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BROTHER KNIGHTS ALL of the Wisconsin Jurisdiction, from August 4-9, the delegates you elected at our April State Convention attended the Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Quebec, on your behalf as representatives of the Wisconsin Jurisdiction.

The convention was outstanding as it always is every year recognizing those that have gone above and beyond the call of duty as it pertains to the areas we were challenged to achieve by our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in maintaining the mission of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. You should be able to see pictures from Quebec City in either this release or the following release of the Badger Bulletin. I strongly suggest that any of you that has a desire to attend a Supreme Convention, submit your name at the next Wisconsin State Convention for consideration. It also is the experience of a lifetime, and you will return even more energized in our mission than you were before.

Speaking of mission, the main point of focus from our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's speech at the Supreme Convention is that we as the Knights of Columbus organization are **"ON MISSION"** to continue fulfilling Blessed Michael McGivney's dreams and goals of what he started in 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church.

In my prior August newsletter article, I 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 year end quotas earlier in the year.

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.

We are tracking better than we did during the first quarter of last year; however, it's slower than hoped for. We need as a state to bring in double digits on a daily basis to succeed but we still have days that our state intake increased only by 1 member from the 300+ councils in Wisconsin.

As we enter September, and our councils are again resuming their regular meetings and scheduled church drives and programs after a summer hiatus, I expect to see a significant increase in our daily intake for the last month of the first quarter. I know I can count on you and that you won't let me down in achieving our first quarter objective.

A lot of effort has been put into updating our State Directory for the new year, and we hope to have the



final publication available during our September Diocese meetings for your use. It has finally gone to press.

My sincere appreciation to our State Secretary Ross Larson, our State Administrative Manager Rick Raulin & our Forms Director Joe Uchtyl for their continued daily and sometimes hourly efforts day & night to update the directory as the updates trickled in from the various diocese. Again, my Fast Start objective refers to this project as well. District Deputies should be ensuring that their councils are submitting changes early to the state. It's the only way we may ever be able to provide you with a 100% accurate listing.

Until then, I look forward to meeting everyone that is scheduled to attend their upcoming September Diocesan meetings: Green Bay (9/7), La Crosse (9/14), Milwaukee (9/21), Madison (9/28), and Superior (10/5). You should have received all the particular meeting information from the State Officer covering your Diocese.

Vvivat Jesus!



AS THE CATHOLIC Church moves through the trials of this age, let us take up the rosary. As I write to you, we are still celebrating the month of August, dedicated to Mary, our Queen, and her Immaculate Heart. All of us can plainly see that the troubles we face are not temporary troubles that will pass. Our world is deeply flawed. Our American culture is set against God and his gift of life in ways that we aren't always willing to accept or talk about. Every year the birth rate drops to another record low in our country. This is not simply about the economy, stupid. Remember the good old days, when leaders just said, "It's the economy stupid!" No, these are no longer crises. We must admit that humanity is locked in a great struggle with darkness and death. It is hard to understand how, at a time when we ought to be on the cusp of advancing as a global civilization of life, the power of death seems to grow. The world advances deeper into death. The poison of death seeps into the human experience and poisons life in ways that we couldn't anticipate.

We have seen these harbingers of death increasing in the world. The rescue from death is beyond our capacity. Life is not our to command. A people who have squandered the gift of life need to learn how to receive new life once again. Life follows a natural order.

Spiritual life follows the same principle. Our natural life is born of woman. Supernatural life comes to us through the woman, Mary. Mary is called "full of grace". There would be neither grace nor salvation for the human family if Mary had not said yes.

Jesus is asking us to say yes to his will for us. It is that simple. We can wish for things to be different. It is so easy to lose sight of God. The problems of this world mount up. All of those fearsome obstacles have one even sadder effect; to divert our attention from the God who loves us. He knows all the needs of his people. Mary is a model for surrender. God does NOT want us to fret about how he's going to fix all of this. We can't be blind to this world's troubles. But God is bigger. If we walk about problem focused, we miss the God of solutions.

