant" on the sign in page and follow the instructions.

If you previously held a role with access to Officers Online, you do not need a new invitation code. Your access will automatically be reactivated once the appropriate form is submitted.

If you do not remember your log on credentials, click "Account Assistant" or "Password Reset" on the sign in page and follow the instructions. If additional assistance is required contact our Customer Service Department at 800-380-9995, option 2 and provide your membership number and role.

Applications by Roles	Role Description										
	Officers Online	Officers Desk Reference	Office of Youth Protection	Home Corporations	Member Management	Member Billing	By Laws Online	Knights Gear	Supplies Online	Prospect Tab	Candidate Tab
Jurisdiction/ State											
State Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Secretary	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Treasurer	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Advocate	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Warden	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Immediate Past State Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Executive Secretary	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Membership Director	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Program Director	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Round Table Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Council Reactivation Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Council Retention Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Member Retention Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Insurance Promo Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
NCD Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Ceremonial Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Hispanic Council Growth Coord.	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Chairman	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Additional Membership Roles	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Coordinator	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Trainer	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
4th Degree / Provincial											
Vice Supreme Master	X	X	X	X				X	X		
District Master	X	X	X	X				X	X		
District											
District Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Council											
Grand Knight	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Financial Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Advocate	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		
Deputy Grand Knight	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Treasurer	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Membership Director	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Assembly											
Faithful Navigator	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Faithful Comptroller	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Faithful Admiral	X		X	X			X	X	X		
Faithful Pilot	X		X	X			X	X	X		
Faithful Purser	X	X	X	X				X	X		

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Online Membership

Current e-membership in the state stands at:

CLASS / TYPE – as of date	10-26-2022	11-30-2022	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	181	203	+ 22
INSURANCE	42	42	No change
INACTIVE	11	11	No change
Does Not Want To Transfer	41	45	+ 4
HONORARY	0	0	No change
HONORARY LIFE	0	0	No change
AFFILIATE in 97048	1965	1973	+ 8
EXEMPT	3	3	No change
ASSIGNED	130	140	+ 10
UNASSIGNED	3	8	+ 5
TOTAL	233	254	+ 10
New e-members YTD #	109	166	+ 57
New e-members YTD % of target (325)	34%	51%	+ 17%
Conversion into a council YTD #	59	98	+ 39
Conversion into a council YTD %	54%	59%	+ 5%
All time intake #	1155	1212	+ 57
All time conversion into a council #	854	894	+ 40
All time conversion into a council %	74%	74%	No change

Note: 11-23-2022 is 40% of the fraternal year passed. We are above our intake target, but we need to convert these e-members into council members, especially the 62 e-members assigned to 44 councils not having taken in a new member yet this year. There are also a number of councils with 4, 5, & 7 e-members assigned that could easily reach their membership quota if they would just engage these e-members and bring them into the council. Please remember that the goal is to have ZERO assigned e-members.

HISTORICAL DATA:

Year	Target	Intake	%
2017-18	Trial	30	NA
2018-19	214	134	60%
2019-20	214	140	65%
2020-21	324	378	116%
2021-22	422	364	86%
2022-23	325 reduced from 465	current FY 168	51%

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, please check your Prospect lists in Officers Online at a minimum of once a week. If you have men showing there, **CONTACT** them (you may have to call, text,

or knock on a door in addition to email). **INVITE** them to your Council meetings and activities and get to know them. While you are together, invite them to attend an in-person or online **DEGREE** ceremony. **After completing** the degree, **PROCESS** them into your council. If the member does not wish to join your council, please **REJECT** him and select the appropriate reason. Then please contact me so I may take the appropriate action based on the reasoning. DDs and DMCs, please follow up with your councils.

Please review these **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES:**

- [An Introduction to Online Membership video](#) 5:36 [Council Online Membership Intro](#). PPTX **NEW**
- [Online Application Video](#) 6:14 **NEW** [Online Application Guide](#) PDF **NEW**
- [Prospect Tab video](#) 3:55 [Prospect Tab Walkthrough](#) PDF **NEW**
- [Candidate tab video](#) 4:00

REQUIREMENTS:

- Every man who joins online needs to access kofc.org/joinus from a compatible device, **personally** complete the online application testifying to all the attestations, and submit the online application **himself**.
- When possible, the member should use his own compatible device.
- The member must use their own valid email address when completing the online application.

