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**I PREVIOUSLY STRESSED** the importance of your support in us achieving a **Fast Start** as it pertains to filing our required reports to Supreme earlier rather than at the last minute, and more specifically achieving as Fast Start in our new membership intake during the first quarter of the year to get us off on a positive track to achieving your yearend goals earlier in the year.

As I am preparing this October newsletter, it is only the 23rd of September, and our 1st Qtr. Fast Start results are not fully tabulated at this time. I know that we are very close with only 55 new members needed to reach our goal by Sept 30th. That leaves only 7 days remaining to do so. I pray that with your dedicated support we were successful in this endeavor.

My thanks and appreciation to all of you who have taken my initiative to heart and are getting ahead of the curve on timely compliance of your reports & member intake.

During the month of September, we were busy holding our mandatory Diocesan meetings

throughout the 5 dioceses. The State team put in many hours preparing the agendas, and ensuring we had for you the new directories, your charity raffle tickets, and updates on our Fast Start objectives.

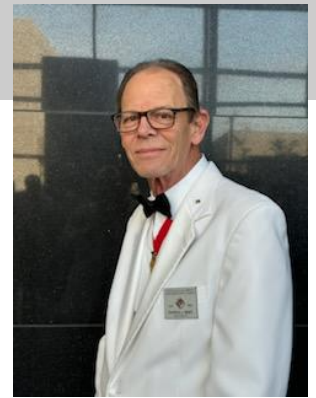
Again, thank you to those council officers & program and membership directors that attended as required.

However, the attendance could have been a great deal better as many councils did not attend, which was mandatory.

October will start a new quarter, with new incentives and goals for the councils and we will also report on those that did achieve their first quarter objectives.

Also, a reminder that October 12th is the Eastern District Exemplification in Green Bay & October 19th is the Western District Exemplification in Platteville for 3rd degree members to join the Patriotic Degree of our order. I will be attending both events and hope to see many new members in attendance.

Let's do our part to support our 4th degree District Master's by inviting our 3rd degree members to



enroll for this event. They need our support.

In closing a special thank you to our State Membership Director & PSD Corey Coonen who has worked tirelessly securing council orders, processing invoices, and scheduling council shipments for our Coats for Kids program, while at the same time working diligently on our membership intake progress during the first quarter.

An estimated Wisconsin all-time high was achieved of approx. 11,000 coats by your councils' positive support of this event. My special thanks to those councils as well. **Job Well Done! On Mission!**

*Vivat Jesus!*





AS CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN, we each have a serious moral obligation to vote. Our vote needs to be grounded in sound moral principles. There is a clear right and wrong answer. Satan takes a consistently strong stand against our society. He is our enemy. Satan must be defeated.

Remember, Jesus said that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Satan knows this too. He does not want a kingdom of uncertain people. Satan is working to gather evil to his side with unmistakable clarity. Both-sides-ism does not give us the truth.

Recently in an interview, our Holy Father seemed to mock both-sides-ism. Both-sides-is, happens when people insist that there is more or less the same amount of evil on both sides of a debate. I like that we have a Pope who can speak freely and even use mockery to get his point across. I like it sometimes, anyway. I like it when I can understand it and the answer is clear.

So I say that Pope Francis made the question simple by the way he effectively mocked both-sides-ism for our presidential election coming soon. The Pope, when asked about the two candidates said, "Both are against life, be it the one who kicks

out migrants, or be it the one who kills babies." When asked which one to vote for, the Pope said that one has to choose the lesser of two evils. Which is more evil? "I do not know," said Francis.

The devil wants us to believe that we have no hope or moral leadership in the Catholic Church or in the Pope. Presently, all the world's institutions from governments to businesses are severely corrupt and mired in moral ambiguity. Pope Francis is under steady pressure to make it look the same. The Pope is clever, as Jesus said, we must be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. On the surface, a person could walk away thinking that the Pope sees the two candidates as moral equals.

Are they both against life? When someone kills a baby in the womb, that baby is dead. When a country controls migration or expels migrants, those migrants are not necessarily killed. Perhaps only rarely will they be killed as a direct result of immigration enforcement.

We must be wise. Voting for child murder and child murderers is a ticket to hell. The Pope made it clear if you have any heart at all. He said, "To have an abortion is to kill a human being. You may like the word



or not, but it's killing." He didn't say that about migrants.