When Mary said yes to Gabriel, God surrounded her with the power of His Holy Spirit. God makes all things new. Mary's yes is the model for our yes to God. He sends the Holy Spirit and restores things in his perfect way. Jesus restores us to grace. He makes us the people that we claim to be in the situations where Christians are most needed.

I'm thankful to God that after the goodness of our Eucharistic Revival, our Supreme Convention was held

in



Quebec City. In the first See of Quebec, the convention was held in a diocese dedicated to the Immaculate Conception on the 350th anniversary year of the founding of that diocese. Mary will help us in our good resolutions to be the Body of Christ in the world today.

The days of the convention turned out to be a time of personal tragedy for me as I received word on arrival that my brother, Jonathan, had passed away back home. I am glad that our Blessed Mother and St. Anne were with me. The delegates, men of our state team, and their wives were a tremendous comfort as I waited to return back home. I am extremely grateful to Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, OP. Fr. Jonathan serves as the Director of Chaplains for our order. He was the first person to pray with me when I heard that my brother passed. I want to extend my gratitude to all of the KCs in Wisconsin who have reached out to me in prayer. It is a privilege to pray for you all and work with you as chaplain. Please know of my prayers.

Vivat Jesus!



DEAR BROTHER, THANK you for allowing me to represent our proud state as a delegate at the 142nd Supreme Convention in Quebec City. As promised at our 2024 State Convention, I am providing you with a summary of what I learned.

Patrick Kelly's Address Summarized

DESPITE RISING GLOBAL secularism, the Knights of Columbus reported significant growth and record charitable donations in 2023. At their annual convention in Quebec, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly announced that membership rose to 2.1 million, with 92,000 new members, marking one of the best growth years in a century. The Knights also spent over 47 million hours on service and set a new record with \$190 million in charitable giving.

KELLY HIGHLIGHTED THE organization's mission to build communities centered on Christ, despite the sacrifices it entails, echoing the 2024 convention theme: "On Mission." Membership growth was notable in the U.S., Ukraine, the Philippines, Mexico, and France, with significant increases in South Korea and Cuba. **IN THE U.S.**, half of the new online members were Hispanic, indicating their growing influence in the American Catholic community.

Kelly expressed optimism for future growth, citing a survey where 7 million Catholics showed interest in joining but noted they had never been invited.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly emphasized the foundational culture of invitation initiated by Father Michael McGivney, urging members to continue this tradition to involve the next generation. Kelly highlighted the Knights of Columbus' charitable reach, including rebuilding churches and aiding Catholic communities in persecuted nations like Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon.

He also introduced two new African initiatives: a national catechetical institute in Nigeria in collaboration with the Franciscan University of Steubenville to support ongoing priest and lay leader formation, and a vocational training center for young girls in Benin, aimed at social and economic development. Kelly noted the severe persecution of Christians in Nigeria and the targeting of girls by terrorists in Benin.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus have delivered over 8.5 million pounds of relief supplies to Ukraine, supported more than 1.6 million refugees, and provided \$17 million in humanitarian aid through the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.



The Knights awarded the "International Family of the Year" to the Ampe family, who adopted two children with Down syndrome from Ukraine. Their charitable efforts also included aiding victims of the 2023 Hawaii wildfires by delivering supplies and rebuilding communities, including Sacred Hearts Catholic school in Maui, and supporting 11 teachers who lost their homes but continued working. Kelly emphasized the challenge of rising secularism in the U.S., Canada, and Europe, urging members to emulate the dedication of Blessed Michael J. McGivney and St. François de Laval to build a new generation of devoted Catholic men.

Vivat Jesus!



WORTHY BROTHER, HOW many times do we hear that communication is essential to success? We know it is true and it is particularly true for the Knights of Columbus.