NOT ALLOWABLE:

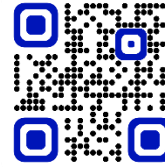
- Completing the online application for a member even if they have asked you to do it for them.
- Collecting information from a proposed member on a form 100 or prospect card and using the information to sign the member up for online membership.
- Creating an email account for a member so they can complete the online membership process.

NEW MEMBER PROCESS:

Follow the standard procedures for a new e-member as with all new members:

- Completed form 100, or assigned e-member status in Prospect tab of Officers Online (OO).
- Admission committee vetting.
- Council action (voting) – see [Guidelines for Online Voting - Motions](#) if holding virtual meetings
- Degree – Member must take the degree **prior** to being transferred into a council.
- Process the new 3rd degree member into your council via Form 100 submission or, Online form 100 using the Candidate tab data entry and transfer, or e-member transfer using the Prospect tab.
 - **REMEMBER:** If you use either the Prospect tab or the Candidate tab to process your new members, do NOT submit a mailed paper or scanned pdf of the form 100. It just confuses the issue and might result in duplicate entries. Use only one of the available methods.
- Update degree status by entering degree dates for 2nd & 3rd degrees in Member Management. This is not an automatic process

- Share this QR code with your prospects.



WI Online Membership Coordinator

William G. Hitt

www.kofc.org/joinus

www.KofC.org/JoinUs



Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament

Registration is **NOW OPEN!!!!**

Click the link to get more information:

<https://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=708>

Did your council run a successful program, was it successful?

Did you file your form yet?

After every program, you should file report #10784!!

WHY?? There are several reasons WHY:

You can account for, and report your hours spent with the event. When doing this, be sure to include ANY one that helped (Spouses, kids, grankids). They're hard work should be counted as well!

You can track your dollars spent and raised!

Helps track your hours and dollars raised for your annual Fraternal Survey

It will help you when filling out your SP-7 form in the spring to go towards your Columbian Award.

Save for the following year so you have a blueprint to repeat your success the next year!

Go here to get started! <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/faith-in-action-program-forms.html>

Wisconsin Faith In Action

December 2022



Programs is Why Men Become Knights

Men choose to join our order for two primary reasons. First, to grow in their faith. Second, to perform acts of service for their parishes and communities. In turn our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

As Knights it is our duty to foster men's desire to serve. We relish the opportunity to continuously adapt to the demands of a changing world and the needs of future members. We know that demonstrating our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. This calling is a fundamental part of the Order's history and the genesis for our program model, Faith In Action.

Through Faith in Action, Knights in Wisconsin are given opportunities to make a difference – prayer, community service or raising money. Built into our programs is the opportunity for all Knights and families to share faith, celebrate fraternity, and stand shoulder to shoulder in service to our parishes and communities.

Brothers, I am worried. Through the first four months of the current fraternal year only 36% of councils have completed and reported a service program. This means that 64% of councils have not completed a program. This information is derived from council submitted #10784 forms to the Supreme council.

It is my belief that many more Wisconsin councils have completed programs but not submitted the form #10784. The challenge is we cannot track what is not submitted. The program team is receiving inquiries like why does Wisconsin have so many inactive councils. Please help us to prove that our councils are living their faith. Please submit a #10784 for each completed program.

I believe we demonstrate our founding principles through our Faith in Action programs. Our programs provide men opportunities to grow in their faith and to perform acts of service for their parishes and communities. Councils that are active in programming are more likely to attract new members. Please help me show that Wisconsin is alive and well in programming.

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Program Innovation Spotlight

This is the first of many Program Innovation Spotlight articles that will be shared by the State Programming team. The intent is to celebrate innovative programs in Wisconsin. It is our hope that sharing these programs we will inspire other councils to have innovative programs in their parishes and communities.