At the present time, institutional Church guidelines for faithful citizenship require any direct mention of candidate or party to be avoided. This is moral weakness and cowardice. These guidelines would prohibit pastors from denouncing another Hitler by name. These guidelines would ban us from condemning the Nazi party if it were to arise again. Pope Francis knows this. He told us that both are "against life" in a manner of speaking, but he made it clear which one is the killer as a point of fact. We Catholics especially must be wise and heed the Pope. If we side with the devil, a murderer from the beginning, we will not be able to stand with Jesus on Judgment Day. Search your hearts. Pray and repent. Lord, save this world from the crime of abortion, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Vivat Jesus!*





**STEVE WAS AN** 80-year-old retiree living a quiet life. On Tuesday at 10:00 am, his phone rang. He picked it up to hear the urgent voice of Eric claiming to be from the Social Security Administration but was actually using stolen credentials. Eric told Steve that there had been a multitude of bank account hacks and that Steve's money was at serious risk.

Eric instructed Steve to go to the bank immediately and withdraw \$10,000 from his checking account and another \$10,000 from his savings. He also instructed Steve to tell the bank teller that the money was for home improvements. Steve, trusting the urgency in Eric's voice, complied.

With \$20,000 now in hand, Eric further directed Steve to a BP gas station on I-94, where Steve was to convert the money into Bitcoin. Steve didn't even know what Bitcoin was, but Eric explained that it was a special universal currency used by all countries and assured Steve that once he provided the special Social Security Administration code, the money would be safe.

When Steve arrived at the gas station's Bitcoin conversion kiosk, Eric texted him the so-called special code. Unbeknownst to Steve, it was an account set up by Eric to receive the funds. Following Eric's instructions, Steve began feeding the \$20,000 into the machine. However, due to his age, Steve struggled with the process, feeding the money slowly into the slot.

Eric's patience wore thin, and he began to get angry. "You must go

faster, Steve! There are hundreds of people whose bank accounts are being cyberattacked right now. If you don't, I'll have to hang up and help someone else, and you will lose your entire savings!" Eric shouted.

Panicked, Steve apologized, "I'm sorry, I'm doing the best I can!"

Partway through the process, the Bitcoin machine jammed. Eric, seething with frustration, ordered Steve to go to a different location to complete the transaction. By this time, it was already 12:45 pm, and Steve had been on the phone with Eric for nearly three hours.

Steve, feeling exhausted and overwhelmed, lamented, "I can't. I have a Knights of Columbus meeting tonight."

At the council meeting that night Steve was greeted by Dr. David, the Past Grand Knight and current State



of Wisconsin Advocate. Dr. David asked how Steve was doing.

Steve said, "Not too good. My bank account was hacked today." Dr. David asked for more information and Steve told him the entire story. After hearing the story, Dr. David called his friend Judge Jo Ann and the County Sheriff.

The sheriff assured Steve that they would investigate and do everything possible to catch Eric. The Sheriff, noticing Steve's distress, suggested  
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he stay with his family for the next few days while the authorities worked on the case. Steve looked down and said, "I don't have anyone to stay with. My wife died a few years ago and I am alone."

Dr. David quickly chimed in. "Pal, you are staying with me tonight."

During the drive to Dr. David's house, Steve reflected on the events of the day. How could he have fallen for such a scam? He had always been so careful. Dr. David reassured him that these scammers were highly skilled and persuasive and that it could happen to anyone.

Meanwhile, at the sheriff's office, the deputies began tracing the phone number and credentials Eric had used. They also contacted the Bitcoin machine company to see if they could retrieve any surveillance footage or transaction records that might help identify Eric.

At Dr. David's house, Steve felt more at ease knowing he was surrounded by kind people. Dr. David's wife had already set up a spare room for Steve. The next day Dr. David helped Steve notify the bank to secure his accounts. They also reviewed how to spot phishing attempts and scams to prevent this from happening again.

Over the next few days, the investigation unfolded. The sheriff's office discovered that Eric was part of a larger fraudulent operation targeting elderly individuals. They found several other victims; one victim lost \$52,000. The sheriff began piecing together Eric's network. The authorities coordinated with federal agencies to widen the investigation and shut down the operation.

Steve breathed a sigh of relief, grateful that the ordeal might soon

be over. Despite the scare, he felt a surge of gratitude for Dr. David and the Knights of Columbus for their unwavering support.

