



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Wisconsin



KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

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# State Deputy's Message

By John Huttenhoff

**I WANT TO** start by wishing you and your families a happy and blessed Easter. As a State Council, we are having one of the best years in a very long time. We are currently -2 Net/Net in membership, so we are bringing members in as fast as we are losing them to death, which is great news. We have already met a number of our State Circle of Honor Goals for the first time in many years.

However, there is one goal we need your help with. The Knights of Columbus were formed to help men to protect their families, and our Fraternal Benefits program does just that. One of the goals that we have as a State Council is for 150 councils to promote and attend at least two Fraternal Benefits Nights with a minimum of seven members. The last report from Supreme showed that we had only 66 Councils meet this requirement. Promoting and attending two Fraternal Benefits Nights is the requirement for the Founders Award, and one of the requirements for the Star Council Award. I am asking for your help to meet this goal. Between the State Council virtual events on 4/26, 5/31, and 6/28, and Supreme Webinars on 4/13, 5/23, and 6/27 it should not be difficult for Councils to meet this requirement. I recommend that councils put on a watch party, let your Field Agent know that you are doing so, and then invite the Parish in addition to your council members. Collect contact information for each attendee and share that information with your Field Agent or General Agent. The General Agent and Field Agents are even willing to provide in-person Fraternal Benefits Nights. There really is no reason that every council should not meet this requirement and qualify for the Founders Award.

I would also challenge every council to fill out and submit an SP-7 Columbian Award Application, so they can document their Faith, Family, Life and Community programs. Active councils should have no trouble qualifying for the Columbian Award. In most cases, it is just a matter of documenting the programs that you already participate in.

One of the biggest challenges that many councils are facing is getting men to step up and lead. Most men who join the Knights of Columbus do so in order to make a difference in their parishes and communities, but when it comes time to step up and lead, they become reluctant for fear of ending up in a position for several years. It is time to change this. We need to encourage our members to "Put Out Into the Deep" and Volunteer to lead their Councils.

A quick look at the numbers reveals the following:

- ▶ There are 34,000 Knights in Wisconsin
- ▶ We have 300 councils that run about 20 events, meaning that they require 14 Officers, 16 Directors, and 20 event coordinators/chairmen. This means there are 15,000 opportunities available to lead.
- ▶ We currently have 61 Districts in need of a District Deputy and Warden, which creates another 122 Leadership Opportunities.
- ▶ We also have opportunities for State Officers, State Directors, and Diocesan Coordinators. There are 53 positions for the Membership Team, 66 for the Program Team, 25 for the Support Team, 14 for Fraternal Team, as well as five Diocesan Directors and seven State Officers.

The sum of these positions accounts for only 50% of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Wisconsin. Clearly, we need more men to "Step Into the Breach" and lead, and we need to support those who do step up. If your Council is having problems finding leaders, it is time to recruit some new men. New members want nothing more than to be involved and to make a difference.

We are about to celebrate the Easter Season, a time of renewal. I pray that the Lord will give each of us the courage to Put Out Into the Deep, Step Into the Breach, and to lead our Councils, Districts, and the State Council. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Viva Cristo Rey*



*Then he said  
to his disciples,  
"The harvest is  
plentiful but the  
workers are few.  
Ask the Lord of  
the harvest,  
therefore, to send  
out workers into  
his harvest field."*

*Matthew*

*9:37-38*

# State Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Brian Dulli

**DEAR BROTHERS AND** Sir Knights, As you read this newsletter, the Church is entering into Holy Week. Jesus' passion and death are the result of careful planning by His Heavenly Father from all eternity. The mystery of Jesus' passion is also the result of real human choices. The events of the Passion transpired because of choices by disciples like Peter and even Judas along with Jewish leaders and even Romans like Pilate. The Son of God came into this world at one unique moment in history. The people had to make the choice either to serve Him or to condemn Him. At that moment Jesus was condemned for the sins of His people and for the sins of the whole world, including our own.

Our salvation depends on our answer to this fundamental question. Do we serve Jesus? Do we honor and worship his Holy Name? We have this duty, to honor Jesus in every person. Just like Jesus, you and I showed up here in this world. We are here at a unique moment in history. We have to make a choice. Are we going to honor and serve our God in our own bodies? We are made in the image and likeness of God. Jesus is the Image of the Invisible God. He is God made visible in human form. Are we going to live our lives for Jesus Christ or not? Will you let Jesus Christ be the center of your life right now? These are few moments that we have to serve, to honor, and to worship Jesus Christ. Will you take up your cross and serve Jesus?

