

# State Deputy's Message

### **By John Huttenhoff**

AS WE END the Fraternal Year, I want to thank WSW Michael Tennies, WSA Don Schoenherr, and WST Roland Breunig for all of their contributions over the past year.

• Worthy State Treasurer Roland Breunig did an outstanding job cleaning up years of financial records for us, as well as ensuring that our State Budget going forward is based on solid facts rather than gut feel. Roland you will be missed by all of us on the team.

• Worthy State Advocate Don Schoenherr was responsible for following up with Councils on Safe Environment Compliance and got us to 42% Compliance in the past Fraternal Year.

• Worthy State Warden Michael Tennies worked to build Team Milwaukee, including a full team of District Deputies as well as District Wardens in almost every District.

• I also want to congratulate WSW Ernie Reinhart, WSA Dr Jim Froh, and WST Ross Larson for stepping up to take on these positions in the new Fraternal Year.

As we begin a new Fraternal Year, I am proud to share with you the impact that the Knights of Columbus have had in our communities over the past Fraternal:

- Charitable Impact In Calendar 2022 Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin donated over 4.9 million dollars and 765 thousand hours.
- Aid and Support After Pregnancy ASAP Program – Wisconsin is number 3 in the order with over 353 thousand dollars donated in the past Fraternal Year, with an additional 3 thousand dollars donated at the State Convention, and 37 thousand dollars donated by Supreme.
- YouCat Bible Sacramental Gift Program Just short of 1400 bibles purchased the first year of the program.
- 1000 new members recruited in Wisconsin the past Fraternal Year.
- We added new Councils in Elk Mound and Milwaukee.

The impact that we have when we work together towards a goal is truly amazing. Thank you to all of our Councils and Leaders for making this happen.

This past weekend we held our Summer Meeting with the District Deputies in the State. We were blessed to have RGD James Caffrey from Colorado and Fraternal Trainer Jon Olson join us for a weekend of presentations and discussions on a wide range of

topics. We discussed the importance of moving our Councils and their Leadership from Maintenance mode into Apostolic Mission. As part of this change, we will be rolling out the Cor initiative in Wisconsin this Fraternal Year under the leadership of our State Director of Evangelization



and Faith Formation (EFF) Andy Orgovan and State Chaplain Fr Brian Dulli. Information on the rollout of the Cor initiative will be shared at District Meetings. We also reviewed the resources available on Officers Online, as well as resources that are available to Councils to help them succeed. District Deputies left the meeting Motivated and with the Tools and Resources needed to help all their Councils to Succeed.

As you know, planning is a key to success. Our plan this year is simple.

- Bring in at least 2 Members per District per Month
- Hold at least 1 Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in each District each Month
- Roll out the Cor initiative in Wisconsin
- At Least 1 Star Council in each District
- Continue to Grow our Charitable Impact in both dollars and hours
- Focus on Programs that truly make an impact on our Families, Parishes, and Communities.

The State Council has a plan, and we shared that plan with the District Deputies to be shared again with Councils at the District Meetings. I am asking that all Councils also develop a plan for the Fraternal Year that includes Programs, Fraternal Benefits, and Membership Growth. Councils will be asked to share their plans at their District Meetings.

I expect that the new Fraternal Year will bring plenty of challenges, but also many opportunities to grow our Councils and our Council Leadership. I am looking forward to working with our team of State Officers, State Directors and Coordinators, Diocesan Directors and Coordinators, and District Deputies on our Apostolic Mission as we implement the Vision and Mission that Fr McGivney left when he founded the Knights of Columbus 141 years ago.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey

# **State Chaplain's Message**

### By Fr. Brian Dulli

Worthy Brother Knights,

You are the good of the order. Summer is well and truly here. I pray that you have time for fruitful recreation with family and friends. Don't forget to pray. Our bodies and souls both need time for rest and recovery. Pray for rain. Pray for brother knights and their families. Pray for the good of the order. I encourage you whenever you take vacation days this summer, try to attend daily mass as often as you can. We easily come up with activities to renew the body. Sometimes we have so much to do on vacation that it can feel like work. It can then feel empty somehow and not as renewing as God intended recreation to be. Take Jesus on vacation with vou. Spend at least fifteen minutes a day in personal prayer with Christ. The Lord will renew your spirit on a deep level. So I ask, how are we using this time to draw closer to Jesus Christ?

Fr. McGivnev knew that the men of the Knights of Columbus are the work. More than what we do, our charitable works or our programs, the character of the Knight is work to which every chaplain is called since McGivney himself. I'm very grateful to Archbishop Lori, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, and the Board of Directors for funding an amazing Chaplains' Meeting in New Haven earlier in June. In two short days, we were all brought to the heart of our order. We learned about Blessed Fr. McGivney's life and vision, and I am now convinced that the impact of our founder is only just starting to have its full effect on the church. Glory to God! We traveled to Thomaston and Terryville, which were Fr. McGivney's first parishes where he served as pastor. In March, the parish in Thomaston was host to an apparent Eucharistic miracle, in which the hosts miraculously multiplied in the ciborium, to the point that the Eucharistic possibility feared the minister of overflowing. Check out this news report if you want to know more:

https://www.wfsb.com/2023/03/24/possibleeucharistic-miracle-happened-saint-thomaschurch-thomaston/

God is very interested in renewing the family and the Church with greater Eucharistic devotion and with the Knights of Columbus. Let that sink in. God looks at men of our order, ordinary Catholic men, and He sees renewal for the Catholic Church. It's humbling to have such trust from our heavenly Father We have inherited a great legacy of faith. There is so much more depth to the Knights of Columbus. I encourage everyone to learn more. Pray for the intercession of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivnev for miracles. If all we know is our local council meeting, we miss the beauty and challenge of the Knights. Fr. McGivney's priestly service is still a gift to us all. We need to connect with it even more deeply.

