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Chasing Perfection, Doing the Impossible



Brothers,

As we finish the first quarter of our fraternal year, it is time to assess how we are doing.

- We are currently -38 Net/Net in Membership
- 69% of Districts are Active in bringing in new members
- 23% of Councils are Active in bringing in new members
- 29% of Councils are Safe Environment Compliant
- 18 Councils with 2 FBN already.

When the state Officer Team met in April and May, we put together a plan with hopes of really making a difference. We had a plan to grow programs, fraternal benefits, and membership. We asked District Deputies and Council Leaders to join us in this plan to grow the Knights of Columbus in the State of Wisconsin.

We put together a set of goals, and a plan to meet those goals. These goals were then shared with the District Deputies, with a request to work with the Councils in their Districts to make things happen. Some of the Major Goals were Growing in Membership in every Diocese, District, and Council, Growing our Programs to donate more hours and dollars, and to have at least 2 Star Councils in every District. Some would look at these goals and question if they are possible. Yet we do have a plan to get there.

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

— St. Francis Of Assisi

This plan does require every Diocese, District, and Council to do their part. If we are to grow and truly help as many people as we can, we need to start with prayer. With the help of God, we can grow the order and we can help more people. Are we truly thankful for all of the gifts that we have been given? Are we being good stewards of the time, talent, and treasures that we have been given? Are we doing all that we can to grow the order and help others? As Councils, are you working together to find ways to help more people, or just doing what you have always done?

Are we using the tools that God has given us? Those tools include making plans, inviting men and their families to help implement those plans.

Some would challenge the goals that we have for the State Council this year, saying that we are chasing perfection. I would agree. We are chasing perfection with these goals.

“Gentlemen, **we will chase perfection**, and we will chase it relentlessly, knowing all the while we can never attain it. But along the way, we shall catch excellence.”

— **Vince Lombard**

Men Join to Make a Difference. Run programs that you need help with and then reach out to men and their families and ask for help with the programs. Trust in the Lord, and Put Out Into the Deep... Once they get to know you and the good works that you Council does, then you can ask them to join as members. Start with Programs, then invite to membership. Start with making a difference.

Councils are struggling to fill their leadership positions. They have many men willing to help with programs when asked, but hesitant to **Lead**. If your Council struggles to find leaders, then you know what type of men you need to invite to join you. Willing to help with programs when asked, but hesitant to Lead. When you ask someone to lead, ask them to prayerfully consider what you are asking rather than declining right away. This is the only way they will know if they are being called to lead. Trust in the Lord, and Put Out Into the Deep...

The Growth in Programs, Fraternal Benefits, and Membership that we are working towards will not be easy. We all know that. We must be willing to take on that challenge. In times of challenge, I like to reflect on what it took to put a man on the moon.

We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things not because they are easy, but because they are hard. Because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we're willing to accept. One we are unwilling to postpone. And therefore, as we set sail, we ask God's blessing on the most hazardous and dangerous and greatest adventure that man has ever gone.

— **President John F. Kennedy**

Brothers, we have much to be thankful for, but we also have much work ahead of us. I know that we can succeed. Yes, we got off to a slower start than we planned, but we have time to recover. I look forward to working with you as we Grow the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin. More Men, Doing More Programs, to Help More People.

John Huttenhoff

State Deputy



STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Fraternally Yours,

Fr. Brian Dulli

State Chaplain

Worthy Brother Knights,

I pray that you are all well and are enjoying the blessings of our order. I'd like to talk about the honor of a Knight of Columbus.

As a new state chaplain, I'm getting used to being certainly more active with Knights of Columbus than I've ever been. It has always been a yes for me from the beginning. From the first moment that I was invited to join the Knights as a seminarian, I did not hesitate to say yes to each opportunity as a Knight of Columbus. I've been blessed to be active in four councils as a priest, and three of them as chaplain. Whenever I had an opportunity to show my face at a K of C event, I gladly do it. I enjoy making the meetings that I can. It's an honor to be part of this group that does so much for the Church.

One of the things that you will notice about the Knights is the way we dutifully address each member with respect in our meetings. Knights often use the man's title as a Knight and an officer in our order. Worthy Grand Knight! Worthy Warden! Worthy State Deputy! As a regular guy, this can take getting used to. Even for a priest, who has accepted the title "Father", there's something new about this use of titles and honors. Or perhaps it's really something old.

There are three ways that I would like to offer for how to think about these titles and honor that comes with them.

The first thing to notice is the use of the word worthy. Each day we need to ask God to make us worthy of the life He calls us to. Fulton J. Sheen used to say that "Life is Worth Living". In fact, all of life is worth our full attention and effort. When you call someone worthy, let that be a reminder to them that their presence makes a difference. Each man's contribution to our order makes a great difference in its success both humanly and eternally. Make sure that the people you depend on know that you consider them worthy of your company. We need each other.

And when someone calls you worthy, let it be a reminder to you that all you do to be a practical Catholic is worth your spiritual energy. I've been wrestling with that term "practical Catholic" for years. I'm saving it for a future newsletter. When the Knights expect you to be a practical Catholic, they are really asking you to make sure that you are worthy. Yes, we will give every man the benefit of the doubt, especially a man of our order. Yet you my friend, my worthy brother, must spend your energy making sure that you are worthy to inherit eternal life. Only our faith in Jesus Christ can take these poor, broken vessels of clay and make us worthy. None of us is truly worthy in ourselves. It is only because of the grace of Jesus Christ that we hope to be found worthy. As a practical Catholic, we use all the practices of the Catholic faith in hopes of being truly worthy of heaven, especially the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance.