If I say to you “Il n’y a pas de sauveteur en service.” I have 100% given you good information. Is my job done? No. Obviously communication is sharing good information AND transferring an understanding of knowledge.

Il n’y a pas de sauveteur en service is important to know, even more so if you can’t swim, but if you only speak English, you would not understand that I have told you there is no lifeguard on duty.

For example, every Council is required to have four members that

have completed Safe Environment training. Required. Required by Supreme and it is not negotiable. As Men and as Knights, we are dedicated to protecting kids and following rules. So, this is easy for us and we will be compliant with this rule. It has been communicated to us and we understand who is to be compliant and why. If there is an obstacle in your Council as to why this can’t be completed, then please communicate it to your District Deputy, Diocesan Director, State Officer in Charge or the State Deputy. We will find a solution.

Communication is also about being available and responding. All five dioceses in Wisconsin will be holding an organizational meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Directories are handed out, raffle tickets are handed out, checks are distributed and goals and information will be shared. These meetings also are a great opportunity to share successes and frustrations. Are you going? Should you?

Finally, have you signed up for FlockNote? Do you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can communicate better to you? I’m all ears.

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AS WE START the last month of the 1st quarter of our Fraternal Year, we find ourselves doing better in membership growth than in the previous years since COVID started, but also with still so much more potential for our Councils. As we enter September, most of our Councils will end their 'Summer' break much like students returning to School, and this is some of the time where our councils are the most active in programs. I encourage you to take advantage of these programs as growth opportunities for new members.

One example of such a program is our Coats for Kids program. This year we have already exceeded to date the record year we had last year in this program—and we are on pace to give over 10,000 coats to kids in need across our state this Fall. What an incredible accomplishment for those councils but our State Council as a whole. Are individuals aware of this? Are we 'promoting' all the good works of the Knights when we can for our Parish families? Are we promoting our good works in our Parish bulletins on an ongoing basis? Or do they just view us as another Men's Group, another Fraternity?

As I sat at Mass earlier this past month in August for our newest council in the State at St. Sebastian Parish in Milwaukee—the homily from the priest that day really struck me as he was in a non-invasive way, promoting the men of that Parish to join the Knights. He implored all that we have a mission to serve—whether it is to serve during

Mass, the parish committee, or to serve in organizations such as the Knights—as Catholics, we have a call to serve our fellow man and those in need. It struck me as I sat next to Past State Deputy Ron Faust (New Council Development Coordinator) and other leaders from the Milwaukee Diocese, that all across our State we have many members willing to take the charge to serve and invite others to serve. That day we brought in over 20 new members to this newest council, and they continue to be on fire to serve—I'm sure as a byproduct of the leadership of their Parish Priest and the vision he has for their newly formed Knights of Columbus council.

So how can we bring this same message to our Parishes when we are present to invite new members? Often, I hear conflicting messages from various pulpit speeches I hear across the State—and sometimes I wonder if we do more harm than good when we are making an ask. Are we inflicting Catholic Guilt on those hearing our message, or are we inspiring them to serve? As I reflected on this, I thought, how simple a message can be as to just say who we are is an organization that was founded by a soon-to-be Saint, a parish priest, some almost 140 years ago in New Haven, Connecticut. Quite simply, the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney fully encapsulates who we are as Knights—and this prayer maybe is the inspiration we need to send to others to invite them to join. Please



read and reflect on this prayer, and think of how this represents what your local council does in a simple message, not overcomplicating on an ask for volunteer hours or time commitment, but an ask to help your fellow man.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you call your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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GENERAL AGENT TIM NOWAK

BISHOPS, PRIESTS & Deacons, State Families and Membership, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, greetings and blessings to you. Today, we are in the perfect place to reach out to many, looking for a solution to the problems to the day. Most men are looking for a great connection with other families, and other like-minded men.

In August, I had the privilege of speaking to and about the border problem in the southern part of the United States. Neither Party will be able to solve this problem and neither candidate in the future as well. Only God can provide us with the security we need at this point in history. God knows what we need and if we pray, fast and trust in God all things are possible.