We often still fall short just as the apostles did. We experience condemnation, death and destruction in our world, in our flesh, and in our own nation. Jesus commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is why it is always a grave sin to look the other way. We cannot turn a blind eye and allow our fellow humans to destroy innocent human life. In each person, born and unborn, we have that same option presented. Do we serve Jesus, or do we condemn Him again?

Last year, we celebrated victory for human life as the unjust Roe v. Wade decision was overturned. Immediately, Wisconsin's good and just law outlawing abortion went back into effect. The forces of evil are not going to give up just like

that. On April 4, Wisconsin has an important race for Supreme Court. My job is not to promote or endorse candidates for elected office. My job is to get people to heaven and keep them from committing a mortal sin that could damn them to hell. If someone in the state of Wisconsin launches a campaign that entirely is run on a plan to abort innocent babies, it would be a mortal sin to give any material support to that effort. Whether it be by money, advocacy or voting, material support in an effort to legalize abortion is a mortal sin. The fact of elective office being at stake does not change the morality of that act. This is basic Catholic moral theology. We are not permitted to directly participate in the mortal sin of another. That's what people do when the advocate for abortion in any of those ways I just mentioned.

It is not my job to endorse candidates, but it is my job to convict Catholics and warn them when it comes to sin. Sometimes different job descriptions overlap over the same ground. That is often the case in politics. Is there a Supreme Court candidate making this race entirely an effort to legalize abortion. You have to study carefully and decide. Are you a follower of Jesus Christ? Or will you condemn fellow humans to death in the womb? You have to decide. There couldn't be more at stake in your decision. I'm praying for you.

At our convention, we approve many resolutions, and one of these will affirm our commitment to defending life in the womb from the threat of abortion. Jesus rose from the dead so that he could give us new life. I pray that this Easter will bring a strengthening of faith in Jesus and his mercy. The Risen Jesus released forgiveness of sins, imparting sacramental grace to his apostles to forgive sins. There is mercy even for the great sins of our generation. Be restored to Jesus Christ through faith and especially through sacramental confession. I look forward to sharing the good news of Jesus with you at our convention in Green Bay. ✚

*Christ is Risen! Vivat Jesus!*



*It is always a grave sin to look the other way. We cannot turn a blind eye and allow our fellow humans to destroy innocent human life.*

# Re-Birth

By Corey Coonen, IPSD

**AS WE ARE** in the midst of Holy Week and the culmination of the Lenten season with the Easter Sunday Mass—I wanted to remind all of our Councils of two outstanding opportunities to engage and welcome our new RCIA candidates and encourage others who have drifted to return back to the Catholic faith.

Now, I ask you: Does your Council send a congratulatory Card and/or gift to these newest members of our Church? Do you welcome their families to a celebration of Thanksgiving for them joining the Church and invite them to join our Order? These are individuals that are on-fire for their faith, and often can be outstanding future leaders in your councils. Please consider reaching out to these individuals in the month of April to welcome them with open arms. Furthermore, parishes are often filled with many unfamiliar faces for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Are we welcoming and engaging these individuals? Do we approach those that we don't know to try and build a relationship with them and find out if they are 'new' to the area or 'returning' to the Church?

As I chose the title of this article as 'Re-Birth' it is because during this Lenten season of reflection and almsgiving, some individuals that have possibly drifted away from the Church may return. It may be the Gospel readings and Homilies during this season that bring them back to their Faith. Many individuals that 'drift' away from the Church were once as a youth, individuals that would go to Mass with their families. Sometimes it is their family that may bring them back to Church—sometimes it is the passing of family members that bring them back to their Faith. As we grow older, we may find those things that were once apart of our lives as 'missing' and go back to them. As youth, it was a much simpler time for us all—as we didn't have the busyness of daily life, work and family and other priorities that would pull us from things we once enjoyed or did.

As a comical aside to relate to this 're-birth' or 'born again' theme, I will reflect upon something that I hadn't really 'enjoyed' since I was a kid, finding it as something I enjoy again. As a child up until I became a teenager, I used to enjoy watching WWF (now WWE) wrestling on Saturday mornings—as much a weekly routine

for me as going to Church. As a child of the late 80's to early 90's, some of these characters at the time seemed mythical in ways. My friends and I were drawn in and we would talk about it at school the following Monday. As I grew older and realized that it was all 'fake' and 'scripted', I immediately lost interest. In the past year, I had started watching documentaries on some of the wrestlers that I grew up watching, and even ran into former Wrestler Bret 'The Hitman' Hart just by chance at a random encounter in Nashville (and was able to get a picture with him). As my wife was also watching these shows with me, she suggested one evening that we watch them again. All of a sudden, at something that I knew that was 'scripted' on the outcome, the storyline and characters drew us in again. We had to return each week to see how all of this would unfold. We were hooked! We even invite our friends over now to watch Wrestlemania. Something that I would've scoffed at only a few months ago, I'm now enjoying again as an almost-middle-aged man, and I'm amazed by the others who still enjoy it as well. It brings back fond memories from my childhood—and from this much 'simpler' time that I had in my life.