Bowl-A-Thon - People with Intellectual Disabilities

St. John Neuman Council #973 in Kenosha recently held a Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser to benefit people with intellectual disabilities. The council arranged with a local bowling alley for the use of its facility for three hours on a Saturday. The council advertised the event in parish bulletins, social media, email and texts. The results of the program include:

- Raised \$8,500 for the cause
- 165 participants from multiple parishes
- Age range 2 – 91 years
- 7 Forms 100's received

Thank you to Grand Knight Dr. Dave Kreutz and the rest of council 973 for raising money for this important cause and growing the order.



Innovation in programming is the key to future success

Fire and Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration Event

St. John Neuman Council #15090 in Waukesha recently held a Eucharistic Adoration event. The event was presided over by their council chaplain Fr. Matt Ridder. The event included Adoration with rosary that was live streamed on Facebook. Over 115 children and adults attended. Children led the procession to and from the altar with candles. Food and fellowship followed the benediction.

Thank you to Grand Knight Michael Franceschi and the rest of council 15090 for organizing and supporting this Faith event.



Programs-Community Bill Frayer

Worthies,

As we enter December and encounter Christmas, the end of 2022 and the New Year 2023, we realize that we have reached the half-way point in the 2022-23 Fraternal Year. In addition to your membership goals, how are you doing on your program goals for this year? Have you completed at least 8 of the 16 programs in the Faith in Action area needed to reach your Columbian Award? Have you done half or more of the requirements for your Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award? Do you have at least 1 Fraternal Benefits Night in toward your Founders Award? If so, great. If not, you need to get going since you're well behind schedule.

It's high time to get these forms out (SP7, Outstanding Council Award, 1729) and work on them monthly at your Council or Officers meetings, with your DD, so they are on-track for filing when due and you're on-track to reach these goals.

It's also imperative that you file those 10784s when programs are completed. The information from those is crucial for Supreme and State to know what Councils have done to date, where help is needed and to evaluate programs as a whole for future revision, addition, or deletion. Please get them in ASAP. Thanks.

Here in December, several items to be working on:

- 1) Catholic Citizenship Council-winning essays are due to your DPC by December 31
- 2) Start lining up your schools and materials needed for the Culture of Life Essay Contest. See the State website for details.
- 3) State True Meaning of Christmas (grades 1-4) posters can be done up to December 23. Council winners are due to your DPC by January 15, with proper entry form on back.
- 4) Supreme Keep Christ in Christmas (ages 5, 10-14) posters can be done also to December 23. Council winners are due to the State Youth Programs Director (me) by January 15, with proper entry forms.

- 5) Councils may run the Knowledge and Free Throw Contests from December – March 19 (including District Free Throw Contests). See State and Supreme websites for Free Throw information. See State website for Knowledge Contest information. Council tests will be available in December.
- 6) Continue to work hard on your Coats for Kids, Helping Hands; work in December to find a new, innovative program to make a difference at your parish, or in your community. Vow in 2023 to get involved, if not already, or to do a much larger role with Global Wheelchairs, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Preparedness or the Soccer or Hockey Skills competitions. When completed, be sure to file that 10784 so we can see what you've accomplished.

As we all feel the Christmas Spirit, these programs can surely help to fulfill the desire to give to or do for others. So, let's all work to do just that.

I wish you a Blessed, Holy, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Safe New Year in the Pace of Christ. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Community/Youth Director

Culture of Life – Ultrasound Projects

Ozaukee Council #2035, Port Washington, has taken on an ultrasound initiative for CareNet, 4957 N Fond Du Lac Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53217 and Manitowoc Council #710 for The Crossing of Manitowoc County, 501 N 10th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220.

