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KC STATE NEWSLETTER "PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP" **JANUARY 2023**

State Deputy's Message

By John Huttenhoff

BROTHERS, MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year. We are now halfway through the Fraternal Year. We have accomplished a great deal in just six months.

- ► As a State, we ordered 102 cases of Coats for Kids
- ► The State Council awarded over \$100,000 in Culture of Life Grants.
- Wisconsin ranks in the top 10 states for support to Pregnancy Support Centers (ASAP Grant Applications, and ASAP Donations).
- ► As a State Council, we brought in over 460 new members.
- ► 142 Councils have recruited a new member since July 1.
- ► 114 Councils are fully Safe Environment Compliant.
- Councils continue to create new and innovative programs.
- ► 105 Councils have credit for a Fraternal Benefit Night, with 55 Councils having credit for 2 Fraternal Benefits Nights.
- ► A new Council was formed in Elk Mound

We started the Fraternal Year with some very aggressive growth goals. We are on track to meet many of them thanks to the hard work of the Councils in Wisconsin. Thank you for choosing to lead your Councils, Districts, and Diocese. We could not accomplish all of this without each of you.

New Years is traditionally a time to assess where we are at, and then make Resolutions to improve in areas where we want to improve. Some areas where we need to improve at the State Council level.

 Continue to Focus on New and Innovative Programming that will

- attract young men and their families.
- ► Improve Communication in Social Media, Flocknotes, Badger Bulletins, and State Newsletters.
- ➤ Develop Personal Relationships with Knights throughout the State by having State Officers, and Diocesan Leaders visiting Council Meetings and Events.
- ► Provide more Training Opportunities for Council Leaders
- ► Invite more men to take on Council, District, Diocesan, and State Leadership Positions.
- ► Grow our Faith Programs
- ► Leverage our Fraternal Benefits Nights by better promoting them in our Councils and Parishes.
- ► Improve our Safe Environment Compliance

All of this will take a focused effort by our Council Leaders, District Deputies, Diocesan and State Teams. We need to move our Councils from maintenance mode into Mission Mode. We are all called to Grow in our Faith, and then to Evangelize, both through our words and Actions. We are all called to share the gifts that we have been given to serve others. As you meet with your Councils in January, please take time to reflect on the accomplishments that your Councils had in the first half of the Fraternal Year, and then make plans to Grow in Faith, Evangelization, and Service in the second half of the Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!



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State Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Brian Dulli

WORTHY BROTHER KNIGHTS and Sir Knights. In this new year, I wish to encourage all of our knights to renew your basic commitment to living as a "practical Catholic". Every time I've heard that word used, I wondered how it's practical Catholic and not "practicing Catholic". The second phrase is much more common right?

As it turns out, a practical Catholic is every bit a practicing Catholic. In some specific ways, a practical Catholic is even more involved in the faith. Practicing sounds like something that we are always trying to learn but never put into practice. Do you follow me? You can't win a game if all you do is practice. At some point you have to apply what you have learned to the real situation on the field. That's just practical.

Often in my life, I've felt like I learned everything about the faith that I could learn from, classes, articles or books. That's not true of course but it can feel like that as a priest. But for all the knowledge, why do I feel like I choke? I want to give a talk and I'm not sure what to say. Or I want to introduce a friend to Jesus and I'm scared to say the wrong thing. My faith seems good when I practice it at home or in church. Out in the field, it's another story.

Something's missing right? As a youngster, I used to think that faith was going to "fix me". Now I understand that faith focuses me. Each of us men, we have our shortcomings. Being Catholic is not a surgical procedure. Jesus doesn't just cut out our shortcomings. He focuses us on His love. With that mission and purpose for living, we can accept help in the midst of our personal shortcomings and the world's. Jesus is never going to quit working with us. He love us and He works with what the Father gives Him. Hey, that's you and me, some broken people that God calls.

Jesus is the most practical one of all of us. He is fully committed to saving us in some very interesting and imperfect situations. Sounds like we could learn from our Lord best. He didn't spend all his time practicing just to wait for the right moment where everything seemed right. Jesus Christ is involved in the nitty gritty. So what are some ways that you need to work on practicing the faith better? In what situations is God calling you to a more practical expression of your Catholic faith? +

Fraternally Yours in Christ!