At New Haven, we learned a lot about the Cor Initiative. Let pray for our priests, that Cor will be an opportunity for them to connect us all with the core mission and heart of Fr. McGivney. Jesus Christ is at the heart of the order. In our pastors and chaplains, we have a man configured to the heart of Christ. Let us grow together as priests and brother Knights. Let us take on more of Jesus' heart as Fr. McGivney did. Cor is an evangelization initiative. McGivney cared most about the faith and family life of his men The best evangelization is when we build up men as leaders in the family and in the wider community.

Vivat Iesus!

Fr. Brian Dulli State Chaplain



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## **1 Step Forward - 1 Step Back:**

### By Corey Coonen, IPSD

As WE END this Fraternal Year, Wisconsin has been in a bit of a 'slow down.' As compared to May and June 2022 wherein we kicked it into gear in the last quarter of the year we had our slowest quarter in Membership Growth of the Fraternal Year - which isn't a good sign as we enter into the upcoming year. While I have some rational as to why this occurred, it isn't a good trend as we enter into the upcoming year with a much higher goal to achieve for Memberhip Growth.

I like looking at 'trends' to try and identify our problem areas and way's to 'help' which is what the leaders of the State Council are to do - HELP councils and be a leader in trying times. Everyone can identify problems - but leaders help find solutions and help act-not sit back.

**2022:** 103 inactive councils (not bringing in a new member)/**2023:** 98 inactive. councils.

2022: 65 councils hit 100% of their Membership Growth Goals/2023: 58 councils hit 100% of Membership 2022: 988 new members brought into our State / 2023: 1001 new members brought into the State.

**2022:** 17 Districts were at 100% of their Membership Goal/**2023:** 12 Districts were at 100% of their Membership Goal.

2022: 1 New Council Established/2023: 2 New Councils Established. 2022: Every District Active/2023: 1 District Inactive (DID NOT RECUIT A NEW MEMBER ALL YEAR)

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, we had brought in 509 new members and were ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in the Order our of 75 Jurisdictions. Last year we ended the year ranked 29<sup>th</sup> in the Order - so, we were on pace to exceed last year in both intake and rank order wide.

While we exceeded last year's intake as reference above, we finished the year 41<sup>st</sup> out of 75 Jurisdictions. On May

22<sup>nd</sup>, we had 914 new members and were ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the order. In little less then a month and a half we got surpassed by 7 Jurisdictions as our foot was let off the gas and had only brought in 87 new members over the last 6 week period of time. In our State over the past 2 years - we had had **51** Councils that have not recuited a 'NEW' Member into the Order.

Green Bay : La Crosse: Madison: Milwaukee: Superior: Total: 10 Councils 13 Councils 8 Councils 9 Councils <u>11</u> Councils 51

Now as an attorney with an opening argument might say - 'these are the 'FACTS', they can not be disputed. Why I present these facts to you is that it seems this past year for every step forward we may have taken, we have taken 1 step back. If as a team, if everyone isn't 'rowing' in the same direction, then simply put we will not make up any ground - we will be moving in place. So what does this mean for this coming year?

We have tasked each Council with identifying every Exemplification, Program Event and Membership Recruitment opportunity (Church Drive) for your upcoming year. By giving the State this information we will compile a 'CALENDAR' of activities in every Diocese and will have 'SUPPORT' assist with these various functions.

We don't have a litany of 'LEADERS' that are able to help councils on a whim - so we need to properly plan our calendars to support you best. This is our ASK of you. Your ASK to 'us', those individuals who are LEADERS in this volunteer organization, is to hold us accountable for being there to assist. ACCOUNTABILITY goes both ways. As we try to hold Councls accountable of doing their activities and reaching their goals, you too MUST hold those individuals who stepped forward to lead accountable to help you along the way.

TOGETHER we succed. DIVIDED we fail.

We need to make CHANGES to improve the PROCESS we have for brining in new members into the order - and this calendar and 'ACCCOUNTABILITY' to helping us is one solution that we have for doing so.

Further, there will be a few other 'solutions' that you will see in the first half of this Fraternal Year that is a 'change' from what we have done prior in both pre-planning and post-event execution to try and improve this process so that at mid-point this next year we can evaluate what worked, what needs to be modified, and what maybe needs to be scrapped as it wasn't effective.