Finally, when it comes to honors in the order, let us always remember that they are shared. When you are called to serve in a special capacity as a Knight, you are going to be greeted with the honor that we owe. Our order is founded on the principle that every Catholic man can make a difference. The honors that you receive as a knight may be for a short time or they may last longer. God has prepared you for

that moment. Jesus Christ crowns his servants. He prepares the honors that we hope to receive in heaven. The privilege and honor to serve our brothers now is an opportunity for us to each trust God. Trust his plans. He knows how to perfectly carry out his will. He uses ordinary means and makes them worthy to accomplish extraordinary things.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian Dulli
State Chaplain

District Deputies Information

0We still have a few Districts in Need of a District Deputy. This truly is one of the most rewarding positions within the Knights of Columbus. District Deputies visit each of the Councils within their District Quarterly, Attend District Deputy Meetings in June and December, attend the State Convention, and Diocesan Huddle, and host District Meetings in July and December. Training and support are provided.

If you are interested in being a District Deputy, please reach out to State Deputy John Huttenhoff or any of the State Officers for more information.

Districts currently in need of a District Deputy for the upcoming fraternal year are: 6, 9, 12, 15, 20, 22, 40, 51, 85 and 87.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

To Start off this month's Newsletter submission, I want to highlight a few of our recent successes:

Membership Highlights:

- 68 councils have been active these first 3 months in bringing in at least 1 new member (23% of our councils)
- 44 of our 61 Districts have been active these first 3 months in bringing in at least 1 new member (72% of our Districts)
- District 42 has achieved 80% of their Membership Goal for the District in the 1st quarter!
- District 64 has achieved 50% of their Membership Goal for the District in the 1st quarter!
- Council 2770 and Council 17135 in the La Crosse Diocese; Council 13480 and Council 17889 in the Madison Diocese; Council 4520 in the Milwaukee Archdiocese and Council 499 in the Superior Diocese have already achieved 100% or greater of their Membership Goal!

- In the next month or so we should be welcoming 2 new councils to our State—with one being in the La Crosse Diocese and the other a Hispanic new council in the Green Bay Diocese. At this same time, we may potentially be finalizing a new council in the Superior Diocese that would be our 1st Hispanic Council in this Diocese potentially! A big THANKS to Hispanic Council Development Coordinator Rufino Arce and team along with New Council Development Coordinator Ron Faust and team!
- The UW Madison Council, Council 6568 recently exemplified 13 new members into the Order! They are once again a leader among their college council peers!

Although these are some great success stories above, we still have much work to do to grow our membership in this State!

Our goal this year is to bring in at least enough new members to offset the withdrawals and deaths that we experience throughout the year—growing net/net positive for the first time since 2000!

To help MOTIVATE and EXCITE councils, our State leadership is once again offering an incentive this upcoming quarter (October, November and December) to promote GROWTH these next 3 months along with promoting ACTIVITIES and PROCEDURES that will help us continue the momentum into the new year!

2nd Quarter Membership Incentive:

If a council adds and exemplifies new members in October, November and December equal to 50% or greater of their MEMBERSHIP GOAL set by Supreme, then they will receive a 40% reduction on their April 1st per-capita invoice. For a council to be eligible to achieve this incentive—they will need to have scheduled and shared with the State their Church Drive and Exemplification Schedule for the 1st half of the year as well as the 2nd half of the year (January-June) before December 31st! They will also need to have attended and received credit for 1 FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHT for this Fraternal Year by December 31st!

Example: If a council goal is 5 new members on the year; and they have already brought in 1 new member this Fraternal year—then THEY WILL STILL NEED TO BRING IN 3 ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS TO REACH THEIR GOAL FOR THIS INCENTIVE. If they have brought in 0 new member—they will still need to bring in 3 NEW MEMBERS!

Example: If a Council's goal is 8 new members—then they will need to bring in 4 NEW MEMBERS (REGARDLESS OF IF THEY HAVE ALREADY BROUGHT IN NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR) from October 1-December 31st to qualify!

I will be reaching out to each of your councils with council specific goal that is needed to be brought in these 3 months to qualify for this incentive.

To date—we are still missing about HALF OF OUR COUNCILS from submitting any membership drive, program events or exemplification dates for the first half of this year!!

Please do your best to ENSURE you qualify for this incentive by submitting this information to your Diocesan Membership Coordinator and me ASAP!

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please reach out to your Diocesan Membership Coordinator or me for assistance and feedback!!

Corey Coonen-IPSD, Membership Director

State Treasurers Updates:



Brother Knights,

Intellectual Disabilities (“Tootsie Roll”) checks were distributed to District Deputies at the Diocesan Huddles held in September and by now all Councils should have received them. If you have not, please contact your District Deputy. Please present these checks to your designated charities as soon as possible so that the money can be put to good use.

October Per Capita invoices will be **emailed** to Council Financial Secretaries on October 1st. For Councils currently without a Financial Secretary, the invoice is being emailed to the Grand Knight and for the few Councils without a Financial Secretary or Grand Knight, it is being emailed to the District Deputy. Please watch your email inbox and spam folders for the invoice. If your Council has not received it within several days after October 1st, please contact me at rbreunig@wikofc.com. Your Council’s prompt payment of the invoice is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Councils that earned a Fast Start Incentive Credit. Those Councils will see the credit appear as a deduction on their October Per Capita billing.

Speaking of Per Capita, there are a few Councils that are behind in paying prior Per Capita invoices. Reminders have been emailed to the applicable Financial Secretaries. Please ensure that your Council has paid its Per Capita.