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WE STAND WITH UKRAINE

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 AFFECTED BY THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE.

Membership Director's Message

By Corey Coonen, IPSD

RECENTLY MY WIFE and I watched the new movie 'Spirited' which is a newer musical adaptation on the Charles Dickens' classic movie 'A Christmas Carol'. The intent of the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future in both this new adaptation as well as the classic film is to show the impact that an individual has onto the lives of so many others.

One person. One action. Maybe even one word. It all creates a Ripple Effect that potentially can impact so many other lives. Upon reflection I feel that this is also true of what we offer with membership to the Knights. Giving opportunities to a man to better himself by joining our great organization—in turn they will impact hundreds, maybe even thousands of others' lives.

The family that we bring into the Knights today, may in turn go on to serve others in the future. And after receiving gifts of charity from others, another family may return this action to others in the future. A Ripple Effect that lasts well beyond one's lifetime!

Giving the 'gift' of membership in the Knights is something that we should be offering to every Catholic man. It's our responsibility to make a difference in that man's life and to make him a better husband, better father, and overall, a better Catholic citizen in our Community! We all become stronger by engaging in this message. Think of the Ripple Effect that could be caused if we can help a Father on his spiritual journey and in turn, he shares that with his kids—who continue in faith to the Catholic Church—causing a Ripple Effect on the future growth of our church. This Ripple Effect is exactly what will come about from the Eucharistic Revival and is something that we need to be fully supportive and engaged

Recently though, I heard once again from some that 'we only want 'quality' members.' This statement has always bothered me for many reasons. First and

foremost, who defines or can judge 'quality'?

Quality is often something we see and agree with. Quality should be defined as what a person does in their journey to make themselves better. The step that they take may look small to you but might be monumental to them.

Further—many individuals that do acts of kindness and in their 'heart' are pure in their intentions, we would never know as we should not boast of these actions. 'Random acts of kindness' as they are to go unnoticed yet have a potentially meaningful impact on an individual. Whether it be helping a struggling mom at the grocery store purchase items she would have had to put back as she didn't have the means to afford; or purchasing a meal for a stranger at a restaurant—doing sometimes the simple things without credit or glory has a greater impact than those we do in public view only for recognition and credit! That humble, kind, and generous individual is one that I would want in my council every day of the

Finally, why I am focused on this message is that our decisions in offering membership as well as our attitude towards membership growth and our Brother Knights have a lasting Ripple Effect on our Councils' effectiveness. If as leaders we are passionate about growing our order and our charitable works, our council members may get on board with this passion. If we become dismayed and complacent, thinking that growing membership is all for naught, then this same attitude will permeate within our council. If our Councils, as outlined above, continue to shrink more than grow, then this means that the Ripple Effect that will be felt in the future is less charitable works—less acts of kindness—less impact helping others. What we do today as Knights makes a difference today as well as in the future! It was members of the past, that helped give us this opportunity today! Don't let their Ripple Effect of offering membership to you be a negative Ripple Effect in the future! +



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Halfway-Thru Shout Outs

District Deputies that have achieved 100% of their membership quota

District 42

Dale Emerton 125% of goal

25 new members

District 47

Kevin Boening 165% of goal

32 new members

District 64

Andy Orgovan 118% of goal 25 new members

Councils that have achieved 100% or more of their Supreme Membership Quota*

Council 16171 (5 new members)
Council 4520 (7 new members)
Council 4697 (5 new members)
Council 17459 (5 new members)
Council 17135 (5 new members)
Council 6568 (21 new members)
Council 2689 (5 new members)
Council 973 (15 new members)
Council 499 (7 new members)
Council 12588 (5 new members)

KICKING IT INTO GEAR 2023: January 1st thru March 31st Membership Incentive:

If a council adds and exemplifies new members in January, February and March equal to 50% or greater of their MEMBERSHIP GOAL set by Supreme, then they will receive a 30% reduction on their April 1st per-capita invoice.