For us to succeed in reaching our goals this year it will take EVERY COUNCIL ACTIVE, it will take EVERY DISTRICT ACTIVE, it will take those who stepped forward to LEAD to do so and together we will succeed. I want to thank everyone of you who have stepped forward to lead either this year or continue to lead as you have in the past. As referenced in all of my e-mails, THANK YOU for your service to the Knights—and let us know how WE can be of service to you!Each Fraternal Year is a 'NEW' chapter, a new beginning for all of us. Let's make this Chapter another successful one—better than the last in all areas of which we can improve!

Corey Coonen-IPSD, Membership Director

What will the Future hold? You control your Destiy...

# **General Agent's Message**

### **By Tim Nowak**

### BISHOPS, PRIEST AND State Membership,

My brother and sister in Christ greetings and Blessing from the Nowak Agency, and month has flown by with much talk about the dry weather and the smoke-filled days. I hope you doing well and continue to pray for rain for us and for our Canada neighbors to the north.

If you knew a secret, would you tell anyone if you were not promised to keep it between you and another person? What if it was such a cool secret that you couldn't hold it in what would you do? What if you believed that it could change your life and those you tell how would you do spread it? Well today I am going to share two secrets that some of you probably already know but either forgot or just have not heard it in a long time.

I was on flight in April and was blessed to sit by a Brother Knight and his Wife, as we start the flight me not knowing them and they not knowing me, (I know can you imagine) I had a prayer flier from St. Bridget of Sweden that I had pick up at St. Mary's in Menasha and was looking intently at it, and I asked them if they knew much about St. Bridget, to which I discover not only did they know of her, they spent the two and a half hour flight sharing with me the many wonders and promises of Christ to this wonderful faith filled Saint. What cause me the most surprise was the 15 promises of praying the rosary, which are listed on page 18. The second was a small book that Tom gave me called the Pieta which had many prayers and many great reasons to pray more often. St. Bridget had prayed to the Lord for him to share how many blows he was given during his Passion, and her prayers were answered, Jesus appeared to her in St. Paul's church in Roman and presented her with 15 prayers that if prayed for a year will give you many blessing and graces. I will not be providing here today but would encourage anyone interest to use the internet for Good.

The second secret that I would love to share today with you is about a person who almost broke the internet, with just 5 words, (because, I said I would). I have had the opportunity to hear this person speak about those 5 words twice now and each time it inspires me to share with people just like you. Because, I said I would is a perfectly sensible statement, but the meaning of the statement is even better. If we want the world to be a better place, we can do it by keeping our promises, and helping to make sure that others learn to do it too. Listen I know that sounds pretty simple and all that but it is quiet another thing to do it all the time when so many others do not. I have relationships with people who I know when we are talking that they are not going to do what they said they would do! I know each one of us have been hurt by both breaking or promises and someone not keeping one to us. It is the thing that if we help fix it, it change our world, our families world, and our communities and the Church. I encourage you to type those 5 words into the search bar on your computer and watch the talk given by Alex Sheen, it is a social movement dedicated to the betterment of humanity please check it out.

Then once you have as a Knight find away to do more Charity in the name of keeping promises, find a way to unite to the in your parish whom need your unity for what they are going thorough right now. Make your fraternity better by showing up and growing it, by invitation a personal one just like the one I am guess you got. Then asked Father over for dinner, and love him as much as he loves the Church.

It is the Change we need so lets get too it.

Vivat Iesus!

Tim Nowak General Agent



If we want the world to be a better place, we can do it by keeping our promises, and helping to make sure that others learn to do it too.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER

### 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!





### **Badger Bulletin Submission Guidelines**

Newsworthy **\Broad** Appeal **\Concise \Complete \Fractual \Accurate** 

Answers the Questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, How Badger Bulletin reports on local council activities throughout the entire State of Wisconsin

- Article size: 300 words ideal to 600 words max (half-full page)
- Articles need to be submitted a Word document attachment
- PDF submissions are for *ads or promotions* **not articles**.
- Pictures need to be sent <u>separately</u> as an attachment in their original form. Please do not format or edit them in any way. In
  - addition, please provide clearly labeled captions for each picture.
- Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- At a minimum, Who, What, When and Where needs to be in the first paragraph.
- Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and of interest to the entire State Council
- What is the event/activity about?
- Whom did it benefit?
- What was the result?
- Who are the key players/Knights?
- Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the Editors.
- Authors must submit on time per the Editor production calendar-Deadline 1st of each month.
- Late submittals will be placed farther down the newsletter or not <u>p</u>ublished.
- Proof your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (use spellcheck)
- Document filename should reflect the Council Number/office/
- title, i.e. Cover Story Submission\_Council2055\_MsgrBlecha
- Every Dioceses needs to participate one page of the Invocation will be dedicated to each Diocese respectively
- If a Diocese does not submit content their page will be eliminated from that issue
- Cover story submissions need to be submitted ahead of the deadline due to special photo editing.
- Cover story photos in portrait style at least 1mb in size not formatted or resized
- All articles should be sent to <u>pr@wikofc.com</u>

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*Vivat Jesus!* Jack Wrbanich

# Join the Fourth Degree

### By James TenPas & Duane Zaborowski Eastern & Western District Managers



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 when he visits your Parish. These are the Knights carrying the flag to center-field. These are the Knights who will stand by your widow 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.