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GK Joe Debilzen
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Manitowoc, WI 54220
920-629-1601 cell

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction for an ultrasound project, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they **MUST** include the council number in the memo portion of the check (e.g.: #2035 or #9070 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc
Memo: (**#2035 or #9070 ultrasound**)
4297 W Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53711-3859

Culture of Life Grant Fund

You should have gotten your Culture of Life annual giving opportunity in the mail shortly! The Culture of Life Grant runs solely on YOUR generosity! Every year, we give away about \$120,000 to non-profit pro-life charities throughout the state. Every dollar you give gets tallied back to your council to count for its State Council award, “100% Pro-Life” – which also can be counted toward Supreme pro-life awards, if applicable. For each council to reach it’s 100% goal, your council’s members would have to give an equivalent of \$3.50 per dues paying member for your council. For example, if you have 100 dues paying members in your council, your 100% Pro-Life goal is \$350. Saving babies from abortion costs money. When you get this letter in the mail, throw a ten-dollar bill in there, put a stamp on it and get it in the mail! We appreciate every gift, no matter how small or large – it all adds up! If you wanted to give a substantial gift, but wanted a tax credit, please send the money to:

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc
Memo: CofL Grant Fund
4297 W Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53711-3859

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON D.C.

January 20, 2023

Join fellow pro-life Wisconsinites for a historic journey to our nation’s capital on privately chartered buses this Winter! This will be the first national March for Life since the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*! You’ll leave for Washington D.C. on Wednesday, January 18th, and return to Wisconsin on Sunday, January 22nd. The March For Life itself will be on Friday, January 20, 2023. This may very well be the last March for Life that we plan a trip for in January. Since the fall of *Roe v. Wade* on June 24, 2022 – I’ve been looking forward to commemorating the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* **IN THE SUMMER!** Pro-Life Wisconsin has a local march happening on June 24, 2023, in Madison, so mark your calendar!

TRAVEL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Bus fare and hotel stay
- Complimentary breakfast/daily social hour at the Embassy Suites in Washington D.C.
- Opportunity to pray outside Planned Parenthood
- Optional visits to the MFL Expo and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
- Participate in the 50th March for Life

To sponsor this trip, or to come along, please visit www.ProLifeWI.org/march-for-life-dc

Special Olympics

Overview

The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with Special Olympics and has helped athletes with disabilities compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program including fundraising, feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community. For Special Olympics resources, visit www.kofc.org/olympics.

Featured Program Requirements

- For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Contribute a minimum of 200 volunteer hours or \$2,000 in support of Special Olympics activities. Report activity using the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784).

Dan Miller
State Director
Culture of Life Committee
State Council – Knights of Columbus
Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org – 262-993-6262

SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: the Special Olympics summer games have been scheduled at U.W. Whitewater rather than Stevens Point, June 8-10, 2023. We will again be asking 4th Degree Honor Guard to attend the opening on June 8th. More information will be coming as we lead up to that time. Councils around Whitewater area hopefully will volunteer to help out at these games.

IF YOU HAVE NOT FILED Council activities and donations, remember to file form 10784 **online** to the Supreme Forms soon. This includes ID checks, or ANY other donation given to Team Wisconsin, or to a local group. Hours donated (from Knights as well as family members) should also be reported along with events.

TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE; As we are in going into our 8th month of the drive, I am happy to announce that we have received \$35,612.39 to date. **Thank You,** we are off to a good start towards our Goal of \$150,000.00. The goal comes to around \$4.00 per member over the 4-year period, or \$1.00 a member per year.

DONATIONS to the Team Wisconsin Drive along with donations to local Special Olympics groups since May 1st, 2022, have totaled \$59,194.78. **THANK YOU** to all Councils for your support of Special Olympics.

PLEASE remember Special Olympics. Monies can come from a Fund Raiser, Council Donation, or your council's Charities account. Some Council's take up a collection at meetings or publish an article in their

newsletter for members to make personal donations. They also utilize social media websites such as Facebook to promote their activities as well as upcoming events!

EVENTS coming up that Councils or members can volunteer at.

Feb 11-12; Winter Games at Wausau.

Feb 19th; Region 2 & 3 Team Basketball, UW Stout. Contact Michaela Harrison 715-204-9696

Feb 26th; Individual Basketball Skills, Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS, Jackson. Contact Amber Weinfurter 262-518-2314

Feb 26th; Region 7 Team Basketball, Wilmont HS, Wilmont. Contact Brooke Trewyn 262-518-2316

John Benisch

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Wisconsin Coordinator.

“Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities”

Wow, what an amazing time of year! We just celebrated Thanksgiving and are now headed towards Christmas. This is a wonderful time of the year to reflect on the things that make life truly amazing. With the opportunity given to me to serve as the ID chair, my thankfulness of the hard work from the Knights of Columbus across the state has grown. Throughout the month, I have been receiving grant applications from across the state, and it is due to the hard work of many Knights that we are able to extend a helping hand to those with intellectual disabilities. The 2022-2023 year will be the 50th year of this program, and with continued hard work and support we can cross the mark of \$25 million raised! If you would like to help us reach this goal, please reach out to your District Deputy for a Tootsie Roll order form. Forms are due back by February 15th.

Bernie Green

Intellectual Disabilities Coordinator

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

This month continues the great progress for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below but click on the Flocknote link below for all the details.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes, and communities. Councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations, and a variety of activities.

Guide Sheet: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/10604-keep-christ-in-christmas-guidesheet.pdf>

- Read through the guide sheet and determine what you need to order
- Order the supplies from Officers Online. Supreme suggests having this completed by October 31st.
- **In a hurry?**
 - Print off the entry forms <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>
 - Buy some 11x17" paper
- One suggestion is to offer a monetary award for the 1st place winner for each age division. Your council may choose a different amount, but my council gives our winners \$25.
- State True Meaning of Christmas poster contest – Councils please award winners by December 31st and send the winning posters to your **Diocesan Program Coordinator by January 15th**
- Supreme Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest – Councils please award winners by December 31st and send the winning posters to the **State Community Director William Frayer by January 15th**.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Revitalize our parishes by urging our parish families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Invite each family in your parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. **The feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is technically Friday December 30th, but feel free to celebrate it on the 30th/31st weekend or whichever weekend your parish priest would prefer.**

Guide Sheet: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family/10605-consecration-holy-family-guidesheet.pdf>

- Read through the guide sheet to prepare for the event

Prayer Card: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family/10371-consecration-to-the-holy-family.pdf>

- Order prayer cards (and other supplies) from Officers Online (they will go quick). I would recommend getting this done by October 31st.

Council Family of the Year

The deadline for submitting your council Family of the Year is **February 15th**. Your council family of the year **MUST** be a knight family. Use form 10680 <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf>

Please submit the form and any additional documents in digital formats, PDF is preferred. This is how Supreme wants to receive the State Family of the Year submission. Email the digital documents to forms@wikofc.com by the deadline.

Our Marriage Prayer

Knights, we must protect the marriages of our council and parish members by holding an Our Marriage Prayer celebration! This I usually celebrated on World Marriage Sunday which this year will be on the

weekend of February 12, 2023. If this weekend doesn't work, work with your parishes to determine the weekend that works best for everyone.

Check out the training video at <http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/19130786>. Check it out!

Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is the **Scott and Cindy Watzka Family** Scott and Cindy Watzka family from Green Bay's Monsignor Sylvester Barusky Council 10243 in District 13. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

Diocese

Milwaukee Diocese led with **71%** district participation with the Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **13** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	Mark and Kelly Fochs	La Crosse	Marvin and Dell Jane Kannel
Madison	Josh and Sarah Bruecken	Milwaukee	Mark and Kim Mueller
Superior	Karl and Sally Fink		

District

59% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Two districts submitted three or more families and sixteen districts submitted two families.

Council

There was one new council submitting a family of the month! Welcome to the program!

- Queen of the Apostles Council 16280 in Marathon, GK Ross Larson, DD 28 Ross Larson, La Crosse Diocese

Supreme News

There is a problem with the online 10784 where the family summary is restricted to 250 characters. Supreme is aware of the problem and there is no estimated time of repair.

Here is a link to the video on how to fill out the new **online** version of the 10784 form.

https://site-842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/forms/_video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-10784-training-video?autoStart=true

After you fill out the online 10784, you will receive a PDF file that you can include in your council history books. **Please forward this PDF to forms@wikofc.com** so that your family can be considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award.

Gentlemen, it is a **privilege and honor** to serve you and your councils! **Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.**

Vivat Jesus!