The reason I start there today is that we can do some much good by presenting the Knights as an activity of doing something for the greater

good that overcome the devils lie that we are helpless to the problems of today or tomorrow. Activity of Charity, activity of unity and activities of social good will always be and should always be the answer.

Many families are struggling to pay the increases for groceries and gas prices are not making it easy to do all the things families need to do. So as the family looks to what can I do, and how can I survive, if we as Knights are doing programs that encourage them and include them it will help.

As school is starting soon, doing a backpack drive or a school picnic for the schools open house we make them aware that we appreciate their efforts to keep their families catholic.

The Knights have announced some new enhancements to the family and member benefits, this September that we are excited to share with all



of you. You will be getting called by your agent to meet and explain these wonderful new ways the Knights of Columbus insurance is looking to support and provide better beneficial member benefits in the coming years. They will be great to share with you. I will be discussing them as well on the Fraternal Benefit events in the coming months as well.

As you all get ready for the changing out of summer, know that we are praying for you and hoping for a great season of Eucharistic renewal.

Vivat Jesus!

Now, let's take this a step further. Think of 300 plus councils simply prayed this simple prayer with their entire Parish family at a weekend Mass, inviting families to join.

Would we find families inspired by this message that join and make a difference in the world that they would not have done prior? Would we inspire a non-Catholic man to convert to Catholicism? Could we possibly find in the favors that we pray for a simple miracle such as

inspiring 20 plus men to join (as we did with our newest council in Milwaukee) and thus making an even greater impact on their charitable donations and helping families in need? If in one simple prayer we impacted over 300 parishes across our State, would we be able to help elevate our founder to Sainthood?

As a reminder, Please report all favors received to the:

**Father McGivney Guild
1 Columbus Plaza New Haven,
CT. 06510-3326**

Together, we can all make a difference in our Parishes and our communities, and together we can help fulfill the mission of our founder—and the guiding principles of our order.

Vivat Jesus!



THIS MONTH'S PR Corner focuses on a recent successful press release from our Milton Council. I want to highlight a few tips to help you draft and send out your successful press release. Not all press releases are created equal, but if you follow these simple guidelines, your chances of getting published will increase tenfold. Drafting a successful press release involves clear communication, a compelling narrative, and adherence to standard formatting guidelines. Here are some tips to help you create an effective press release:

Craft a Compelling Headline

Be Concise: Keep it under ten words, capturing the essence of your announcement.

Be Catchy: The headline should grab attention while being informative.

Start with a Strong Lead

Answer the 5 W's: Who, What, When, Where, and Why. The first sentence should provide the essential details.

Make it Newsworthy: Ensure the lead paragraph highlights why this announcement matters.

Include Relevant Details

Body Content: Expand on the details provided in the lead. Include quotes, statistics, and other important information.

Keep it Concise: Aim for 300-500 words. Be clear and to the point.

Incorporate a Quote

Add Personality: A well-placed quote from a key individual adds credibility and a human element.

Be Relevant: The quote should enhance the story and provide insight, not just repeat what's already stated.

Use a Standard Format

Contact Information: At the top or bottom of the page, include the name, phone number, and email of the media contact.

Date and Location: Start with the release date and the location of the event or organization.

Boilerplate: A brief description of the company or organization at the end.

Focus on the Audience

Tailor Your Message: Consider what's important to your target audience, whether it's journalists, customers, or the general public.

Avoid Jargon: Write in plain language to make it accessible to a broader audience.

Edit and Proofread

Check for Errors: Typos and grammatical mistakes can detract from your message.

Read Aloud: This helps catch awkward phrasing and ensure the text flows well.

Add Multimedia Elements

Images or Videos: Enhance your press release with relevant visuals



that can make the story more engaging.

Hyperlinks: Include links to additional resources, such as your website or a product page.