They're present in their distinct regalia at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist. But there is more to being a Fourth-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

**Pictured:** Members of the Honor Guard from Assemblies 1209, 3210, 1204 and 1304 had the privilege to welcome the athletes to the Opening Ceremony at the Special Olympics Summer Games in Whitewater on June 8, 2023. + *Vivat Jesus!* 

Faith is something that sustains us.

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

# State Advocate's Message

### By GK Dr. Jim Froh

**WORTHY BROTHERS**, I am honored and blessed to have this opportunity to serve The Great State of Wisconsin's KOC fellow Brothers as your State Advocate. I was asked to give a brief introduction about myself so here goes.

Cindy and I have lived in Watertown area for the last 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years. We have been married for 46 years and have 3 boys. We also have 6 grandchildren and are members of St Henry/St Bernard's Catholic Church in Watertown. We have been active in the Church and community since moving here. I have a PhD in Leadership and have many years in the education field and in the business world. We are from Lake Mills and are both retired, but I do some teaching/consulting on the side.

Currently I am serving as Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus for Watertown council. I am also serving as the Faithful Navigator for Assembly 2275.

I bring to the table the Love of God and desire to serve others and to help make a difference. I will be working to serve you in the Safe Environment process and assist councils in parliamentarian rules and methods of conducting a council meeting. +



Vivat Jesus!

# **State Treasurer's Message**

### **By Ross Larson**

**MY DEAR BROTHER** Knight, I am very excited to welcome the new fraternal year and to take on the role of State Treasurer. I am equally sad to see so many State Officers move on to new adventures and I wish them only the very best in their new endeavors, I know we will continue to work together to make the Knights of Columbus the best organization possible. I wish to thank them for their generous service to us. In my case specifically, Worthy State Treasurer Roland has completed a total overhaul of the accounting practices for the State, dedicated countless hours and left incredibly large shoes for me to fill.

My goal for this fraternal year to connect with each Financial Secretary and to make sure he knows that I want to be a partner in his success. I am the Grand Knight of Queen of Apostles Council #16280 and I am blessed to have Andy Krautkramer as my FS. Andy's dedication to completing the required paperwork while still being fully involved with the good works of our Council is key to our fraternal-spirit. I hope to share Andy's ideas and learn more from the Wisconsin Financial Secretaries and then be able to share these "best-practices" with all.

State Per Čapita billing was due 05/31/2023. If your Council is now delinquent, please get that payment in to the Office. Payment of the Per Capita does NOT require voting or approval from the Council meeting, but is a financial commitment that the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary address as soon as possible. The reasoning is simple, just as a Council requires each Brother to pay dues to keep the Council on budget and able to perform our Faith In Action programs, so too does the State Council. The Per Capita is how we can send fire checks, sponsor Eucharistic Adorations, and host State Free throw competitions and such. If you sent in your Per Capita, thank you! If not, now you know why it is important and I appreciate your payment soon.

I pray that God blesses us and guides us in this new fraternal year. +

Vivat Jesus!





**BROTHER KNIGHTS ALL**, many of you may know me, as I have served as a Past State Officer for 8 years, the last position was that of State Secretary. I have also served as District Deputy for District 64 for 4 years, and most recently as Out of District, District Deputy for District 63 for the past 2 years. I am also the current Financial Secretary for Council 524 Pere Marquette in New Berlin, WI.

**First my thanks to Brother Knight William Hitt** who has served tremendously over the past 3 years as your State Online Membership Chairman. Brother Bill is taking a well-deserved break from this position, and our Worthy State Deputy John

Huttenhoff has asked me to take over this position as of July 1st. 2023. *Thank you, Brother Bill, for your due diligence.* 

I am honored to take on this position at our Worthy State Deputies request and look forward to working with the WGK's and WFS's of the State of Wisconsin as it pertains to Online Membership Prospects going forward.

As of this letter, I won't have my new Officers Online Credentials for this position until July 1st., so I do not have any statistics to report as of this time.

In the meantime, you can reach me by my <u>email</u> or by my cell phone # is 414-403-7504. I am semi-retired and work mornings Monday - Thursday until Noon, and can be reached anytime by text, email, or voice mail. +

Vivat Jesus! OMC Patrick Reiff



## **Missing Council Charity Grant Forms**

**Bernie Heit:** Updated list of councils missing Council Charity Grant forms (due May 1st), you will not receive your council charity check for raffle sales without this form submitted:

Green	Bay	La Cr	osse
1922	3	4295	20
2210	4	6599	21
4896	4	17021	21
17149	4	17459	21
12596	5	12468	22
16582	5	4592	23
10260	6	10158	23
10714	8	839	25
1033	9	16444	25
16217	9	1840	20
11305	10	3492	20
12393	11	12183	20
16729	11	12467	27
5382	13	4628	28
5844	13	5488	28
10552	13	16937	28
		7894	29

4963	30
11832	31
18057	#N/A
Madison	
4416	40
6151	40
12644	40
16994	43
9082	44
16863	44
1637	46
3450	46
4527	47
1669	48
15229	48
6997	

Milwa	ukee
2689	60
8817	60
1789	61
11129	61
2487	63
4648	64
973	67
14362	67
16710	68
4706	69
3464	70
4897	71
15659	72