Council Charity Grant Request checks will be sent via **U.S. Mail** to Councils on or before October 15th. This is a little later than in prior years because we had an unusually high number of Councils that did not turn in the required Council Charity Fund Request Form that was due on May 1st. We are required to receive these forms for Raffle regulatory reasons, and, without the form, we cannot issue a check. As of this writing, there are approximately 90 Councils that will not receive a check because we do not have their form. If your Council has not submitted its form from last year’s raffle, please get it to Charity Director Bernie Heit (bernieheit@gmail.com) promptly. We will be establishing a “hard stop” on these form submissions in the future, after which payments cannot be made.

God bless,

Roland Breunig

State Advocate Updates



Brother Knights,

I hope your summer is going well. As we approach the end of month 2 of the fraternal year, we are in need of getting some paperwork completed. There are 58 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, 92 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 (Safe Environment) compliance there are many councils that have 3 of the 4 satisfied. I will be contacting those councils to see what we can do to help to complete compliance.

Vivat Jesus!

Don Schoenherr
State Advocate

Public Relations Corner



Last month we spoke on Love Hate Relationship of Facebook. This month I thought I would give you a little update – first Facebook is the world’s most popular social media platform and is the really the optimal place to create your council’s first social media presence.

Three things are important for all social media page administrators to remember:

1. Your Facebook page (for the most part all social media for that matter) is public!
2. Be positive!
3. Invest time in your social media

Why is my account disabled? Facebook disables accounts that might not follow “Facebook Terms”. Some examples included:

- Posting content that doesn’t follow the Facebook terms
- Using a fake name
- Impersonating someone
- Continuing behavior that is not allowed on Facebook and goes against their Community Standards
- Contacting other people for the purpose of harassment, advertising, promoting, or other conduct that’s not allowed

What can you do if your account as been disabled? Visit the Facebook Help Center:
<https://m.facebook.com/help/185747581553788>

Switching gears. Two new resources that Supreme has developed to help you Council PR:

- **Post-Convention Toolkit ‘Stepping Into the Breach’**
 - This is an excellent resource guide that draws on the messages, events, and discussions of the convention. This guide is intended to help Knights of Columbus leaders promote our mission and membership priorities during the first part of this fraternal year. To download the guide visit Supplies online or click on this link:
<https://kofcfraternal.mymarketingbench.com/images/1/22-50000200/CONV-TKIT.pdf>
- Another excellent resource is the **‘Young Fathers Toolkit Spring 2022**
 - Geared toward attracting younger members. Visit Supplies on Line or click this link:
https://kofcfraternal.mymarketingbench.com/images/1/22-50000000/Young%20Fathers%20Toolkit_Spring%202022_v10.pdf

Got a neat story to tell? Why not share it with the state council? Send Knights in Action photos, stories to me and I’ll help you disseminate your story.

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State Council Public Relations

Beatification Father Michael McGivney



The establishment of the Father McGivney Guild was certainly a milestone marking the path to our founder's canonization. It operates out of the Supreme Council office in New Haven CT. The guild serves as a clearinghouse for information regarding Father McGivney, promotes devotion to his memory, develops and distributes materials about his life and virtue, receives reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession, and receives news of possible miracles. Membership in the guild is open to anyone interested in Father McGivney and his cause, including members of the Knights of Columbus and their families. A guild newsletter is sent to members several times a year. All materials produced to promote information and devotion to Father McGivney are automatically distributed to members of the guild

and, once a month, a mass is offered at St. Mary's Church in New Haven.

Guild membership is now more than 178,000. The Roman process of investigation into Father McGivney's life and holiness is nearing completion, and the investigation into the reported miracle is progressing. Don't be fooled. The growth of the Guild is but one step along the way. There are over 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus. Why are so many so hesitant to join the Guild? We have over 35,000 members alone in Wisconsin but as of 4/1/2022 there are only 1,239 Guild member in our State. The Guild depends on us to further the message of Father McGivney. **Membership in the Guild is FREE!** Please consider joining today! Scan this QR code to learn more or visit <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html> today!



Join the Fourth Degree



The underlying principle of the Fourth Degree is patriotism. Patriotism is about duty and honor to God and country. As Fourth Degree Knights we exemplify the elements of patriotism by practicing the principles of good catholic citizenship.

It was established in New York on February 22,1900. The requirements for joining the 4th are that a brother Knight must be a 3rd degree member in good standing, be an exemplary Catholic, and be of sound citizenship of his country.

The Fourth Degree should be thought of in terms of service to church and country, and the goals of the Fourth Degree may be summarized as the promotion of the ideals of Catholicism and Patriotism side by side.

The principles of catholic citizenship are:

- To respect and obey all lawful authority
- To uphold and maintain those whose duty it is to administer the laws
- To defend and preserve, unspotted and unstained the flag of our country
- To maintain unity and practice the virtues of charity and brotherly love
- To exemplify, in all our relations with our fellow man, the sublime teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.

We encourage all 3rd Degree members to join the 4th Degree. Contact your Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, or a District Master for more information.

James TenPas

Wisconsin Eastern District Master

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Or

Duane Zaborowski

Wisconsin Western District Master

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General Agent's Message



Bishops, Priests, State Members, and Ladies

I would like to thank all those who have worked hard to get their councils active again and prayers to those who are still having trouble restarting. With all the things from wars to hurricanes to all the disruptions in our lives, it is hard to find the right amount of energy to apply to each activity.

I encourage you to meet with your council members and just do one activity that will get you going again. Many councils have not reported an activity yet this year. Activity is the secret to all things that are troubling, not only our parishes and family life but also our faith and relationship to God.