Distribute Wisely

Target the Right Media: Send your press release to journalists, bloggers, or publications that cover your industry or topic.

Timing: Consider the best time to send your press release to maximize coverage, usually early in the week and during business hours.

By following these tips, you can increase the chances of your press release being picked up and shared by media outlets, helping you achieve your communication goals.

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MILTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EARN TOP HONOR
Local KCs Named Star Council By International Organization

July 25, 2024

(Milton, WI) – The Milton Knights of Columbus Council 6547 was named a Star Council Award winner for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. The award is presented by the International Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in recognition of outstanding achievement in several areas, including community involvement/programs and membership growth. The council has won the award three consecutive years.

Milton Grand Knight Mike Tracey said being named Star Council illustrates the ongoing success the group has achieved in promoting faith and family. "We put our resources toward three specific goals" Tracey said, "supporting our home parish of St. Mary, strengthening our Milton community, and helping area young people."

Tracey noted several examples of the Knights many activities:

- Donating nearly \$20,000 in 2023 to area causes and organizations, including the Milton Food Pantry, the Pregnancy Helpline, and various families in need
- Sponsoring the annual Drive For The Cure Golf Outing, which raised more than \$40,000 in June for The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Wisconsin
- Supporting St. Mary faith building ministries and maintaining the St. Mary cemetery
- Providing college scholarships to local high school seniors conducting multiple youth programs

This year's award is especially meaningful, as the Council celebrates 50 years of service to others. "We're proud of the people and organizations we've been able to help since our creation in 1974" Tracey said.

The Milton Knights of Columbus efforts continue in September with two youth programs planned. The **Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition** will be held on Friday September 13 at Milton High School. The annual **Youth Soccer Challenge** will take place at Schilberg Park on Friday September 20. Both events begin at 5:00 PM and are open to boys and girls age 9 – 14.

About The Milton Knights Of Columbus

The Milton Knights of Columbus Council 6547 is one of 16,000 councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service. Contact Mike Tracey at mtracey5@outlook.com to learn more about the Milton Knights of Columbus.



FINANCIAL SECRETARIES, GRAND Knights, District Deputies, Brother Knights All, as of August 17, we have assigned a total of 57 new E-members since September 1. Our Goal for this year is 440 new E-members, so we should be at 59 new E-members. We are on track to meet our Goal. Thank you.

So far Councils have transferred 48 E-members into Councils this Fraternal Year. Roughly 60% of Council Intake this year has been through E-members. Again, we are on track to meet our Goals. Thank you.

We still have 50 E-members from the previous Fraternal Year that have not been brought into Councils. I will be sending reminders to Councils on these Assigned E-members in 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!



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FOURTH DEGREE

DUANE ZABOROWSKI & JACK WRBANICH

HAPPY SUMMER GREETINGS to all Brother Knights and families! The Fourth Degree of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have two scheduled exemplifications in the months of October: October 12, 2024 on the Eastern Side, and October 19, 2024 on the Western Side (Platteville). Supreme has declared that the goal for each Assembly is to be a **Star Assembly** which basically starts with an increase in new members equal or greater than 6% of your current membership. If your Assembly has 96 current members, your goal would be 6 new members for the year from September 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025. We will be working with the State Officers and all third degree Grand Knights to help in increasing the number of men joining the 4th Degree!

Members of the Patriotic Degree are an integral part of the Order, and we serve our brother Knights, we proudly foster patriotism in each nation in which we are active and we act on what is right and honorable. During the months of June and early September, the Dioceses of La Crosse, Green Bay and Milwaukee hosted the Eucharistic Revival before the end of the procession in Indianapolis. Sir Knights participated at most of the locations and will be featured in the September or August Columbia Magazine. I am not sure of the number of Sir Knights that participated in total, but we had 40 Sir Knights in uniform that

welcomed the Eucharist into Wisconsin on June 7th in the procession and opening mass. Master James Tenpas and Master Duane Zaborowski wish to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all the 4th degree Sir Knights that participated in all roles, not just the Honor Guard.