Superior				
6759	81			
7106	91			



## **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.

	Role Description										
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	1.1	1.1.1.1						1			
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	1			X	X		
State Warden	X	X	X	X	1000			X	X	1	
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			1	X	X	1	
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	^	^	Λ	^				^	^		
District Deputy	x	x	x	X				X	X	x	
Council				^			-	*	•		
Grand Knight	v	x	v	x	v	-	x	v	x	v	x
Financial Secretary	X	X	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	X
Advocate						×					
Deputy Grand Knight	X	X	x	X		-	X	X	X		
Treasurer	X	X		X				X	X		-
	-		X	-	-	-					
Membership Director Assembly	X	X	X	X				X	X		-
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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	1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.		X	X	X		
Faithful Purser	X	X	X	X	1			X	X		

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### **Current E-Membership Rates\***

CLASS / TYPE - as of date	4/25/2023	5/24/2023	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	209	212	+3
INSURANCE	45	46	+1
INACTIVE	10	10	No change
NO TRANSFER	76	75	-1
HONORARY	0	0	No change
HONORARY LIFE	0	0	No change
AFFILIATE in 97048	2430	2430	No change
EXEMPT	3	3	No change
ASSIGNED	116	122	+6
UNASSIGNED	14	13	-1
TOTAL	264	268	+4

	New E-Members #)	331	359	+28
נ	New E-Members % (Target: 325)	102%	110%	+8%
-	Conversion into a council #	245	264	+19
	Conversion into a council %	74%	74%	No change
	Intake #	1375	1403	+28
	Conversion into a council #	1043	1066	+23
ξ	Conversion into a council %	76%	76%	No change
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05-24-2023 is 90% of the fraternal year passed. We have surpassed our online intake target, but having reached the intake goal set by Supreme is not a reason to stop utilizing this easy method for men to join the Order. We still need to convert these e-members into council members, especially the 23 e-members assigned to 16 councils not having taken in a new member yet this year. There are also a number of councils with 4, 5, & 6 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.

Please welcome past SO & DD Pat Reiff to the position of Online Membership Coordinator. He will take over the duties of the OMC as of July 1, 2023 – the new fraternal year. I'll still be here until that date.

### **Historical Data**

Year	Target	Intake	%
2017-18	Trial	29	NA
2018-19	214	134	63%
2019-20	214	139	65%
2020-21	324	376	116%
2021-22	422	364	86%
2022-23	325 (465 previously)	307	94%



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# The Time to Plan is Now

### **By Ernie Reinhart**

**BROTHERS, BELIEVE IT** or not it's time to prepare for next year. Councils should begin the Program Planning Process. Additionally, they need to think about how to keep the program team motivated. Lastly, they need to prioritize reporting of completed programs. Below are excerpts from our Faith in Action guide. Please know that that the State Program team is available to answer question and assist with program opportunities.

Future program newsletters will primarily celebrate successful programs. We will share innovative programs that support Fr. McGivney's vision. Innovative does not necessarily mean brand new programs. Innovative can mean traditional programs with a new twist. The goal is to increase participation of families, new brother knights, inactive knights, parishes, and communities.

### **PROGRAM PLANNING**

*Parish Pastor/Council Chaplain:* It is vitally important to discuss your tentative program plans with your pastor and his staff. Developing and aligning your goals with the pastor is an important and fundamental aspect of parish and community relations.

*Officer's Planning Meeting:* Council officers, the membership director, all program directors, committee chairmen, and your council chaplain, if available, should attend your planning meetings. Use these meetings to set the program calendar, establish recruiting goals, update the budget, and prepare motions for the upcoming council meetings. Use the Fraternal Planner to keep ahead of all required reports and program deadlines.

### **BEFORE THE OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETING:** Review the

programs that were conducted in the past year and examine the reasons for success or failure of each project. Copies of the Fraternal Programs Report Forms (#10784) submitted by council members in the past, and collected by the grand knight, will be helpful for your review. Develop a summary of each program and be prepared to discuss the analysis during the program portion of the Officers' Planning Meeting.

**Program Portion of the Officer's Planning Meeting:** During the programming portion of the Officers' Planning Meeting, your council officers should:

- Review the programs that were conducted in the past year
- Analyze each project
- Review and approve press releases for council activities
- Decide which programs should be repeated in the current fraternal year and which new programs should be included
- Assign directors and chairmen responsible for each program
- Assign tentative dates for each program and when each program will conclude. Establish a meeting schedule for the program committee
- Consider the parish calendar and review your plans with the pastor and his staff
- Set a budget for each program
- Prepare a list of proposed programs to present to your council for approval
- Direct the public relations chair to communicate upcoming programs to the parish and community in a timely fashion. Use the sample announcements available for many of the programs

*After the Officer's Planning Meeting:* If the pastor or chaplain was not in attendance, the grand knight should arrange to brief the pastor shortly thereafter and obtain approval for the planned programs. Arrangements should also be made for the required facilities.