This month, in the Gospel of Luke 6:43-49, Jesus was talking with his Disciples: A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. He also talked about the one who listens, and does not act, is like a person who built his house on ground without foundation. When the river burst against it, it collapsed at once and was destroyed. This reminds me every time that I must act. I must act

as Jesus would. I must flip the script of being self-centered and self-destructive, I must turn to the truths and to the sacraments of our faith. That is where true strength and foundation come from to help me act with Charity toward those that are pushed to the periphery of our town and society.

My looking toward what helps me be energized about the Knights of Columbus and what continues to do well, is to look where we can help someone else have a better day. It helps me to have one as well. Even at the time of writing this to you today, I am confident that the Knights are already on the ground behind the destruction of Hurricane Ian and finding ways to help those who are now the most in need. Each day that goes by, we help people rebuild their lives by thinking-- what if the shoe was on the other foot? I would want people to help me through those same very tough times.

Act now in ways you can: donate, do a fundraiser, and gather things needed to help those in need.

Our coming together on mission is our greatest strength, encourage those around you to join us, through action and love and commitment to those in need.

Please invite your parish to the next Benefits Night on October 26th at 7pm. We will be discussing with our guest, Dan Purtell, estate planning, Wills, and long-term care as part of your family's future.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim J. Nowak, FICF General Agent

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10-year Supplement

Brother Knights

After nearly 10 years, it is supplement time again and I need your help in getting this done.

The plan is to provide you with the opportunity to have your council represented in the 2013-2022 Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Ten Year Supplement. You will be allowed to provide as much information as you can provide us. If your council has done a good job of completing and submitting the annual supplement, this will be a very easy task. If not, it will require some effort. BUT each council should submit a minimum level of information.

Guidelines

- Minimum information required
- Form available on State website
- 1st page is required to be completed and submitted
- Submit as large an entry as desired, but it may be edited.
- The entry is to be a summary of your activities for the past ten years. Do not merely submit the entries from past years. Be concise.

- The goal is to have the entries submitted electronically unless it is absolutely impossible to do so.
- Deadline 1/1/2023

Now, if some of you may recall, the previous 10-year supplement took forever primarily due to my procrastination, work schedule and my efforts to get councils to submit information. I will not be the source of delay this time as I will be finally retired. The State Council is placing it in the hands of the District Deputies to ensure an entry from each council is submitted. So, please, make his life easier and get this done as soon as possible.

The 2003-2012 supplement had a terrible participation rate. Less than 50% of the councils were represented. If a council did not submit an entry, the council's name was listed, and it was noted that information was not provided. I doubt any council wishes to see that type of representation for their council. Plus, I will not allow it. I will have something published for each council. That means I will be calling the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.

The program coordinators are also expected to submit a ten-year supplement for their particular program. Information guidelines will be in place by 10/1/2022.

Let's make this the best supplement ever.

Charlie Silver
Historian

Council Statements from Supreme

On January 1, 2022, the Board of Directors reinstated council assessments for Per Capita, Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life. As of September 1, 2022, your Council had a remaining balance on one or more of your accounts.

Council statements are available on the Reports tab in Officers Online and can be viewed and downloaded by the grand knight, financial secretary, deputy grand knight, advocate, treasurer, and membership director of your council.

To view statements online, go to kofc.org and select the "SIGN IN" button near the top banner. When using a mobile device, the "SIGN IN" button is in the menu. Enter your login information or call Customer Service at 800-380-9995 if you do not have your login information. Once you are in Officers Online, scroll down and select the "Reports" tab. Council Billing Statements will be an option. Clicking on the icon in the "PDF" column will provide the current statement and clicking on the word "Past" next to the report name will provide past statements.

We recognize that some councils are still struggling to recover from the pandemic and may require special consideration. If your council needs a paper statement or further assistance, please contact

the General Office of the Supreme Secretary at Statements@KofC.org or call Customer Service at 800-380-9995.

Patrick T. Mason, Supreme Secretary

What is Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities Inc.?

I am sure many of you ask this question, especially if you come to the State Convention. There is a 'break' in the convention, a special report given near the end of the convention and an election of Directors. That might be as much as many Knights know about Charities, Inc.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., is not the charity committee and they have nothing to do with the yearly raffle. Charities, Inc. is a separate entity within the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus. Wisconsin Charities, Inc. is the 501(c)3 arm of the Knights of Columbus. Each Council is a 501(c)8 for tax purposes. You are charitable but you are not tax deductible for anyone giving you funds.

How does any of this benefit your council or the state?

Charities Inc. has been a great place to keep donations and funds as councils work to get an ultrasound in their area. It allows businesses to donate and get a tax deduction while helping to purchase the ultrasounds. It allows the councils to not commingle these funds as they continue to get donations.

Charities Inc., has been huge for one council who uses it in support of their Tootsie Roll Drive. Richland Center, 3492, asks businesses for donations through Charities, Inc which gives the business a deduction donation and allows the council to really increase the amount they raise. This council raises \$5,500 by the traditional drive and another \$5,450 by properly using Charities, Inc.

Charities, Inc. could be used by your council to support Special Olympics, either locally or in the Wisconsin Games Pledge.

Charities Inc. also takes unrestricted donations for the board to assist groups around the state, such as Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, and Ukraine Solidarity Fund. These groups all received funds from Charities this year.

What Charities, Inc., is not designed for is a pass through for councils to have events and business to get the deduction to pay for them. Ex: Bands, Council Christmas Dinner, Picnics, and so on

The Charities Inc. Board has 7 members: John Huttenhoff, Miles Casey, Roland Breunig, Don Schoenherr, Daniel Miller, Duane Zaborowski and Mark Jelinek.