Thank you!

Related to Honor Flights from the state of Wisconsin, they are now getting scheduled for the fall. You can support Honor Flights by making donations to support a veteran, being in attendance when the flight returns from Washington DC and greeting their return or write letters to be given to the veterans at Mail Call on the flight. For the current schedule of flights this fall (some are being finalized) please go to the web site of each location that are listed below.



Appleton/Green Bay
Old Glory Honor Flight

La Crosse

Freedom Honor Flight

Madison

Badger Honor Flights

Milwaukee

Stars and Stripes Honor Flight

Mosinee

Never Forgotten Honor Flights

Superior

Honor Flight Northland

Currently the Silver Rose is going thru the State of Wisconsin. If it is in your area, please attend the prayer service or mass, whichever is scheduled. There should be participation from all members, not just 4th degree. These events are sponsored by the local Councils and 4th degree is there to add to the service, not run it.

The State of Wisconsin has a new Eastern District Master effective on September 1, 2024: Master Jack Wrbanich. When you see him, offer him congratulations on his selection. Master James TenPas remains the eastern Master thru August 31st and is diligently working on the Eastern Exemplification. Please thank him for his four years as the Eastern Master and a job well done! Support both Eastern Masters by having a large 4th degree class of Sir Knights on October 12, 2024. Master Duane Zaborowski was reappointed as the Western

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FOURTH DEGREE

DUANE ZABOROWSKI & JACK WRBANICH

District Master for another 2-year term and looks forward to working with all of you.

Also, the cost of the uniform will be going up after 5 years at the current price. The new price for the uniform will be \$475 effective September 1, 2024. Order your uniform today to get the current price. The 4th degree has been charged with increasing the number of Sir Knight with uniforms. Please help us attain that goal by purchasing the uniform today.

Finally, a word to our Faithful leaders of our Fourth Degree Assemblies. Remember, it is never too early to start completing the

paperwork for the various awards such as the Patriotic Award and the Civic Award. The District Masters do realize that you do all this work and don't always get recognition for it. I know it is not about the recognition here on earth, but it does matter to Supreme. (We will let you know in a future newsletter how many received the awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024). We have 55 Assemblies in the state of Wisconsin, we should have all 55 Assemblies receive one or both of the above awards which could then be delivered to your assembly by the Masters. It only takes a few minutes of your time to complete

the paperwork. Remember to complete two more forms, a listing of your new Assembly officers by August 1st and your annual Assembly audit report. These last two are mandatory. Please complete them as soon as possible.

“Sir Knight” is not just a title, it is an “Honor.”

Happy Summer and remember: August is the month of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Vivat Jesus!





COMMUNITY & YOUTH PROGRAMS

BILL FRAYER

BROTHERS, IN SEPTEMBER, our primary focus for our “adult” Community programs is undoubtedly Coats for Kids. The Supreme and State Council 50/50 Match “Black Friday” Incentive Program is a great way to participate in this outstanding drive with easy access to the coats you’ll need. Get 50% off your order by working with the State – contact Corey Coonen at 920-819-9409 or c.coonen@kofc.com soon!

For more information, check the Supreme Coats for Kids Program or contact Jason Porrello at jason.porrello@kofc.org.

Whether you secure your coats from Supreme through the Wisconsin State Council or from some other source or add in other items to give away (scarves, hats, mittens/gloves, boots, etc.), every Council should be participating in this program to the extent they possibly can! We can all help to meet the great need out there at schools, parishes, community centers and homeless shelters, etc.

Also in September, I urge you to help your local Habitat chapter finish up their fall project(s) or hold a fundraiser for Global Wheelchairs as there’s great need in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, Africa and here in the U.S. as well. You can also use those “Helping Hands” to wrap up those fall projects around the parish, community that need doing and can “make a real difference!”