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### KEEPING PROGRAM PERSONNEL MOTIVATED

The program director and committee chair are responsible for keeping volunteers motivated. Recognition for a job well done can go a long way to keeping morale high. Here are some suggestions:

- Publish the council's works in the parish and community media forums. Refer to the Public Relations and Publicity Guide (#2235) for assistance.
- Be sure that each Knight gets full credit and recognition for his work. An occasional personal note may mean a great deal to the recipient.
- Consider presenting a Certificate of Appreciation (#1462) to the directors, chairmen and other individuals who were instrumental in the success, of the program.
- Listen to the suggestions of your council members and acknowledge good advice. Tell your rother Knights that you appreciate their interest and will consider their ideas.
- Be prepared to listen when a member has a question or problem.
- Accept responsibility for your mistakes. This shows your team that you are human and fallible

### SUBMIT FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORTS

It is a best practice to keep good records of all programmatic activity. Do this by submitting the Fraternal Program Report Form (#10784). This form can only be submitted online.

The Department of Fraternal Operations collates all of the data received and provides monthly and quarterly reports to the state program teams. This is a great mechanism for councils to help track their progress toward achieving the Columbian Award (#SP-7).

In addition to the #10784, continue to use the following applications for these programs:

- RSVP Refund Application (#2863)
- Food for Families Refund (#10057)
- Ultrasound Diocesan Evaluation (#10715)
- Ultrasound Application (#10716)
- ASAP Grant Application (Online)

For an overview of forms, their due dates and how to submit them, review the <u>Program Forms</u> <u>Reference Guide.</u>

Vivat Jesus!



# Honor Flight 2023

### By Daniel Hull

**HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK** is a national nonprofit organization comprised of independent hubs working together to achieve the Honor Flight mission. In furtherance of this common goal, we have the enormous privilege of showing our nation's veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve.

Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, remember the fallen, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans. Honored veterans always travel free of charge, thanks to generous donations to our organization.

Honor Flight Network currently honors those who served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and veterans of any service era who are critically ill.

Over 125 hubs across the country form our Honor Flight Network. These hubs and their volunteers truly make our mission a success. They freely donate their time and talents to coordinate flights, bus trips, welcome home ceremonies, thousands of phone calls and so much more – all with the common goal to honor our nation's heroes with the trip of a lifetime.

Through Honor Flight Network's Lone Eagle program, we are able to serve those veterans who live in areas with no local hub, furthering the reach of our impact. +

Vivat Jesus!

202	2023 Wisconsin Honor Flight Schedule					
Fox Valley	Old Glory Honor Flight	July 28 & Oct 18				
North Central	Never Forgotten Honor Flight	Sept 25 & Oct 16				

Please support the Honor Flight whenever you are able.



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TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE; I am excited to announce that we have received \$52,787.18 as of June 23, 2023, Thank you; we are off to a very good start towards our goal. Now let's see if we can reach \$200,000.00 before the 2026 convention. WHAT A CHALLENGE. PLEASE remember Special Olympics. Monies can come from a Fund Raiser, Council Donation, Charity Account or any other ideas.

We are asking for more member participation with Special Olympics at events. The days of just writing a check are no longer the only support that we as Knights are asked to do. As a matter of fact Supreme looks at involvement, more than money donated to award the Supreme grant each year. I list events on this article months prior in order to give Councils and members sufficient time to plan ahead. Click on the BECOME A VOLUNTER below to sign up for an event.

Please remember to file on line form #10784 each and every time you make a contribution to the drive or a local agency or do a project. Please Report Man Hours and Members involved as well as money. If using Tootsie Roll drive monies for Special Olympics those Man Hours and Members from that can be reported as well.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT; Our next opportunity to volunteer at a state game; The Special Olympics, FALL GAMES have been scheduled at Wisconsin Dells, Sept 8-10, 2023. We will again be asking 4th Degree Honor Guard to attend the opening. There will be many opportunities to volunteer for this event and other events listed below.

A big project that we are trying to arrange at the Fall Games is to do a pancake breakfast Saturday and Sunday. The Madison Diocese Program Coordinator has the facts for this project. Hopefully a Council or District 46 will be able to bring this to happen. Other Council's near the Dells could also be involved.

### Volunteers are needed at all events.

To volunteer click on the volunteer image on this page or call Nicole Christensen, 608-442-5670

UPCOMING EVENTS, where Councils or members can volunteer to help. July 23rd, State Golf Tournament, Columbus August  $5^{th}$  ~ District Bocce and Softball, Appleton August  $5^{th}$  ~ District Bocce, Lake Geneva August 12th ~ District Bocce and Softball, Onalaska August 13th ~ District Softball, Bocce and State Tee Ball, Richfield August 25th ~ Nine at Night, Fundraising, Golf Outing, Bristol, Volunteers and/or Golfers Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Buckshot Run, Eau Claire

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, Fall Games, Wis Dells

November  $4^{th}$  ~ State Volleyball tournament, Menomonee Falls December  $2^{nd} - 3^{rd}$  ~ State Bowling Tournament, Weston (another Pancake Opportunity)

Vivat Jesus! John Benisch Wis KofC Special Olympics Coordinator



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.

### FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post. <u>Check it out here!</u>

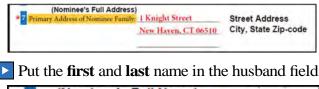
### Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is **Christopher and Shawana Cooper** family from the Monsignor Borusky Council 10243 in District 13 of the Green Bay Diocese. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

### Form Accuracy

Supreme reported that there were two families that were **NOT** included in the Wisconsin Family of the Month drawing because the council did not:

Include the last name on the Address field



(Nominee's Full Name) \* 3 Name of Nominee - Husband: Nick Brown

Councils, to make sure your family is considered for Supreme's Wisconsin Family of the Month drawing, be sure to fill out **ALL** the fields completely on the form. Click the link above to the Flocknote report for more details.

Diocesa	<b>Diocesan Families of the Month</b>				
Green Bay	Jeff & Holly Macklin				
Madison	Kevin & Julia Blau				
Superior	John & Michelle Schafer				
La Crosee	Jason & Kellie Horzewski				
Milwaukee	David Boyce				

#### Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **66%** district participation and the Madison Diocese also led with the most FOMs by submitting **14** families.

### District

**58%** of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Two districts submitted three or more families and thirteen districts submitted two families.

### Council

There were no new councils submitting a family of the month.

There were 47 families submitted to forms@wikofc. com. Unfortunately, two families were not submitted to the state, so these families were not considered for being a diocesan family of the month. Gentlemen, please remember to **FORWARD** your 10784 forms to forms@wikofc.com!

### 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 <u>link</u> 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 <u>forms@wikofc.</u>** <u>com so that your family can be considered for the</u> **Diocesan Family of the Month award.** 

Gentlemen, it has been a **privilege and honor** to serve you and your councils! **Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.** I am happy to annouce my replacement for Famly Director: Brother Knight James Vosters, he can be reached at 920-850-4999 or email at jvosters@outlook.com. Please welcome James to his new role!

Vivat Jesus! SK Joe Uchytil







### **ULTRASOUND PROJECTS**

I know you guys are VERY MOTIVATED to help stop abortion in its tracks here in Wisconsin. If you have ANY money set aside for LIFE - Please send your ultrasound money to the councils in the boxes below:

### Msgr Blecha Council #2055

(for Options for Women, 544 Broadway St. S - #404, Menomonie, WI 54751)

Msgr. Blecha Council #2055 – Menomonie GK Mike Kasten <u>kc2055gk@gmail.com</u> 1310 Elm Ave W Menomonie, WI 54751 715-309-2339 c

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).

### Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc

Memo: (#6630 or #710 ultrasound) 4297 W Beltline Highway Madison, WI 53711-3859

### ASAP News

For non-profits, raising money in the summer months is always more difficult than in the "school year." I can't explain it, but it is not a phenomenon exclusive to Wisconsin. If you have extra money lying around not working for your council, why not give that money to a pregnancy resource center (PRC) in your area? Supreme Council will match every \$500 you give to a PRC with \$100, up to a maximum of \$400 in matching money per PRC. As I write this, we are in 2nd place to Florida for FY2022-23 for ASAP donations to PRCs. If you have already donated over \$500 to a qualified pregnancy resource center (PRC) but haven't gotten around to filling out the paperwork for the ASAP funds, I'll do it for you! All I need to know is your council number, the amount and date of the donation and the name of the PRC. I will take care of it for you! Whether we come in first place this year or next is irrelevant next to the EXTREME NEED the PRCs have. I'm all for getting a great start to being number one for FY-2023-24, so if you made a donation to a qualified PRC, email me the information or call it in to me. Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org - or 262-993-6262.

These pregnancy resource centers need your help! BE THE KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR for these babies! Let's make sure they get a birthday!

LET'S HELP SAVE SOME BABIES FROM ABORTION! + Vivat Jesus! Dan Miller

TRANSFER DATE	ICON 1	ICON 2	ICON 3	ICON 4
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023</b>	66	45	9	64
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023	71	53	6	65
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023	25	51	3	70
SATURDAY, SEPTEMEBR 2, 2023	23	52	4	68
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023	21	42	6	72
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023	31	40	8	67
FRIDAY, NOVEMEBR 10, 2023	32	41	13	73
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023	22	26	2	49
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023	24	46	80	50
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024	30	44	85	48
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024	29	14	91	63
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024	27	10	83	62
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024	28	11	81	69
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024	90	12	82	60
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2024	89	9	87	61
FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024	STATE	71	STATE	66
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024		STATE		STATE



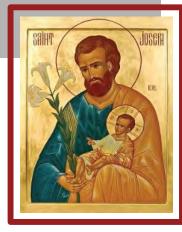
- 10 The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- 13 All the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- 11 You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
- 14 All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
- 12 All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- 15 Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

### Catholic Link

## **ICON UPDATE**

I have been informed that the St. Joseph Icons will remain with us in Wisconsin through at least the end of the 2023-24 Fraternal year. This gives us time for each Council to be able to share the St. Joseph Icon as second time with their parishes. While this second rotation will be over only 12 months instead of 18 months as in the first rotation I trust that the District Deputies can depend upon their prior experience to see that each of their Councils have an opportunity to share the Icon with their parishes. Please note that each district will have the ICON for roughly 3 weeks which still should allow each council to have it for at least 3 days. Below is the revised schedule. If you have any questions, please free to email me.