WHY ARE WE CONSTANTLY SENDING ENCOURAGING MESSAGES TRYING TO 'GROW' MEMBERSHIP?

Unfortunately, so far this year we have 119 councils in our State (roughly 40%) that have 'shrunk' and are net/net negative on the year. This is even before Councils start submitting members to the 'Affiliate Council' this next month—which will further shrink our councils in size.

- ► Green Bay (27 councils net/net negative—40%)
- ► LaCrosse (25 councils net/net negative—40%)
- ► Madison (23 councils net/net negative—36%)
- ► Milwaukee (27 councils net/net negative—40%)
- ► Superior (17 councils net/net negative—43%)

Last year—we ended the year with 229 of our Councils

being net/net negative—as the Affiliate program allowed councils to move brothers out of their council who are not finding value in the council they belonged to. This means that 77% of our Councils declined in size this past year! As we spoke at the District Deputy Meeting and at the Diocesan Tours—growing our Membership and growing our Programs in the State is of equal importance, and always has been! If Councils aren't 'growing' then their programs and charitable impact unfortunately in the future will shrink ...

NOTE: As a State, these 22 councils have combined to bring in 185 new members in the first 6 months. That means that roughly 7% of our councils in our State have contributed almost 40% of the membership growth we have had to date! Unfortunately—158 councils have brought in 0 new members—which means just over half of our councils are not growing in their community. **WHAT A GREAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION FOR EACH OF THESE COUNCILS TO TAKE ON—TO HELP OUR STATE GROW AND BECOME MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE!** OF NOTE: We have 42 councils that have yet to bring in a new member *but have an e-member* assigned to their council. Please reach out to these brother Knights to bring them into your community programs in the fraternal spirit that we are known for.

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Council newsletter has been edited by Joshua Hopper, a 3rd Degree member of the Monsignor Blecha Council #2055 in Menomonie, WI. He may be reached for article submissions at jjhoppermusic@gmail.com.

Submissions are due by the 27th of every month.

State Advocate's Message

By Don Schoenherr

BROTHER KNIGHTS, I hope you had a very joyous Christmas this year. In a few days we will be welcoming the New Year, which of course means we are nearing the half-way point of our fraternal year. There are still 49 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, 79 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. 116 councils are compliant with many in the pending status.

At this time you should be considering your delegate representation for the state convention and getting them registered for the convention. Anyone may attend the convention, but you need to be at least a 3rd degree knight in order to attend the business meeting. If your council has a resolution to be considered, please send them to me ASAP, I must have them by Feb 10. Any resolution received by me after that date will not be considered.

Councils do not need to send in their member anniversary lists this year. We were able to get a breakdown from Supreme this year listing our 50, 60, 70, 75 and 80 year anniversary members. Vivat Jesus!



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General Agent's Message

By Tim Nowak

MOST GOOD CATHOLICS have heard the song Mary did you Know? This month's Columbia magazine has an article on page 19 titled, "Joseph, did you Know?" I would like to draw your attention to this article for a couple of reasons. The First reason is that while most are familiar with Mary's Fiat, her "Yes" to becoming the of Mother of Jesus. What is less clear is what Joseph thought when he learned that Mary was pregnant even though they had had no relations. The article explains a few things about this, and I hoped that you would benefit from this as I did. The second reason is that, like the article, a lot of members of the Knights of Columbus are well of aware of some key parts of the Knight's story there are still many aspects of this story that are less known.

I have been asked many times, "Why are the Knights so concerned about getting new members?" I have also been asked why the insurance with the Knights is always talked about. I would like to provide some additional information to those questions in such a way that it might benefit you in continued activities with the Knights of Columbus. First, I believe that, not unlike the United States in the early days, the Catholic church was not given a place of reverence on the town square. When I went to New Haven, the place of our order's founding, New Haven has a town square that has four sides yet no Catholic Church there. This was mostly because they were not allowed on the square. Today many don't realize the gift of every town having a Catholic Church with a place of belonging representing the true presence of Christ in their community. Most Knights Councils were started in the early 1900's and most became the activity hub of that Catholic community. Now most churches have many organizations doing all sorts of activities and the Knights are getting lost in the shuffle.