As weeks passed, Steve resumed his regular activities, feeling more vigilant and prepared. The experience, though harrowing, brought the community closer. The Knights of Columbus organized seminars on financial safety for seniors, ensuring everyone was better prepared to handle such threats in the future. The case is still open and ongoing, but Steve is confident the thief will be caught.

And so, life slowly returned to normal for Steve, but with a renewed sense of vigilance, gratitude, and the unbreakable bond of his Faith community.

*Vivat Jesus!*





**BROTHER KNIGHTS**, I am writing this in September, and I feel confident that when this newsletter is published in October, you will have successfully completed the State Deputy's "**Mission**" and brought in 20% of our annual membership goal. Meeting this helps us realize a reduction in our quota with Supreme, saving money for the Councils and creating peace of mind for starting the year off strong. I know that Worthy State Deputy Patrick wants us to continue that momentum, add to our successes, and make the 2nd Quarter even better.

After reaching a hard sought after goal, it is best to review and identify what worked and what didn't. Four of the Wisconsin dioceses have held their Leadership Meetings and know that we are **On Mission**. That Mission includes the directive of the Supreme Knight that each Council hold a Church Drive before December 31, 2024. We know these work when they are planned and executed. ***If you haven't done so yet, please plan yours today.***

## Pre-Drive

- ▷ Meet with Father and get approval

## Week One

- ▷ Put out a bulletin announcement
- ▷ Meet & Greet at the Mass time selected, make sure to offer a prayer card to all attendees, ask Father to lead the prayer after Communion

## Week Two

- ▷ Put out a bulletin announcement
- ▷ Meet & Greet at the Mass time selected, make sure to offer a guide to confession or how to say the Rosary to all attendees and invite them to a quick meeting after Mass. Show a video, or give a presentation. Make sure guys are "asked" and have the QR code available and postcards too. This is a great opportunity to have a coffee & doughnut event. Pack the pews. Everyone wears a KC shirt. Have volunteers for the positions of usher, lector, or Eucharistic Minister—anything that will help Father and give the Knights more visibility in public.



## Week Three

- ▷ Put out a bulletin announcement
- ▷ Meet & Greet at the Mass time selected. Hold an Exemplification to follow the Mass and invite the Parish to join.

Don't delay, hunting, harvest and Advent are obstacles if you don't plan. You are **On Mission**, and you can succeed. Take pictures so we can include them in the Badger Bulletin. Send me notes letting me know what went well and what ideas you want to share with your Brothers. We are 20% of the way there, only 80% to go. Happy Autumn and thank you for getting us to this point!

*Vivat Jesus!*



# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

## COREY COONEN

**WE ARE FISHERS OF MEN.** This past weekend I was blessed to attend the Madison Diocese meeting, wherein Bishop Donald Hying led Holy Mass to kick off the day's events. His homily focused on the good works that the Knights provide along with a continued need to fulfill this Mission we are called to 'serve.' Our service is to God as it is to helping serve those in need. His message was one that can resonate with all of us—we have a 'mission' to invite other qualified men to join our ranks as Knights, as it is our duty to help them on the path to heaven, which is something that the Knights can offer our members. What a privilege it can be to offer someone membership in our great organization—and we encourage all of you to work towards this important 'mission' in the coming months. Our world needs men to put their faith in action. Men who build the domestic Church. Men who step into the breach. As Knights of Columbus, we seek to do just that, and it is up to you to make a bigger impact by inviting men to join. Catholic men are waiting to be invited. Will you ask them?

I encourage all of you to attend an upcoming webinar and learn more about the Supreme membership initiative 'Fishers of Men' that they are embarking on this quarter. Visit the Supreme website to find more details and resources to help you in your 'fishing' endeavor.

In closing, as we ended the 1st quarter, we had a few councils and District Deputies achieve the unique incentives we set in place.

As we begin the 2nd quarter, we are excited once again to offer each council an opportunity to earn 'unique' incentives if they achieve a needed growth from October 1-December 31st.