*Vivat Jesus!* SK Dennis Bednarek



Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us





## **SILVER ROSE**

In 1531 Our Lady of Guadalupe presented a cloak of roses to the bishop, asking that he build a church. On Thanksgiving, the first run was in 1960 with a natural Rose leaving Ontario Canada, flying over much of the United States, and was a relay run from Laredo to Monterrey Mexico. Since then the Roses have been made of silver. We are again into the running of the Silver Roses with six Roses, asking Mary to accept our thanks and to intercede for our petitions. Our Rose started in Manitoba in March and will be presented to her at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day, 12 December in Monterrey, Mexico.

Download Silver Rose Resources

Contact SK Dennis Bednarek for more information DFBednarek48@Gmail.com 262-470-4477

*Vivat Jesus!* SK Dennis Bednarek

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DATE	TOWN	Parish Name	Council Number	Contact Name	Contact Email	Contact Phone
	IOWA		Provide State	Chris Riegel	chrisiriegel@gmail.com	319-795-5774
Sunday, July 16, 2023	Dubuque Iowa	Parish to be announces	s till noon			
Sunday, July 16, 2023	Hazel Green	Transfer 12:00 Noon	7370	Charles G Frank	fchuck2020@yahoo.com	608-778-8033
Monday, July 17, 2023	Janesville		9360	Dave Bohler	Council9360@gmail.com	608-931-4593
Tuesday, July 18, 2023	Milton	St. Mary Parish	6547	Mike Tracey	mtracev5@outlook.com	608-751-0233
Wednesday, July 19, 2023	Madison	Good Shepard Parish	531	Michael Schultz	maisl@hetmail.com	608-575-1
Thursday, July 20, 2023	Madison	St. Maria Goretti	17889	Justin Knapp	wknapp98@gmail.com	262-994-0319
Friday, July 21, 2023	Verona		11155	Adam Schloesser	adamschloesser@icloud.com	1
Saturday, July 22, 2023	Reedsburg		3805	Joe Clam	joeclam1@gmail.com	608-495-4859
Sunday, July 23, 2023	Tomah	1	4125	Jonathan Burbach	jonathon.burbach@gmail.com	608387119
Monday, July 24, 2023	Sparts	at St. John	4592	David Kuder	scoulkuderer@yahoo.com	(608) 269-4498
Tuesday, July 25, 2023	Mondovi		5193	George Weiss	greqiweiss@yahoo.com	715-279-6756
Wednesday, July 26, 2023	Durand		2422	George Weiss	gregiweiss@yahoo.com	715-279-6756
Thursday, July 27, 2023	Hudson		1762	Michael Bedessem	mikebedessem@gmail.com	616741297
Friday, July 28, 2023	Birchwood	Holy Trinity Parish	9546	John Kinnick	johnkinn79@gmail.com	612-963-8720
Saturday, July 29, 2023	Stanley	All Saints Parish	3249	Russ Pogodzinski	randnpogo@gmail.com,	715-667-3485
Sunday, July 30, 2023	Marshfield		1799	Robert Seitz	grand.knight1799@gmail.com	10 m
Monday, July 31, 2023	Polonia	Sacred Heart Church	12467	Lee Falkavage	LFALKAVAGE@YAHOO.	/15 344-
Tuesday, August 1, 2023	Shawnao	Sacred Heart Parish	2836	Stu Kohlin	stukohlin@gmail.com	715-584-5075
Wednesday, August 2, 2023	GreenBay		5382	Steve Prikockis	sprikockis@hotmail.com	(859) 445-
Thursday, August 3, 2023	Kaukauna		1033	Glen Hansen	glennjoyce6@yahoo.com	920-766-1727
Thursday, August 3, 2023	Appleton	St. Bernadette Church	12269	Mark Koth	mbkoth@gmail.com	(920) 810-
Friday, August 4, 2023	Chilton	1	2556	Steve Schneider	schneids923@gmail.com	920-203-2797
Saturday, August 5, 2023	Fort Atkinson	St. Joseph	3396	Bob Pizur	anrca@charter.net	920-285-0175
Sunday, August 6, 2023	Occocomowoc	St. Jerome	2487	Scott Antonneau	scomar1117@gmail.com	262-337-2022
Monday, August 7, 2023	Menonmie Falls	Menomniee Falls	4240	Don Mcinnes	dmsecspec@aol.com	262-622-5845
Tuesday, August 8, 2023	Oake Creek	St. Stephen	16821	Mark Missurelli	missurrelli.koc@gmail.com	414-588-8885
Wednesday, August 9, 2023	Kenosha	St. Mary's	14362	Chris Kachur	cskachur@reagan.com	262-914-4953
Thursday, August 10, 2023	Mukwonago	St. James	7048	Dennis Bednarek	DBednarek48@gmail.com	262-470-4477
Friday, August 11, 2023	New Munster	St. Alphonsus	6554	Don Smith	donsmith923@gmail.com	847-380-0023
Saturday, August 12, 2023	Twin Lakes	St. John	6554	Don Smith	donsmith923@gmail.com	847-380-0023
Sunday, August 13, 2023	lillinois		Illinois	David Jones	Davidskocis@Gmail.com	847-344-6928



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