This is a problem because the Knights are the defenders of all others and one in solidarity with our Priests. I know a church that was once surrounded by the KKK threatening to burn it to the ground with a Priest inside until the Knights arrived in force to prevent such a tragedy. We need more motivated younger men to be called to the service of the poor, the fatherless and widows just like when we started. We pray for them to make sure no one is vandalizing our churches and communities. So, the need is still very real, and I would argue that more immediate than ever.

We should be called to talk about our insurance programs and why they exist as well as to share our story and our mission. In Connecticut our Founder Fr. McGivney saw with his own eyes that no one would insure the immigrants of the time, especially the Irish immigrants coming to America to escape the famine in Ireland. While he looked to solve this problem, he began to notice other fraternal organization were forming to protect their members with insurance. He thought if we do this, we can strengthen the bond between Catholics and rally around a mission to protect widows and orphans. With humility I would say his plan worked. The reason we exist is still to protect Catholics in need even though today more companies will insure us, we still have an underlying problem. Most of those companies vote against what we believe as Catholics with our own money. So, an everpresent reason to do business with our insurance is to do like the first degree says, if all things are equally purchase your protection from us for the greater good of all Catholics. Brother, Did you Know?

Merry Christmas and Happy New year! + Vivat Jesus!





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Join the Fourth Degree!

By Duane Zaborowski

MANY PEOPLE SEEM to think that the 4th degree is only a social organization with meals and then attendance at Brother Knights funerals. This is far from the truth. The 4th degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus and we strongly support our country, our flag, veterans and other programs. Some ideas of things that Assemblies in the state are doing: Welcome home veterans that are on honor flights, Fund raisers for honor flights, Strong supporters of the Christmas in July program with the Marshfield hospital for children and having fundraisers for the various K-9 programs with the local police departments. These are just a few of the many wonderful activities that the 4th degree participates in each year. I will attempt to feature one or two every so often. Please consider joining the 4th degree. You do not have to be an honor guard as that is optional. The question that the Wisconsin Masters have for you – why do only 18% of 3rd degree knights join the 4th degree? Please feel free to let us know and consider joining the 4th degree at one of the exemplifications this coming May in either Stevens Point or Beaver Dam. Thank you! +







THE BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

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.

Click here to register!





What Great Content Looks Like

(extract from Supreme Public Relations and Publicity Guide)

What do Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and "evangelizing catechesis" have to do with each other? Read Archbishop Lori's address to the State Deputies at their winter meeting - you won't regret this short read.

So, what does Archbishop Lori's message to the State Deputies have to do with marketing and promotions?

What are marketing and promotion - isn't that the same thing?

Well, not really. Marketing focuses on increasing awareness of your council while getting your story in front of potential prospects. Promotions are the final marketing step – they provide the incentive to turn prospects into members. So, marketing vs. promotion is about awareness vs. conversion.

With the start of the new year, it's time to sit down and set the tone for this 2023. So let me offer three 'new year's resolutions for your consideration:

- ► According to the Pew Research Center, roughly 93% of adults get at least some news online. So, it's high time you integrated your outreach to online media sources. Find a way to utilize social media, either through your parish or your own outlets.
- ► Find an interesting story about your council and tell it!
- ► Take better pictures. Think Knights in Action! They say pictures are worth a thousand words. While this adage might sound like a tired cliché, it has a basis in scientific fact:
 - Visual content gets more engagement than text alone, which is true of social media posts, blog content, and press releases. According to research,
 Facebook campaigns with visual content receive 65% more engagement than those without.
 - Tweets with visual content are 94% more likely to be retweeted than textonly tweets.
 - Online users prefer video over any other form of content.
 - According to Social Science Research Network, 65% of people are visual learners, so when you provide multimedia assets with your content, you are helping most readers process your message more efficiently.

There you have it! Here's wishing you a happy and prosperous new year. +

Vivat Jesus! Jack Wrbanich







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.