SK Joe Uchtyl
State Family Coordinator



Supreme Training Update

Delta Drive Monday 12/5/22 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3967682693997336591>

Come learn how to do the Delta Church drive method. this highly effective process of growth through communication will help you go from prospects to members and answer the why of growth.

Enhancing Member Experience Monday 12/12/22 at 7PM CST (8PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5633712190430950926>

We will cover in this training

Understand what's meant by the term's membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.

Complete the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.

Understand that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.

Learn the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again.

Discover tools that will help address deficiencies in your council's current member engagement as based on your council's engagement score.

Understand that retention issues result when a council has failed to engage a member and show the value of his membership. These issues can be overcome by discovering where this breakdown occurred

You are your Programs Monday 12/19/22 at 7PM CST (8PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3594336923720450574>

We will cover in this training

Understand the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members.

Construct a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. u Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Identify the council's flagship program(s).

Access the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendars.

Develop a calendar for the next 6-12 months that responds to the council's mission statement and addresses some of the council's strengths and weaknesses identified above.

Understand the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

Grand Knight Halftime Tuesday 12/20/22 at 7PM CST (8PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7758391967270991631>

We cover in this training

Do a report card on how the council has done so far. Readjust your goals or make new goals. Run through a calendar for the second half of the fraternal year.

Jon Olson

Associate Regional Growth & Training Director (Midwest Region)

Jon.olson@kofc.org

St. Joseph Icon Program – Schedule

Literature can be ordered through supreme with only a shipping fee. Simply have your Financial Secretary order any material you may need the same as he would order any other item. Free Orders are limited to 500 prayer cards and 100 pamphlets. Available in either Spanish or English.

Questions or Issues should be sent to the Icon Coordinator SK Dennis Bednarek 262-470-4477 or DFBednarek48@gmail.com. If and When this schedule is modified the new schedule will be posted on the State Website under forms. Please remind Councils to file a form #10784 Fraternal Programs Report Form with Supreme as well as sending copies to Forms@WIKOFC.com and My DFBednarek48@gmail.com.

Transfer Date	Icon 1	Icon 2	Icon 3	Icon 4
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	64	6	47	25
Tuesday, February 8, 2022	65	open	45	23
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	70	3	43	21
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	68	4	51	31
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	72	5	52	32
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	67	8	42	22
Tuesday, August 2, 2022	73	13	40	24
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	49	2	41	30
Tuesday, October 11, 2022	50	open	26	29
Tuesday, November 15, 2022	48	80	46	27
Tuesday, December 13, 2022	63	85	44	28
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	62	91	14	90
Tuesday, February 28, 2023	69	83	10	89
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	60	81	11	87
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	61	82	12	47
Tuesday, June 13, 2023	66	State	9	State
Tuesday, July 18, 2023	71		State	



Silver Rose 2023 Update

I have received from the Supreme Council the 2023 Silver Rose Schedule. We will receive it from Iowa on the weekend of July 15-16 and will be transferring it to Illinois on the weekend of August 12-13. This gives us an additional week from last year where I had to double many councils on the same day. Supreme emphasized that they strongly consider the number of forms #10784 submitted by each state when determining how long each state will have the Silver Rose.

In the next few weeks, I'll be contacting the Iowa and Illinois Council on where we can mutually agree upon a transfer point. I will also be accepting requests from Councils to host the Rose throughout the state at this time. Last year we had many more requests than days and this year again I will need to prioritize requests. My priority system will be 1st Councils that were not able to host it last year, and secondly Councils that had filed a form #10784 with Supreme last year. Remember that the services or a mass should be held in a Church rather than a Club house to give the maximum reverence to Our Lady of Guadalupe, if at all possible. Councils that are serving multiple parishes should strongly consider the possibility of more than one service in a day between their parishes.

I'm now open to requests for councils wishing to host the Silver Rose in 2023. Please send your Request to me at DFBednarek48@gmail.com in your request please include:

Town

Parish Name

District #

Council #

Contact Name

Contact Email

Contact Phone#

Vivat Jesus

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