### NEW MEMBERS TO COUNCIL FROM OCTOBER 1- DECEMBER 31

- ▷ Councils that have 100 members or less: 4 new members
- ▷ Councils that have 101-150 members: 5 new members
- ▷ Councils that have 151-200 members: 6 new members
- ▷ Councils that have 201-250 members: 7 new members



- ▷ Councils that have 251-300 members: 8 new members
- ▷ Councils that have 301-350 members: 9 new members
- ▷ Councils that have 351+ members: 10 new members

*Div 1 = \$100.00 off April Per Capita*

*Div 2 = \$250.00 off April per Capita*

*Div 3 = \$500.00 off April per Capita*

As a State, we are off to a much better start in the first 3 months than we have had since pre-COVID. Let's continue the **strong start** with a **strong push** to close 2024 with **every council active** by bringing in new members into the order! Let's start 2025 off on the right foot!

*Vivat Jesus!*





# GENERAL AGENT TIM NOWAK

**I WAS READING** my daily meditation on September 9th and found that it touched my heart.

During this reading Jesus is asked if he could heal someone on the sabbath? Despite the presence of the Pharisees looking on and waiting to scrutinize him or accuse him of something, Jesus simply responded, "Stretch out your hand." The man did, and Jesus healed him. Jesus knew that he was being watched closely by those who wanted to discredit Him and His teachings of the Father, and yet He healed the man on anyways. This is what resonated with me. It has become common practice that some are looking for ways to discredit and criticize the presence of the Knights of Columbus in our parishes. Some will say we do too little; some will say we do too much. To this I say, you can't please everyone.

Instead, what we can do is to be alert and present for our fellow parishioners on Sundays. We need to come ready and willing to engage with those in our community that are in need. We should look for ways to invite them in and start conversations of substance and make the best use of the time we get with them. We will not see most of these people for another week or two, maybe even a month or half of the year. What are we waiting for? We have the power to stretch out our hands to our fellow parishioners and in doing so we can help heal

their families and perhaps heal ourselves by getting outside of our own selves. It is a proven fact that when we help others we gain so much more in our own lives.

I was at a meeting two weeks ago where a council said they were not an organization that was inside the church but are seen more as an outside organization. My prayer for each of our members is that if that is where you council sits today you should do a council self-assessment and find out why you are not an inside organization. I pray you become an organization for your Priest when he needs something done. We can change any council by being in solidarity with the Priest. What does that look like? Well first it starts by asking him to be your Chaplin and inviting him to provide direction and input on how to make the biggest impact for your parish. Second have a clergy appreciation dinner and find out your Priest's birthday and ordination date. Again, I was at another council meeting where they were changing the meeting night to make sure Father could be there. The most effective councils I have seen have a healthy relationship with their Priests. Have Father be active in deciding who belongs in your council, and then ask for his input on when and who should be asked to join your ranks.

I feel that it is important for Councils to look ahead and find what they wish to "hang their hat



on" in the upcoming year. I recently was told that GK Andrew, of UW Madison Council, said he wants to make sure that they are known for their charity and leadership on campus for the year. I commend them for establishing and committing to a plan for the year. If you don't know what your council will be the best at for the upcoming year, let me humbly recommend a few options. Try being first in faith and charity, find ways to fundraise with the plan to give the money away before you start. Beginning with the end in mind allows for maximum member engagement and allows those who have passion in what they are doing to step into leadership roles.

We are thankful for every council in this state and appreciate those councils that are working hard to promote maximum engagement and member growth. I wish you luck in this mission this fall, as well as between Badger and Packers games. May all your missions see success.

*Vivat Jesus!*



**EVERY COUNCIL HAS** a unique story to tell. Sharing that story effectively strengthens your community's sense of pride and enhances your visibility, helping attract new members and support. Here's a simple approach to telling your council's story:

### **Highlight Your Mission and Values**

Start with your council's mission. What drives your work? What values guide your efforts? Setting this foundation will help readers understand the heart of your organization.

### **Showcase Key Accomplishments**

Celebrate your successes! Highlight programs or initiatives that have made a difference in your community. Whether it's a charitable project, a fundraiser, or a new initiative, demonstrate how your council is making an impact.

### **Use Personal Stories**

People connect with stories on a personal level. Share the experiences of members or beneficiaries of your work. These narratives humanize your council and make its impact more relatable.

### **Incorporate Visuals**

A picture is worth a thousand words. Photos and videos of your events, members in action, or the results of your work can add depth and emotion to your story.