The Wisconsin Charities, Inc., Donation Form can be located on the website if you ever need it. It is also included: <https://uknight.org/States/donorform.pdf>

Please let any of us know if you would like to know how Charities, Inc. can help you in doing good work for those we serve.

Thank you for all you do for the Order.
Mark Jelinek
Wisconsin Charities Board Director

Congratulations UW-Madison Council 6568



On behalf of State Deputy John Huttenhoff, please join us in congratulating UW Catholic Center Council 6568 achieving Triple Star Council Award and Outstanding College Council (OCC) Award at this year's College Conference. UW-Madison Council 6568 has won the Outstanding College Council Award five times since the 1997-1998 Fraternal Year.

Held annually since 1966, the College Councils Conference brings college Knights together from across North America. Attendees participate in a dynamic program of prayer, inspiring speakers, networking opportunities, and leadership training. This year's conference is being held in New Haven, Connecticut, and its theme is Milites Christi – a Latin phrase meaning, Soldiers of Christ or Christian Knights.

See the presentation here!!! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSErEWUEOHY&t=11s>

UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

To date, our members and friends have donated \$19,294,104.



Support Ukrainian Families

“We ask that He give you strength and courage to persevere.”
— Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

100% of your donation will be used to assist those directly affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

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As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus continue to work with our 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 other humanitarian needs as identified as the situation continues to change.

100% of your donation goes directly to support those effected by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

If you need to reach the Office of Charitable Giving regarding this fund or making a donation, you can do so Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm Eastern at 1-800-694-5713 or info@kofccharities.org.



Officers Online Access

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

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

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

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

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Online Membership



Current e-membership in the state stands at:

CLASS / TYPE – as of date	07-27-2022	08-24-2022	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	167	176	+ 9
INSURANCE	41	41	No change
INACTIVE	11	11	No change
Does Not Want to Transfer	39	39	No change
HONORARY	0	0	No change
HONORARY LIFE	1	1	No change
AFFILIATE in 97048	1967	1966	- 1
EXEMPT	3	3	No change
ASSIGNED	113	116	+ 3
UNASSIGNED	3	5	+ 2
TOTAL	219	228	+ 9
Goals for Assigned and unassigned e-member prospects are ZERO			
New e-members YTD #	20	46	+ 26
New e-members YTD % of target (422)	6%	14%	+ 8%
Conversion into a council YTD #	9	22	+ 13
Conversion into a council YTD %	45%	48%	+ 3%
All time intake #	1067	1067	+ 20
All time conversion into a council #	789	805	+ 16
All time conversion into a council %	74%	74%	No change

Note: 08-24-2022 is 15% of the fraternal year passed. We are close to target.

➡ **Blessed McGivney** ⬅

What is this? It is the new code for **free** online membership. No spaces and is not case sensitive.

HISTORICAL DATA:

Year	Target	Intake	%
2017-18	Trial	30	NA
2018-19	214	134	60%
2019-20	214	139	65%
2020-21	324	377	116%
2021-22	422	365	86%
2022-23	325 reduced from 465	20	6%

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, please check your Prospect lists in Officers Online at least once a week. If you have men showing there, **CONTACT** them. **INVITE** them to your Council meetings and activities. 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, please follow up with your councils.

Please review the **RESOURCES** available to you so you may understand how better to perform your duties:

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES:

Please watch the short videos on the Supreme website [Membership Training](#). Click on Membership in the left menu and you will see the available videos. Here are direct links to each.

- [An Introduction to Online Membership](#) 5:36
- [Online Join Process](#) 6:22 This video will be updated 'soon' (so I was told on Oct. 27, 2021) to reflect the new join email verification process. See the sign-up process description in the August 2022 newsletter.
- [Prospect Tab](#) 3:55
- [Candidate tab](#) 4:00

REMINDERS:

When joining online, the requirement is that each new member must sign up **himself**.

Online membership is a way for men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus to do so online, it is **not** to be used as a data entry system to enter new members from form 100s, prospect cards or parish lists. Use the Candidate tab for that. Online membership requires a member to join with full knowledge, consent, and active participation in the process. As a reminder, if an individual does not truthfully answer all application declarations, his membership in the Knights of Columbus is void.

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.
- There is a new (as of 11-04-21) process in joining online. Instead of having to enter a verification code (a source of error), after the member completes and submits the first page of the online join process, which includes his email address, he is sent an email to verify the email address. That email will contain a clickable link (available for only 24-hours) to complete the join process.

Should he fail to act within the 24-hour window, he will see an error message and must restart the join process.

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

WI Online Membership Coordinator

William G. Hitt

www.kofc.org/joinus



Join Us

Charity Raffle

Worthy Brother Knights,

The Charity Raffle tickets have been distributed to your district deputy at the district huddles. Unfortunately, there is a delay on the delivery of the council charity checks. With new volunteers in many areas of the process, communication and distribution have some glitches that need to be worked out.



The hope is the checks will be mailed to the councils by the state office in October. Know they will be delivered as soon and as accurate as possible. Thanks everyone for your patience, and please accept everyone involved apologies.



September brought the most charity grant applications to the committee in a month since I have been director. This means two things; councils are finding families who need help, and we better get selling those raffle tickets to keep up with the need

God Bless,

Bernie Heit

State Charity Director





WAUSAU 2023

**Home of the 106th
Annual Knights of Columbus**

Wisconsin State Bowling Tournament

George J. Schreier Council 1069

Welcomes You

February 18th – thru March 2023

Dale's Weston Lanes

60 state of the art bowling lanes

***Prizes *Raffles *Bowling Balls**



Stay tuned to our State Website for details on registering your teams!!!