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Applications by Roles	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	Х	X	X	Х				х	х	х	
State Secretary	Х	Х	X	Х				Х	х		
State Treasurer	Х	X	X	Х				х	Х		
State Advocate	Х	X	X	Х				Х	Х		
State Warden	Х	X	X	Х	,			X	Х		
Immediate Past State Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Executive Secretary	Х	X	X	X				Х	Х		
State Membership Director	Х	Х	X	Х				Х	Х	х	
State Program Director	Х	X	X	X				х	х		
State Round Table Chairman	Х		X	Х				х	Х		
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		
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Current E-Membership Rates

CLASS / TYPE - as of date	11/30/2022	12/27/2022	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	203	197	-6
INSURANCE	42	44	+2
INACTIVE	11	11	No change
NO TRANSFER	45	45	No change
HONORARY	0	0	No change
HONORARY LIFE	0	0	No change
AFFILIATE in 97048	1973	1971	-2
EXEMPT	3	3	No change
ASSIGNED	140	138	-2
UNASSIGNED	8	8	No change
TOTAL	254	252	-2

New E-Members #)	166	198	+32
New E-Members % (Target: 325)	51%	61%	+10%
Conversion into a council #	98	130	+32
Conversion into a council %	59%	66%	+ 7 %
Intake #	1212	1243	+31
Conversion into a council #	894	930	+36
Conversion into a council %	74%	75%	+1%

Note: 12-27-2022 is 49% of the fraternal year passed. We are above our intake target, but we need to convert these e-members into council members, especially the 61 e-members assigned to 42 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	377	116%
2021-22	422	364	86%
2022-23	325 (465 previously)	198	61%





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. +

Vivat Jesus! William G. Hitt WI Online Membership Coordinator





Our Lenten Duties as Knights

By Ernie Reinhart

ASH WEDNESDAY IS right around the corner (February 23, 2023). As Knights the Lenten season should be our busiest time of year. Councils should be first in line to help Father during the season.

It is important for councils to have a well thought out plan during this busy time. Having a plan helps ensure that parishes are fully supported. Your plan should include the five W's of who, what, where, when and why. Councils should review tentative plans with Father to ensure their efforts it supports his priorities.

Ask the following questions when thinking about your Lenten programs plans:

- ▶ Does your council have a program plan for Lent?
- ► Have leaders meet with Father about his priorities for Lenten programs?
- ► How will your council support the men, women & children of your parish?
- ▶ Will members of your council be visible in your parish during Lent?

It is important that plans include everyone in parish, men, women, and children of all ages. Additionally, programs should be planned that support families. Below are some FIA programs that councils may consider during the season.

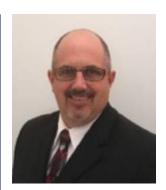
Faith:

- ► Spiritual Reflection*
- ► Holy Hour*
- ► Family:
- ► Family Prayer Night*
- ► Good Friday Family Promotion
- ► Community:
- ► Habitat for Humanity*
- Helping Hands
- ▶ Life:
- ► Pregnancy Center Support* / ASAP
- ► Christian Refugee Relief
- ▶ *Featured Program

When planning your programs be sure to invite everyone in the council to participate. Reach out to Brothers that are no longer active in council activities. Let them know the council is alive, well and that they are missed.

Additionally, invite men who are not yet brothers to help. Let them get to know the Knights of Columbus and the good things your council does for the parish. +

Vivat Jesus!



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CHARITY RAFFLE UPDATE

By Bernie Heit

This season of Christmas is a great time to put our primary principle of charity into practice. Many families throughout this great state, by no fault of the own, get into desperate situations. We have all heard of the heart wrenching stories of families devastated by the monumental circumstances they are placed in and many of us have experienced them first hand. We need to be the beacon of hope in these times. This raffle does that in a way that no individual or council can. Tickets are \$5 a piece and the drawing will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Green Bay, WI, on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

DO YOUR PART to help Wisconsin families, SELL, PURCHASE, or TRADE

Total Prize List - \$124,000

1st - 2023 F150 XLT or \$50,000

2nd - Harley Davidson Motorcycle or \$25,000

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BROTHERS, AS WE move into January and the new calendar year, hope you had a great Holiday season. Now its time to get moving toward completing your FiA program goals in Community/Youth and all the 4 areas you need to earn your Columbian Award and State Outstanding Council Award! Also, remember your Fraternal Survey (1728) and Special Olympics Participation Report (filed this year on a Form 10784) – both due January 31!