On the Youth Program scene, be sure your local schools, parish, homeschoolers and media have the information they need to have students get going on writing their “Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest” entries in October-November. This year’s topic, “What are the 2 most important virtues for an elected leader to possess and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?”, is especially timely and pertinent to the upcoming fall elections. Let’s strive for a big increase in the number of statewide entries this year.



For PPK, local Contests can still be run through September or early October. Send results to your Diocesan Program Coordinator and to me. Check with your DPC for information on your Diocesan Contest in October:

Superior: Mike Frase
Madison: Erin Kennedy
Milwaukee: Dan Teter
La Crosse: Gary Wolf
Green Bay: James Vosters

The State Contest site, time, date is still in the process of being confirmed. Will let all know as soon as I know definitively.

Have a great September. Keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus!



CHARITY RAFFLE

BERNIE HEIT

KNOW OF A family with a sudden life crisis? First, bring it to your local council for consideration, then print off a copy of the “State Charity Grant Application” from the state website, use that form to interview the family to hear their story. Based on the reports I have heard, no matter how large the payout of the grant to the family, you will receive the greatest satisfaction.

The committee is already preparing for next year’s raffle. The raffle program has helped many families over the years and by all measures has been a great success. The raffle program basic structure has not changed much since it’s inception, with the mine set of why mess with a good thing. Our brothers before us established a great system. Are we stuck in a rut? Should we be considering other ways of bettering the program? We

would like to hear your thoughts. Ideas have come forth, such as should we raise the cost of a ticket, change the prize structure (bigger prize, or more prize winners), or make it a sweepstakes. Next year’s raffle will follow previous years format and prize structure, but make your voices heard and contact your committee members if you have any concerns:

Superior Diocese

Dennis & Doris Berends

La Crosse Diocese

Michael Haight

Green Bay Diocese

Jeff Janssen

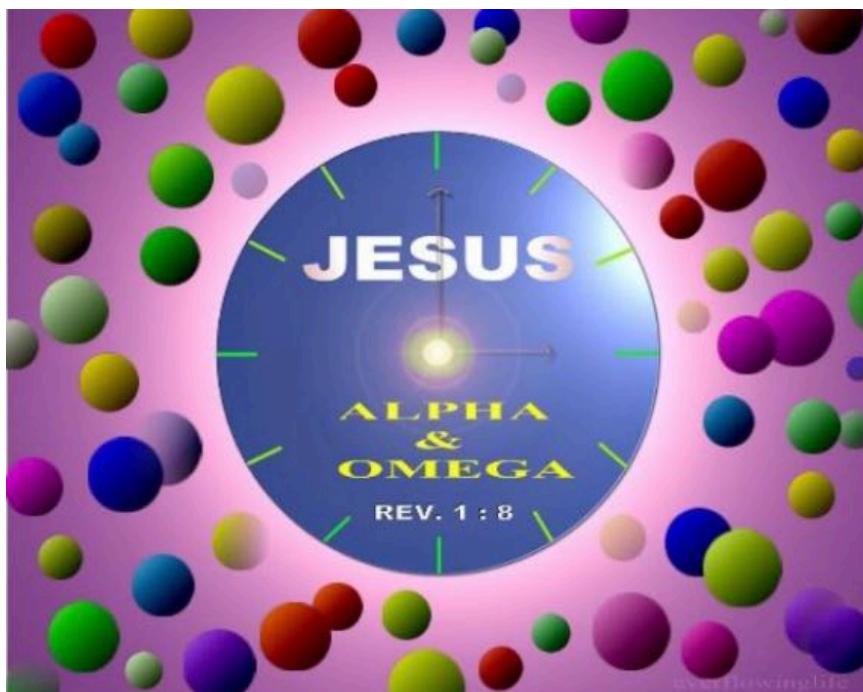
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Encounter Speakers



**Bishop
Donald Hying**



Fr. Brian Dulli



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Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Oct. 12