Wisconsin Faith In Action

October 2022

State Program Director: Ernie Reinhart

| Did Your Council Make a Difference This Summer?

As we know councils support their families, parishes and communities through Faith in Action (FIA) programs. The Columbian Award requirements state that each council should complete 12-16 programs annually. This equates to 3-4 programs in each FIA category: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

A program is considered complete when a council submits a Fraternal Program Report (#10784). It is important for councils to submit these forms soon after completion. Submitting the form is the only way a council receives credit for the program.

Data from the Fraternal Program Reports is leveraged by KofC leaders to monitor program progress. Further it informs leaders on which councils are making a difference. It also allows leaders to identify councils that need assistance. Through the first two months of the Fraternal year only 24% of Wisconsin councils completed a program. This is a concern as it means that 76% of councils were not making a difference this summer.

The Importance of Annual Program Planning

District Deputies (DD) have shared with council leaders the importance of annual program planning. They have also shared a council planning template, developed in Wisconsin, to assist in the planning process. It is not mandatory that councils use the planning template as long as they have a documented plan. They may use any planning tool they wish.

Councils are strongly encouraged to review their plan with their Parish Priest and other key stakeholders. The review will strengthen the relationship that every council has with its parish. Further, it will encourage Priests and other stakeholders an opportunity to share new program ideas.

New this for this year DDs are required to provide a council program status update once per quarter. The first report is due to the Diocesan Program Coordinators (DPC) by October 15th. The information gathered from these reports will assist State Leadership allocate resource program resources in Wisconsin.

We support Families, Parishes and Communities through our programs. As Knights we demonstrate our faith through our programs. The success of completed council programs determine our community identity and reputation.

In This Issue

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**"District Deputies
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update"**

Coats for Kids

Did you know that many children throughout the United States go without a coat each winter? Low-income families use their scarce resources to meet the most basic needs and cannot always afford this vital winter necessity.

That's why the Knights of Columbus developed the Coats for Kids program, which allows councils across North America the opportunity to put their faith into action and purchase new winter coats at a discount for children in need in their communities. More than 800,000 new winter coats have been distributed throughout the United States and Canada since the program began in 2009.

This program's primary goal is to help kids stay warm in the winter when a child's family does not have the resources to adequately meet this need. A warm coat means a child can more realistically attend school, go to after-school programs, fit in with other children, play and do all the things that kids do to be kids. In a very real sense, a warm winter coat means mobility. Our mission is to make this seemingly small part of life a little bit easier for these families.

The secondary goal of the Coats for Kids program is to better connect your council with your parish and your community. Let the people around you see the good works of your council, so that they want to support it and be a part of it.

Into the Breach

In his apostolic exhortation *Into the Breach*, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. Using either Bishop Olmsted's inspirational letter or the Knights of Columbus video series it inspired, councils will prayerfully examine the crisis of religious faith in our world.

By discussing the lessons and calls to action found throughout *Into the Breach*, men will begin to devise a personal plan of spiritual battle to strengthen their lives, their families, and their communities.

To obtain *Into the Breach* program resources, visit www.kofc.org/breach.

Rosary Program

The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should personally invite each family of the parish and offer attending families a copy of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service's *A Scriptural Rosary for the Family* (#319). Encourage families to read this booklet and learn how their faith can be strengthened

through a devotion to Our Lady, while praying the rosary at home together regularly. Kits with rosary rings, rosary prayer guides, and leader books are available for councils to order. For Rosary program resources, visit www.kofc.org/rosary.

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Faith Programs

PSD Tim Guski

State Faith Director

"Put Out Into the Deep!"

Luke 5:4-6

"When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets." When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break;"
Check out this reflection from My Catholic Life:

[Put Out Into the Deep - Thursday, September 1, 2022 - YouTube](#)

<https://youtu.be/6uHyj-XMaCI>

All we have is our Faith - Our Faith is all we have. Is your "Net" full or Empty? Are we using all we have, to be Fishers of Men, working with our leadership and membership teams to help Men fill their nets?

We must cast our nets into the deep to catch those lost souls sinking along with the collapse of the culture under the millstone of tyranny disguised as tolerance. We must foster the culture that tolerates the Truth. "I raise up my eyes to the mountains. From where shall come my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and Earth." (Ps 121:1-2)

The task given to me by, State Deputy Huttenhoff is to establish a team of volunteers to assist, State Chaplain Fr. Brian Dulli and the Diocesan Chaplains, to go make a difference in the Life of "The Church."

His team will consist of the appointed Chaplains and laymen to act as liaison for those Chaplains.

We are looking for a few good men, one from each Diocese who have full nets and an evangelical spirit, to assist in the administration of the State Council Faith in Action programs, conveying the State Deputy's Mission, supporting our Chaplains and the sacramental life of the Knights of Columbus.

Contact: Tim Guski, tguski@chibardun.net

Culture of Life – Ultrasound Projects

Ozaukee Council #2035, Port Washington, has taken on the most recent ultrasound initiative for CareNet, 4957 N Fond Du Lac Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

Ozaukee Council #2035

SK George Ploof
1140 Auburn Road
West Bend, WI 53090
(262) 388-8806 Cell
ploofgr@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 number in the memo portion of the check (eg: #2035 or #9070 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

We also have a sponsoring opportunity for any council that would like to get involved with 2 portable ultrasound units going to Padibe, Uganda, once again! It will be handled through the Women's Support Center of Milwaukee, with Dr. Cindy Jones-Nosaceck. The quote for TWO ultrasounds is ONLY \$40,614.36! Contact Dan Miller for more info: Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org

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

ASAP Grants from Supreme

The following list of PRCs have been qualified by Supreme. However, just because a center is not on this list, doesn't mean it doesn't qualify. If you have a PRC in your area that is not on this list, a member of the council needs to verify that they are welcoming to Catholics, do not provide or refer for abortion or contraception, and are registered 501c3s. They can do this by contacting the center. Keep it simple. Another route you can take is to ask your local diocesan Respect Life Offices if there are any centers or homes they recommend or do not recommend, as well as if there are any diocesan/Catholic Charities-run centers or homes they would like you to support.