### **Focus on Community Impact**

Your council's story should emphasize how your work benefits the community. Share concrete examples of lives changed, problems solved, or opportunities created.

### **Be Authentic**

Authenticity builds trust. Be honest about your council's challenges and how you've



overcome them. Showing resilience can be just as inspiring as showcasing success.

Focusing on these elements can help your council craft a compelling narrative that resonates with current members, potential new members, and the community at large. Share your story on social media, newsletters, and local press to keep your council's impact visible.

*Vivat Jesus!*





## ONLINE MEMBERSHIP IPSD JOHN HUTTENHOFF

AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, we have assigned a total of 97 new E-members since July 1. Our Goal for this year is 440 new E-members, so we should be at 93 new E-members. We are on track to meet our Goal. Thank you.

So far Councils have transferred 80 E-members into Councils this Fraternal Year. Roughly 51% of Council Intake this year has been through E-members. We are a little behind where we would like to be here.

Given that we have 47 pending e-members from last year, and 46 more pending e-members from this year, we should be able to hit our goal. I will be sending reminders to Councils on these Assigned e-members in late September.

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

in your invitation process to potential members.

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

Remember:

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

The **Candidate** tab is what you use when you recruit a member locally or are handling a member transfer request or a reinstatement of a prior member.

Again, the date field is the date they were exemplified by your



council. Once you enter those dates in either tab, the members will be automatically transferred to your council's roster within the next week.

**Do not send Form 100's to Supreme for new members**, keep them for your councils records.

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

***Together, Let's get it done!***  
*Vivat Jesus!*



## FOURTH DEGREE

*DUANE ZABOROWSKI & JACK WRBANICH*

### AS THE FOURTH DEGREE

prepares to celebrate the 125th anniversary of its inception, plans are underway for its future in the Marquette Province and throughout the entire Order.

There is much work ahead, and success will require the combined efforts of all of us. To mark this significant occasion, special celebrations and exemplifications should be planned for every council and assembly.

One of the most important tasks the Order is currently working on is conducting a census of brother knights who served in Korea or Vietnam during the conflicts in those countries. Your active participation in this census is crucial. We need to accurately record the service history of our brothers who selflessly served their country so that they can be properly honored and remembered. They fulfilled their duty, and now it is our turn to ensure that their service is not forgotten. If you have not already surveyed your councils or

assemblies, please do so as soon as possible and submit the results to your District Master. This will ensure that our brothers from Wisconsin who served in these battle zones are included in the honors and remembrances that will take place next year.

The [state website](#) provides a sample survey form that can be used. Each assembly and council is requested to survey members who may have served in either or both of these conflicts. Inclusion in the census is limited to veterans who meet the requirements established by Congress for the Korean and Vietnam Service Medals. These requirements are Korea: June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953; Vietnam: July 3, 1965 - March 28, 1973.

Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception will be held for veterans on April 26, 2025. Following the mass, Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors will lay wreaths at the



Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Certificates recognizing service will be delivered to surviving veterans through their councils.

The deadline to respond to your District Master is January 31, 2025.





**THE CHARITY RAFFLE** tickets are being distributed to your district deputy at the district huddles in September/October. Feel free to start distributing and selling the raffle tickets. Below is a list of the charity members for each diocese. Please thank them if you get a chance.

**Superior Diocese**  
Dennis & Doris Berends  
**La Crosse Diocese**  
Michael Haight  
**Green Bay Diocese**  
Jeff Janssen  
**Madison Diocese**  
Robert & Colleen Pizur  
**Milwaukee Diocese**  
Jim & Beth Ten Pas



*Vivat Jesus!*

## **TREASURY REPORT**

### ***Fall Per Capita***

**IT IS TIME** to pull out the checkbook. It is Fall per capita season. All Financial Secretaries on record received an email statement on October 1, 2024. The per capita statements are all Electronic. They were sent to the Financial Secretary at the email address listed in the 2024-2025 State Directory. The per capita invoice will be from our software provider QuickBooks. If you don't think you have received your copy, please check your junk/spam folder for the notice. Below are examples of how the emails may

appear. If you have any questions please contact your District Deputy.

### **Intellectual Disabilities Check (Tootsie Rolls)**

Brothers, be assured that cutting Council ID checks is a priority on my "To Do" list. But several Knight's activities have recently been a higher priority. Some of the activities include processing Charity Grant checks, Preparing and Hosting Milwaukee Diocese meeting, making council visits and meetings with DD's & GK's. My next priority is preparing council Per-Capita statements that are due October 1, 2024.