Here in January in the Community/Youth area, our major focus is in the following areas:

THE KNOWLEDGE AND FREE THROW CONTESTS

The council and District window for these is December 1, 2022-March 18, 2023. All the necessary information and supplies for the Knowledge Contest can be downloaded from the State website. The updated Council test will be available from the secure area of the website for GKs, DDs by early January. If you have copies of the 2022 or earlier tests, they can be used if necessary. The Diocesan Contests will be coordinated by Diocesan Program Coordinators between March 24 and April 16.

The same windows for Council, District and Diocesan Free Throw Contests apply as those listed above. If DDs are holding a District Free Throw Contest, you need to order your medals for winners through Supplies Online. Supreme covers the cost, but DDs still need to order them. Information for the Free Throw Contest can be downloaded from the State website. Supply kits can be ordered from Supreme via Supplies Online. Diocesan Contests will also be organized by DDs between March 24 and April 16, 2023. The State Contests will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids.

NOTE: Green travel cards can be obtained from DDs, DPCs, State Office or contact me.

For the Free Throw Contest in 2023, Councils and Districts are free to have the contestants either shoot the Free Throws in 5 shot increments or all 25 at a time. However, at the Diocesan and State levels, this year they will all be shot consecutively except for the tie breakers.

THE CULTURE OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

This is being held from January 1-February 28, 2023. It operates the same as usual. All necessary information can be downloaded from the State website. The topic for 2023 is "How

Can I Help to Promote Adoption as an Alternative to Abortion for Women and Teens in Crisis Pregnancies in My School, Parish and Community? How Can I Help Crisis Pregnancy Centers to Promote This Mission to Aid the Unborn?"

Essays are due to Councils by February 15. Winners are due to DPCs by February 28-March 1.

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTESTS

These should be done by now. State "True Meaning of Christmas" (grades 1-4) Council-winning posters are due to your DPC by January 15. Supreme "Keep Christ in Christmas" winners (ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-14) are due to me by January 15. Be sure that your posters have proper entry forms attached to them. Wrong forms may well land your posters in the wrong contest!

COATS FOR KIDS

It's still cold out, so if you haven't already done so, a Coats for Kids Drive is still quite appropriate including not only coats but hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, boots, snow pants, spring jackets, etc.

Inside projects around the parish and community are certainly in order for your Helping Hands or Habitat for Humanity programs.

With spring on the horizon, start planning now to do a Global Wheelchair fundraiser, organize plans for a Soccer Challenge program or Hockey Skills program. Spring also brings the threat of flooding, tornadoes, sever storms, etc., so you may wish to assist the parish and/or community to review and update their Disaster Preparedness plans, supplies, etc.

Finally, a reminder to pick your best Community Program for 2022-23 and complete your State Council Program Awards entry form (STSP 2/21) for that program. Be sure to include details, photos, newsletter and bulletin or newspaper reports, etc. to supplement your report. Do this for all 4 of your best FiA programs and file them with the State Forms address or send them directly to State Office or State Program Director Ernie Reinhart by March 1!

Wishing you well in January. +

Vivat Jesus! Bill Frayer

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:10



ULTRASOUND PROJECT

Port Washington - Ozaukee Council #2035 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.

Ozaukee Council #2035

SK George Ploof 1140 Auburb Rd. West Bend, WI 53090 (262) 388-8806 Cell ploofgr@gmail.com

Manitowoc Council #710

GK Joe Debilzen 1515 Kellner St. Manitowoc, WI 54220 (920) 629-1601 Cell joe.janet.debilzen@gmail.com

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 member 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 10, 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 go here!

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 this link!

More information can be found on page 16 of this newsletter.

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). +

Vivat Jesus! Dan Miller



IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVE NOT FILED Council activities and donations, remember to online file with Supreme by January 31st. This includes ID checks given to the Team Drive or to a local group. Man hours and members should also be reported along with events.

TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE: As we area in going into our 9th month of the drive, I am happy to announce that we have received \$40,024.63 to date. Thank You, we are off to a good start towards our Goal of \$150,000.00.

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.

PLEASE remember Special Olympics monies can come from a Fundraiser, Council Donation, and/or Charities account. Some Council's have taken up a collection at meetings or have published an article in their newsletter for members to make personal donations.

EVENTS coming up that Councils or members can volunteer at:

March 5: Region 8, Basketball, Milwaukee ~Amber Weinfurter, 262-518-2314

March 5: Region 6, Basketball, Verona ~ Nicole Christensen, 608-442-2670

March 5: Region 4&5, Basketball, Neenah ~ Megan Quandt, 920-659-5911

March 12: District 4&5, Swimming, Oshkosh

March 18: District 2,3 & 6, Swimming, Wis Rapids ~ Nicole Christensen, 608-442-5670

March 18: Sectional Basketball, Mukwonago ~ Brooke Trewyn, 262-518-8316

March 19: Sectional Basketball, UW Stevens Point ~ Michaela Harrison, 715-204-9696 +

Vivat Jesus!

John Benisch

REMEMBER TO FILE REPORT #10784 WHEN YOUR COUNCIL RUNS A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM!

- 1). You can account for, and report your hours spent with the event, including anyone that helped.
 - 2). You can track your dollars spent and raised!
 - 3). Helps track your hours and dollars raised for your annual Fraternal Survey
 - 4). It will help you when filling out your SP-7 form in the spring to go towards your Columbian Award.
 - 5). It will give you a blueprint of success to use year after year!

Go here to get started!



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Be sure to submit the council's Christmas poster contest winners to the next level of judging by January 15th. For the True Meaning of Christmas poster contest, send the winning posters to your diocesan program coordinator. For Supreme's Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, send the winning posters to the Community Director William Frayer.

Be sure to fill out the 10784 form ideally by January 15th and **FORWARD** the PDF to forms@wikofc.com.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

If your council celebrated the event on the January 1st weekend, be sure to fill out the 10784 form by February 1st and FORWARD the PDF to forms@wikofc.com.

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. 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 here.

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.

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.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Thank you again for an amazing month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post. Check it out! Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is the Collin and Amnika Konetzke from Madison's St. Maria Goretti Council #17889 in District 47. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

Diocese

Milwaukee Diocese led with 69% district participation with the Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting 13 families.

District

55% of the districts submitted at least one family. Districts on Fire: Two districts submitted three or more families and twelve districts submitted two families.

Council

There was no new council submitting a family of the month. There were 47 families submitted to forms@wikofc.com. Unfortunately, four families were not submitted and were considered for being a diocesan family of the year. Gentlemen, please remember to FORWARD your 10784 forms to forms@wikofc.com!

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 Uchytil

Green Bay	Mike & Diane Jordan
Madison	Todd & Karla Timmerman
Superior	Gary & Jean Salfer
La Crosse	PCCW Group
Milwaukee	Michael & Katie Delemont





ENHANCING MEMBER EXPERIENCE ~ MONDAY 1/9/23 AT 7PM CST (8PM EST)

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 occurs.

DELTA DRIVE

WEDNESDAY 1/11/23 AT 6PM CST (7PM EST)

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.

FORMS & THE SUPREME WEBSITE WEDNESDAY 1/23/23 AT 7PM CST (8PM EST)

Many councils have been struggling with where and how to fill out the forms on the Supreme website. Where do we find them? How do we fill them out? Who can fill out the online forms? Who has access? Lots of questions to go through and we will get the answers together.

GRAND KNIGHT HALFTIME TUESDAY 1/25/23 AT 7PM CST (8PM EST)

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. +

Contact Jon Olson for more information.

Vivat Jesus! Jon Olson

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!

SK Dennis Bednarek, PGK, PFN, FDD Wisconsin State Council Silver Rose Chairman

Cell: (262) 470-4477



WHAT YOUNEED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING

By: Veronica Franchino

Protect those you love. Learn more now.

Wisconsin's Knights of Columbus have recently committed to support efforts to better understand and fight human trafficking.