Pregnancy Center Name	Address	City	State	ZIP
Bella Medical Clinic	1484 West South Park Avenue	Oshkosh	WI	54902
Women's Care Center	1441 North Farwell Avenue	Milwaukee	WI	53202
Women's Support Centers of Milwaukee	2051 West Wisconsin Avenue	Milwaukee	WI	53233
A & A Alexandrina Center	1600 Shawano Ave. Suite 106	Green Bay	WI	54303
First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center	4011 8th Street South	Wisconsin Rapids	WI	55594
First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center	101 Division Street North	Stevens Point	WI	54481
Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County	108 Parallel Street Suite 2	Beaver Dam	WI	53916
Women's Care Center Madison	3711 Orin Road	Madison	WI	53704
New Dawn Pregnancy Resource Center	8778 Earls Ct.	Woodruff	WI	54568
Care Net - Elizabeth House	1350 MacArthur Road	Madison	WI	53714
Hope Life Center	605 S 24th Ave Suite 20	Wausau	WI	54401
Care Net Pregnancy Resources of NW WI	1108 Port Arthur Rd	Ladysmith	WI	54848
Agape Help Center	217 N Main St	Waupaca	WI	54981
Vida Medical Clinic	720 W Association Dr.	Appleton	WI	54914
Charis Pregnancy Help Center	207 N Main St	Fond Du Lac	WI	54935
Chequamegon Pregnancy Center	200 Chapple Avenue	Ashland	WI	54806
Life's Connection Medical Center	801 N. Rochester	Mukwonago	WI	53149
Seed of Hope Center	206 N. 6th Ave.	West Bend	WI	53095
St. Gianna Molla Clinic	1500 Heritage Rd., Ste A	DePere	WI	54115
Life Choices / New Day Women's Clinic	324 N Pine St.	Burlington	WI	53105
Rice Lake Pregnancy Help Center	234 N. Main St.	Rice Lake	WI	54868
Women's Care Center	634 W Historic Mitchell	Milwaukee	WI	53204
Abiding Care Pregnancy Resource Center	220 N Main St.	Medford	WI	54451
The Crossing of Manitowoc County, Inc.	501 N 10th St.	Manitowoc	WI	54220
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Milwaukee	4957 W Fond du Lac Ave	Milwaukee	WI	53216

Please fill out the ASAP Grant Application and provide the appropriate supporting documentation

- A W-9 from the organization
- Either a copy of the cancelled checks drawn from the State Council's account or a Donation Receipt Letter from the organization

Chances are that if your council is supporting a PRC, they are legit and conform to Supreme's criteria for the ASAP Grant. Again, Supreme will grant \$100 to the PRC for every \$500 that you donate to them, up to \$2,000 – a 20% bump to your donation! How awesome is that?!!

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



Programs-Community Bill Frayer

Fraternally,

Here in October, we have much in the Faith in Action areas of Community and Youth Programs to be working on. Let me remind you that now is the time to be planning and gathering the materials needs for your Coats for Kids Drive. Get your orders in to Supreme or work with local suppliers; gather your resources, especially if you want to add other items (eg. gloves, boots, scarves, snowpants, hats, etc.) and set up distribution dates, sites, teams, times, etc. Work with neighboring Councils and Districts. If you have substantial needs, be sure to contact your State Officer in Charge, State Office, or me with details so that Supreme or State assistance may be made available for you, especially in major minority and poverty areas. Do this by mid-October!

With the damage caused by Hurricane Ian and Tropical Storm Fiona, there is once again great need for assistance in Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Florida and the southeast, as well as eastern Canada. Our brother Knights, their families and communities have been greatly affected. Donate now to K of C Charities to help – personal, Council, parish donations and fundraisers! Contact info@kofccharities.org or Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510.

This is also a good time to work with your parish, community, and Council family to assess and update their plans, supplies, preparations for “Disaster Preparedness.” See the Supreme website – FIA/Community for more information.

Another Community program in focus now is Global Wheelchairs. The gift of a wheelchair can enable kids to go to school for the first time, give adults the mobility to work and provide for their families or help the elderly get out of a hospital bed. For more information, visit www.amwheelchair.org. Donations can be sent to American Wheelchair Mission, 2600 E. Seltice Way #A172, Post Falls, ID 83854. Chairs are \$150 each. Work with your Council, Assembly, parish, community, etc. to raise funds. Ten chairs (\$1500) can earn 2 credits for the Columbian Award. Be sure to file a Form 10784 when finished.

For Youth Programs, the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest (grades 8-12) is ready to be run in October-November. Winning Council essays are due to me by December 31. All necessary materials can be found on the State and Supreme websites.

The Culture of Life Essay Contest has been moved to January-February. Topics and updated materials packet will be announced in October and placed on the State website.

Councils should have completed their PPK and fall Soccer competitions by now. Results should be in the hands of your Diocesan Program Coordinator soon, also send a copy to the State Forms address with your Form 10784. DPCs will be hosting Diocesan Contests in October as needed and determining the Diocesan PPK/Soccer winners to be advanced to the State Contest. The State Finals will be held at De Pere High School on Saturday, November 5.