This is all in addition to a full-time job and carving out some time to spend with Melissa. Most of you have met her and I am sure you agree that she is a pretty special lady. I share all of this with you not to make excuses but to be transparent and set expectations. I am working hard to be a successful State Treasurer, Officer in Charge of Milwaukee and State Program Director. I ask your patience as I work through and attempt to balance the priorities in my life.

My plan is to have them to the council by early November.

*Vivat Jesus!*



**IT HAS BEEN** several months since I have been able to submit a Program Article for the newsletter. I have been busy learning how to be a Treasurer. Please forgive my absence.

As I have said on many occasions, Faith in Action is how we Knights live out the principles of our order. It is through Faith in Action programs that we provide charity to the “Needy and Outcast.” To be effective we need an annual plan. The plan should be aligned with the vision shared by our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly “First in Faith & Charity.” Additionally, he encouraged us at the 2024 Supreme convention to be “On Mission.” What he meant by that is Knights and Councils should continuously strive to support our Priests, Parishes and Communities.

A council plan should include the five W’s (Who, What, Why,

When & Where). It should also include FIA Programs, Membership Activities, Exemplifications, Fraternal Benefit Events and all other requirements to be a fully active council.

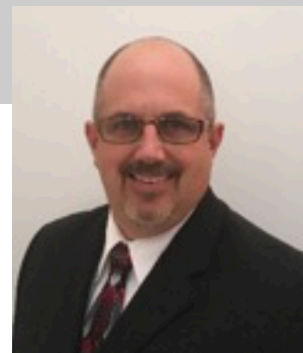
Here is my call to action for you. If your council does not have a written plan, make one. You can use your own format or the one that is on the State Website.

Below are some programs that you should consider including in the plan.

*Vivat Jesus*

### **Keep Christ in Christmas**

Last year, we received many fantastic artworks of children’s representation of Christ in Christmas. Start encouraging your councils to reach out to their local schools and CCD classes to try and get this excellent program as part of the curriculum. Again, the program is open to children from



kindergarten through 8th grade. If you have any other questions, please visit this [link](#).

### **Family of the Month**

Many local council submissions for Family of the Month on the Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784 are incomplete. Please work with your councils to ensure all councils correctly fill in the fields such as name (first and last), address, and month. Also, let councils know they may only submit one family each month. We will not accept council entries if a council submits families for multiple months in one month.

### **ASAP Program Updates**

ASAP fraternal year-end data for 2023-2024 is now available in your Teams folder, click here to see the top jurisdictions for donations and applications. Continue to support women facing an unplanned pregnancy by donating to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Click here for a one-page resource to share with councils to promote the program.

### **RSVP**

Councils can support and promote vocations this Fall during National Vocations Awareness Week from

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## FAITH DIRECTOR DENNIS BEDNAREK

**OCTOBER IS UPON** us and should be the month of planning ahead for the one of the busiest seasons of our Faith for the next two months. On Friday the 1st of November we have a Holy Day of obligation namely All Saints Day, followed by Saturday the 2nd of November All Souls day. This is the season that we historically remember our loved ones that that are no longer with us. Has your Council planned a memorial mass for your past members.

### SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

Yes, the Sacramental Gifts program is continuing. However, we currently

have nearly 500 Bibles that we need to liquidate. The State created this program on the basis that we could get lower prices for the councils with a large purchase. In the the last two years we were able to do this, however each year our inventory grew. While I do have hopes on expanding this program we do need to move the current inventory to free up more cash for additional purchases.

With Confirmation Classes beginning this is the ideal time for Councils to purchase some of the bibles for the new students. Talk with your religious education departments at your parishes and



their needs for the YCAT bibles we currently have in stock. They can still be ordered through blue icon "State Council Store" located on the Wisconsin State Council website . Or you can contact me directly and we will make arangments for a pick up or delivery of the bibles.

*Vivat Jesus!*

November 5-11 (United States). Contact your diocesan vocations office (Canada and USA) to ensure all seminarians and postulants are supported in your area. Visit this [link](#) for program information.

### Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary! Promote devotion to the rosary in your council and parish by scheduling regular rosary prayer services throughout October. Be sure to invite families of the parish and provide them with a copy of A Scriptural Rosary for the Family from KofC Catholic Information Service which can be downloaded or found on supplies online. A guide sheet to help plan a regular rosary program can be found here.

to Jesus Christ! At the Supreme Convention in Quebec, Canada this last August our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, challenged all Knights of Columbus to stay "on Mission." *What does this mean for our councils?* Simply, it means we must remain focused (i.e., on mission) by serving our Church, family, community, and protecting human life through our works of charity all in a bond of brotherhood. At the same time, we must also be focused on our mission to evangelize and help form Catholic men in their faith and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. As we have heard many times over the last year, Knights must be first in faith **and** first in charity.

I offer the following reflection questions for every council in the jurisdiction of Wisconsin to

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### ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

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

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Thank you to all those who  
helped with the SOWI Fall  
Games in Wisconsin Dells! You  
fed over 640 people! The  
pancakes were delicious. The  
pork sausages were to die for.  
No one walked away hungry.  
You made an incredible  
difference in these special  
athletes' lives. Thank you!

Be sure to report your hours to  
your GK so Wisconsin can get  
credit (and the funds from  
Supreme Council) – go here to  
submit your Form #10784!

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

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### Wisconsin Special Olympics – State Bowling Tournament

Here is what Special Olympics  
of Wisconsin needs from us:

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

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

### Safe Haven Baby Boxes

There has been a lot of  
discussion about the Safe Haven  
Baby Boxes and how the KofCs  
can get involved.

Money. If your council wants  
to sponsor an installation, in  
full, or in part, you can do that  
through Safe Haven Baby Box,



Inc. directly, or with Pro-Life Wisconsin, who has set up a grant fund for the endeavor. If you want to sponsor a specific project, it has to have a signed contract with Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. If you simply want to sponsor the effort in general, you can direct your checks to Pro-Life Wisconsin with "Baby Box" in the memo section. As the projects come together and are looking for funding, we will grant funds from that pool of donations as they make themselves known to us. If you have a donor who wants the tax write off, have him or her send their donation either to Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. and have them earmark it for a Baby Box in Wisconsin, or to

Pro-Life Wisconsin, with Baby Box in the memo line of your check.

Get the ball rolling in your community to have one

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

#### **ASAP Grants**

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

information and I will apply for you online!

#### **Choose Life Wisconsin Grant Fund**

Any pro-life pregnancy center or maternity home can apply for a grant from Choose Life Wisconsin – the Choose Life Plate People! Apply [here](#) any time.

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

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## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### BILL FRAYER

**I HOPE YOU'VE** been enjoying this remarkably warm, wonderful late summer/early fall weather in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, for the southeast portion of the nation, this has been a time of disaster with the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Now would be a great time to hold a fundraiser or two and make a major donation to the KC Supreme Disaster Relief Fund or directly to councils in states directly affected by the storm, such as Florida, South Carolina, and Tennessee. It continues to be a reminder about the real need to set, review and update our own plans, supplies and procedures for disaster prep in our own Councils, families, parishes, communities, etc.!

Reminder that it's not too late to order coats from Supreme for the 50/50 Supreme/State Matching Offer for Coats for Kids for this fall. Check with State Director Corey Coonan and get your ordered in **now**! Plan to do the distribution on Black Friday or soon thereafter. Finalize your plans for securing your coats and other items you may wish to distribute here in October and be ready for the drive in late November or early December.

There's bound to be major need in your area, so let's take care of it!

Those are our two major focal points for October. If you're not involved with them, then it's certainly apropos for you to be purchasing wheelchairs for the Global Mission. The conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan and elsewhere cry out for a need to be met! October is also a great time to be finishing up fall and planning winter projects for your Habitat or Helping Hands programs in your area.

As far as youth programs are concerned, in October you should have your grade 8-12 students hard at work on their Catholic Citizenship essays – due to Council by December 15 and to Diocesan Program Coordinators by December 31.

Also in October, Councils can be wrapping up their fall Soccer Challenge contest or planning their winter hockey Skills Contests. Get results from these to your DPCs when completed. You can also be setting your plans and securing materials for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Content to be run in November and early December. For more information, check with James Vosters (State Family Director).