T ducation is a critical tool in the fight against sex trafficking. The more we know and the more information we share the better chance we have to make a difference.

It's happening everywhere.

Before the pandemic, Det. Roger Baker, a now-retired member of the Madison police department, estimated roughly 200 people were being trafficked every day in Madison. And it's not just happening in bigger cities: Sex trafficking has been reported in every Wisconsin county.1

It can start at a very young age

According to Anti-Trafficking International, the average age of exploitation in the U.S. is 12-15 years old.²

It often starts online...

According to the Polaris Project, a non-profit organization that works to combat and prevent trafficking, online is the top place to recruit. Chat rooms, online gaming communities, social media and dating apps are all common "hot spots" where traffickers entice and groom children and teens.

It often starts innocently—fun conversations with someone who seems to be the child/teen's age, shares their interests and understands what they're going through. Someone who "gets" them.

Soon, the trafficker takes advantage of what the child perceives as a friendship or romantic relationship and makes requests that are sexual in nature—maybe asking for a nude photo. Those images are then shared or sold by the trafficker and also used to blackmail the child into doing other things.

... but can quickly move offline

Often, an online relationship turns into an in-person meet-up. According to the Missouri Highway Patrol, it can be as little as eight days from the time a child meets a trafficker online until they meet in person.³

Even kids from "good families" can fall victim.

Human trafficking can happen to anyone—even kids from stable, "safe" suburban homes. Do a Google search on "Lacey's Hope Project," in Jackson, WI.

That said, some kids are more at risk and traffickers know it. Those dealing with loneliness or anger, substance abuse or mental health concerns, plus foster kids, runaways and the homeless are especially vulnerable.

Red flags to be aware of

The following could all be signs your child is being groomed or trafficked:⁴

- Unexplained gifts, cash or clothes.
- A big change in how they dress or a change in weight.
- New tattoos—these signify a trafficker's "ownership."
- New friends—especially older, controlling friends.
- A second cell phone from "a friend."
- Dating apps on their phone or tablet—these are used to connect buyers to victims and are also used to recruit.
- Changes in behavior and mood; self-harm or eating disorders.
- Unexplained aches and pains or a sexually transmitted disease.

What can you do now?

Talk to your kids about trafficking. Here are some resources that can help you find the right things to say:

- Operation Underground Railroad
- Fight to End Exploitation
- The Polaris Project

Talk about online safety. You can—and should—have more control and oversight with younger children. But once kids hit the teen years, you'll have to trust them to make smart choices. Give them guidelines for what is/isn't ok to post and to only chat online with people they know. Teach them to turn off location services when posting to social media and not to post photos that show their school or neighborhood. And be careful with the images and information YOU share on social media too.

- See the blog at our rescue.org for great resources related to online safety.
- Watch a recent internet safety program from safety expert Justin Patchin.

Call for help.

Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. You can also text them at 233733. For victim assistance in the Madison area, call Project Respect at 608-283-6435

References on page 22.

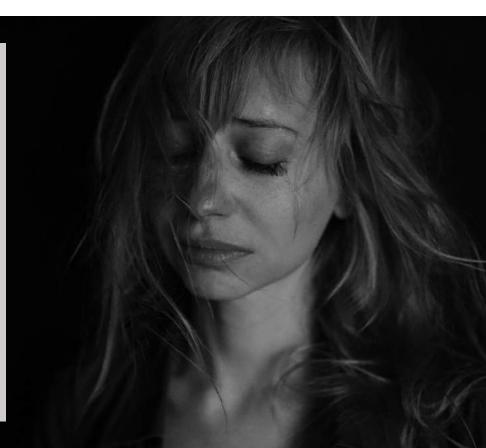
UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS IN THE MADISON DIOCESE

Tuesday, January 17

Blessed Sacrament @ 7:00 pm Former Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney will share an eye-opening presentation on trafficking in our area

Tuesday, February 7

Our Lady Queen of Peace @ 7-8:30 pm A multi-speaker panel will share personal experiences around trafficking, warning signs for parents and teens to be aware of and ways to get involved. For more information contact Vicky Franchino.





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	

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 dfbednarek48@gmail.com.





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