Now is the time that all Councils should be arranging for their schools, parishes, homeschoolers, etc. to be prepared to participate in their "Keep Christ in Christmas" programs (posters, yard signs, magnets, Posada, etc.). See the State and Supreme websites for more information and supplies. Remember that we are recommending that all Councils submit their Council-winning posters for Grades 1-4 to the State "True Meaning of Christmas" Contest (to DPCs) by December 31. Every opportunity should also be made to solicit 5-year-olds and 10-14-year-olds to participate by submitting their Council-winning posters to me no later than January 15. Be sure that proper entry forms are attached to those entries. If you have questions, contact your DD, DPC or me.

Hope you have a great fall. Vivat Jesus!

Bill Frayer
State Community/Youth Director

Special Olympics



Special Announcement: The Special Olympics summer games have been scheduled. A change of location has been announced. The games will be held at U.W. Whitewater rather than Stevens Point. The dates for 2023 are June 8-10. We will again be asking 4th Degree Honor Guard to attend the opening on June 8th. More information will be coming as we lead up to that time. Councils around Whitewater area hopefully will be called on to help out at these games. I will be giving contact information in the future.

Team Wisconsin 2026 drive; As we area in going into our 6th month of the drive, I am happy to announce that we have received \$16,864.08 to date. Thank You, we are off to a good start towards our Goal of \$150,000.00. Please remember Special Olympics in your donations. Monies can come from a Fund Raiser, Council Donation, and Charities account. Some Councils pass the hat at meetings or publish an article in their newsletter.

Thank You; Msgr. Condon Council 3805, Reedsburg for the donation of \$1534.66 which was raised from a brat Fry.

John Benisch

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Coordinator

"Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities"

The Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus has released the final figures of their recent Tootsie Roll drive to "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities." The 2022 program raised an excess of \$588,000. Local councils have distributed in their immediate area over \$397,000 of these funds to local groups and organizations that assist the intellectually disabled. The State Committee has an additional \$133,000 available to distribute through their grant application process.

Organizations that assist people with intellectual disabilities are encouraged to submit applications for these funds to the Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus. Grant applications can be directed to: Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus % Bennie Green, State Director, 1100 Valley

View Drive, Richland Center, WI 53581. Fifteen (15) copies of the application are necessary and must be submitted by November 20, 2022. Applications must be written on your organization's letterhead and must contain the following information: who do you serve, how many people you serve that will be impacted by the grant, how much money you are seeking, and what the money will purchase or provide.

A list of the approved grants can be found on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website, Forms Page, and Community Heading.

All groups who apply will be notified in mid-January with the decision of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities" committee.

Bernie Green

People with Intellectual Disabilities Coordinator

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

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



Keep Christ in Christmas

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

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

- Read though the guide sheet and determine what you need to order
- Order the supplies from Officers Online. Supreme suggests having this completed by October 31st.te
- **In a hurry?**
 - Print off the entry forms <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>
 - Buy some 11x17" paper
- One suggestion is to offer a monetary award for the 1st place winner for each age division. Your council may choose a different amount, but my council gives our winners \$25.
- The council deadline will most likely be December 31st. More deadline detail will be available in next month's newsletter.

Consecration to the Holy Family

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

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

- Read through the guide sheet to prepare for the event

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

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

Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/18238697>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is tied with Michigan for 1st place with 55 FOMs and have submitted **9.9%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Steve and Crystal Booth Family** (Monsignor Blecha Council 2055, District 21, La Crosse Diocese).

Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **62%** district participation with the Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **15** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	Alfred and Janice Keuler	La Crosse	Ann Peterson
Madison	Clarence and Shirley Lornson	Milwaukee	Ken and Margaret Krahe
Superior	Allen Pederson		

District

52% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Four districts submitted three or more families and fourteen districts submitted two families.

Council

There were no new councils this month.

Supreme News

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

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

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

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

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



Vivat Jesus!

SK Joe Uchytel
State Family Coordinator

Supreme Training Update

Delta Drive

Monday 10/3/22 at 7PM CDT (8PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2096774597607777038>

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

Enhancing Member Experience

Tuesday 10/4/22 at 7PM CDT (8PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6010157482699794448>

We will cover in this training

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

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

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

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

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

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

You are your programs

Wednesday 10/12/22 at 7PM CDT (8PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2236098114009967373>

We will cover in this training

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

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

Identify the council's flagship program(s).

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

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

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

Forms and the Supreme website

Monday 10/17/22 at 7PM CDT (8PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2146232829648677132>

Many councils and District Deputies 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.

Council Meetings

Tuesday 10/18/22 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2338111902346825996>

Strong councils hold good meetings that members enjoy. This training shares the best practices for hosting such meetings. In addition to guidance on how to run a good meeting. What is needed to be done before, during and after.

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St. Joseph Icon Program – Schedule

This year's Icon Program is with the St. Joseph Icon. We have the Icons, Books, and Cards and they are traveling with the Icons. For more information, please see the Supreme Resources at:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html>

Please contact State Coordinator Dennis Bednarek with any questions on this program.

Transfer date	Icon 1	Icon 2	Icon 3	Icon 4
Saturday, October 8, 2022	50	1	26	29
Saturday, November 12, 2022	48	80	46	27
Saturday, December 10, 2022	63	85	44	28
Saturday, January 21, 2023	62	91	14	90
Saturday, February 25, 2023	69	83	10	89
Saturday, April 1, 2023	60	81	25	87
Saturday, May 6, 2023	61	82	11	
Saturday, June 10, 2023	66		12	
Saturday, July 15, 2023	71		9	

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