Finally, PPK is wrapping up with the Diocesan Contests in October. Be sure to send your winners on to this competition. For more information on dates, sites, times, check with your DD or DPC. Be sure that your winners (boys & girls) have a completely filled out, accurate green travel card for admittance to the Diocesan Contest. Also be sure that they bring their own ball for practice and warmup.

As to the State Finals, it will be held in Wausau. You will be hearing via Flocknote, email, etc. as to the final date, times, details in a few days when finalized. (November 2, 9 or 16 in Wausau)

Have a great October. Keep up the good work!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

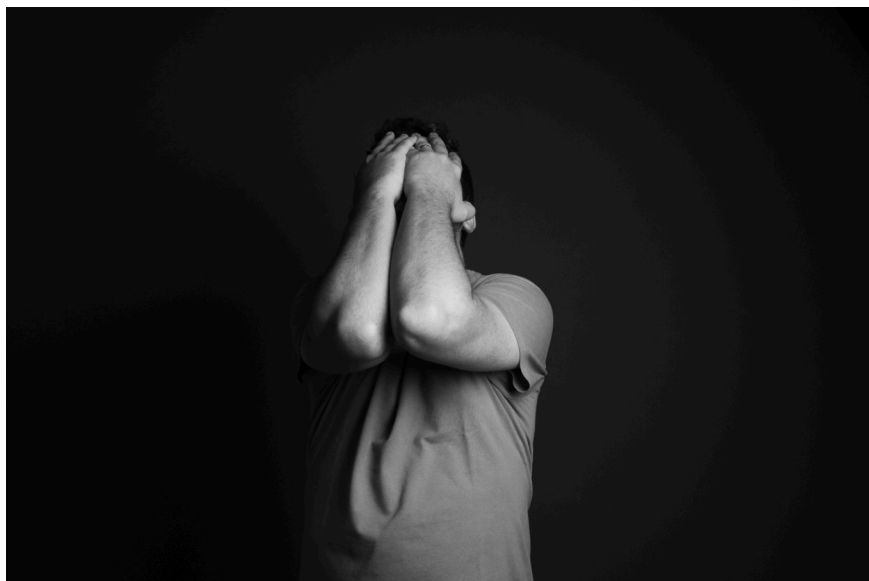
9. Follow-up: Stay in contact with the council leaders to ensure your complaint is being addressed and to receive updates on its status.

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

Ensure you maintain records of all correspondence and documentation related to the complaint throughout the process.

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

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

2. Appeal to Higher Authorities:  
- District Deputy: If the council fails to address your complaint, you can escalate it to the District Deputy, who oversees several councils within a district.

*State Advocate: If the District Deputy cannot resolve the issue, appeal to the State Advocate, who handles legal and procedural issues at the state level.*

3. Follow Formal Appeal Procedures: Ensure you follow the

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

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

5. Supreme Council: As a last resort, you can appeal to the Supreme Council, the highest authority within the Knights of Columbus. Provide comprehensive documentation and evidence supporting your case.

6. Consult the Bylaws: Review the Knights of Columbus bylaws

for specific guidance on handling unresolved complaints and appeals.

7. Seek External Advice: If internal processes are exhausted without resolution, you might seek advice from an external advisor familiar with organizational disputes.

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

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## State Yard Sign Program

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

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

### [2024ORDER FORM](#)

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

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

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

Please PRINT All Order Information

Council name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

Council contact person: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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





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

- ▷ Articles should contain a minimum of **300 words** (*ideal*) but no more than **600 words max**. Articles that are longer than this may be shortened by the editor.
- ▷ Articles should be submitted to the State Secretary by email as a Word document attachment.
  - ▷ PDF submissions are for **ads** or **promotions**, not **articles**.
- ▷ Pictures need to be sent separately as an attachment and the original pictures. Include photo information and credits. **Please do not format them in any way; we will do it.** Do not embed them within your Word document. Consider providing photos whenever possible. It makes the newsletter more interesting to look at and read.
- ▷ Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- ▷ At a minimum, Who, What, When and Where needs to be in the **first** paragraph.
- ▷ Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and **of interest** to the entire State Council:
  - ♦ What is the event/activity about?
  - ♦ Whom did it benefit?
  - ♦ What was the result?
  - ♦ Who are the key players/Knights?
- ▷ Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the editor.
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- ▷ Proofread your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (use spellcheck or a software such as Grammarly). **Advice:** read your articles out loud to get a sense of tone.
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