St. James, 1128 St. James Court, Madison, WI 608-257-5000



Agenda

St. James, Madison October 12 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

- 7:45: Music and Welcome
- 8:00: **Mass:** Bishop Hying is homilist
- 8:50: **Break**
- 9:00: **Testimonial**
- 9:05: **Bishop Hying's talk****
- 9:40:* **Encounter**
- *Adoration* (nave): Exposition/Litany/Confession/Prayer
(Simple Reposition at 10:20)
 - *Workshop* (downstairs): Presentation/Conversation/Shop
- 10:20: **Break**
- 10:30: **Testimonial**
- 10:35: **Fr. Dulli's talk****
- 11:10:* **Encounter**
- *Adoration* (nave): Confession/Prayer
 - **Testimonial**
 - *Act of Consecration*
 - *Workshop* (downstairs): Presentation/Conversation/Shop
- 11:45: **Fr. Kumud Chand reflection/Act of Consecration**
- *Benediction*
- 12:00: **Conclusion**/Music/Shop for Sacred Heart articles.

*Participants are free to choose between workshops, Adoration, Confession, prayer, shop for religious articles, or simply talk to friends and acquaintances about what inspires them. Take breaks as you need them, e.g., before, during, or immediately after the Encounter periods.

**Talks will be given separately in both English and Spanish.



THE SUMMER IS now moving into the autumn season. This brings us into the season of giving thanks to our Lord for everything He has given us throughout the year and our lives. It is time to prepare to give him thanks, for the upcoming harvest, for our families, for everything we have, as without our Creator we would have nothing. But most of all we need to thank Him for giving us Our Savior Jesus Christ who opened the gates to heaven for us through His Resurrection.

Autumn also brings us All Saints Day and All Souls Day. This is the month every Council and Assembly should have a memorial service for those that have been here before us. This is the time to start planning with our Chaplains/Friars: on how we will remember those former members and help console their families.

This last month, as I visited several parishes with the Silver Rose, and reminded of a service that I only occasionally see in parishes. This is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, in which one of the parishes started praying following the Silver Rose Service and Mass. Especially since all Councils cannot get the Silver Rose every year and were aiming to have at least four Faith programs, I recommend you consider saying the Chaplet regularly as strong program with minimum financial costs.

PILGRIM ICON

We still have the Pilgrim Icons in Wisconsin until the end of this calendar year when they need to be returned to the Supreme Council.

However, with the limited time available the ICON's will be only available on special request. I currently have received 11 requests for the Icons and will be contacting the requesting councils to set up a schedule for the Icon.

SILVER ROSE

On Sunday September 14th, where the Mississippi River meets the the Wisconsin River on the Bluffs of Pike Peak Park in Iowa, I accepted the Silver Rose for the State of Wisconsin, from the Iowa delegation. Since then it has visited 27 parishes throughout the state of Wisconsin. On Saturday August 10 in Beloit Wisconsin we had a Silver Rose Service along with a Mass with a delegation from the Illinois State Council and transferred the Silver Rose to Illinois. I want to thank the Beloit Council 605 for doing a fantastic job hosting the transfer.

But I must remind the Councils that hosted the Silver Rose, that it is like any other program it is not over until the paperwork is done. To date, I had only seen 4 form 10784's that were submitted to the Supreme Council. Remember to get these forms in as soon as possible and also send a copy to forms@wikofc.com.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

The Sacramental Gifts program is continuing. However we currently have over 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 in September 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 .

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Even though the Eucharistic Congress has concluded we need to continue rekindling a living relationship with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. How often does your Council sponsor a Holy Hour? How many Eucharistic Processions does your Parish have? Does you Parish have a canopy for the Eucharist Processions? Talk to your Chaplin/Friar and ask what your Council can do to highlight the importance of the Eucharist in your parish.

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Answers the Questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How

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 - ♦ Whom did it benefit?
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