Now, what's the point of this personal story? Quite simply—something that was once apart of your childhood or life at one time, can easily come back into your life in mysterious ways. Someone who has 'fallen' away from the faith, should be embraced and welcomed when returning. Like the prodigal son, we should be happy of their return, not critical of the time they spent away or the person they were in the past. We all have a history, it's what we make of our future that should be of utmost importance to us in inviting new men into our councils. This is what we are called to do as Knights: evangelize the faithful. Continue to ask and engage even those former Catholics that you know, as one day they may too be welcomed back into the church and into our Councils. Maybe too these individuals will be reminded of that 'simpler' time in their life—where weekend mass was very much a part of their weekly routine. Maybe it will be a gospel reading, or a homily that hits home to get them 'hooked' again. It is never too late for a Re-Birth. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*



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## KICKING IT INTO GEAR IN 2023'

**January 1<sup>st</sup>–April 31<sup>st</sup> Membership Incentive:** If a council adds and exemplifies new members in January, February and April equal to 50% or greater of their MEMBERSHIP GOAL set by Supreme, then they will receive a 30% reduction on their April 1st per-capita invoice.

### COUNCILS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THIS INCENTIVE

District 5: Council 16244—Brought in 5 new members  
District 11: Council 7732—Brought in 3 new members  
District 20: Council 2770—Brought in 3 new members  
District 25: Council 839—Brought in 7 new members  
District 40: Council 1386—Brought in 3 new members  
District 41: Council 1080—Brought in 6 new members  
District 47: Council 17889—Brought in 6 new members  
District 50: Council 1864—Brought in 6 new members  
District 51: Council 4879—Brought in 7 new members  
District 60: Council 2689—Brought in 3 new members  
District 60: Council 8817—Brought in 3 new members  
District 63: Council 3562—Brought in 12 new members  
District 64: Council 4648—Brought in 4 new members  
District 64: Council 15090—Brought in 3 new members  
District 65: Council 1709—Brought in 15 new members  
District 67: Council 973—Brought in 7 new members  
District 67: Council 16022—Brought in 3 new members  
District 67: Council 16765—Brought in 3 new members  
District 69: Council 6883—Brought in 7 new members  
District 70: Council 7048—Brought in 5 new members  
District 72: Council 4106—Brought in 3 new members

### DISTRICT DEPUTIES THAT HAVE ACHIEVED 100% OF THEIR DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP QUOTA

District 42 DD Dale Emerton: 150% of their goal after bringing in 30 new members to date  
District 47 DD Kevin Boening: 200% of their goal after bringing in 40 new members to date  
District 60 DD Tom Block: 106% of their goal after bringing in 20 new members to date  
District 63 DD Pat Reiff: 125% of their goal after bringing in 36 new members to date  
District 64 DD Andy Orgovan: 173% of their goal after bringing in 38 new members to date  
District 67 DD Richard Mich: 155% of their goal after bringing in 34 new members to date

### DISTRICTS WITH EVERY COUNCIL ACTIVE

District 29 DD Jacob Cruz: 4 councils all active  
District 32 DD Dan Wieser: 4 councils all active  
District 42 DD Dale Emerton: 5 councils all active  
District 44 DD Rick Raulin: 4 councils all active  
District 50 DD Robert Thomas: 5 councils all active  
District 60 DD Tom Block: 5 councils all active  
District 64 DD Andy Orgovan: 5 councils all active  
District 68 DD Andrew Wurster: 4 councils all active  
District 72 DD Bruce Chartier: 4 councils all active  
District 81 DD Joe Raehsler: 4 councils all active

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# General Agent's Message

By Tim Nowak

**BISHOPS, PRIESTS, STATE**, and Membership, Happy Easter to all of you! I was recently reading an older article from the November 2020 Columbian magazine. The article was on the spirit of our Founder:

*"Well shall it be with the Knights of Columbus as an Order, if its individual members possess the spirit that dominated its founder. Genial, approachable, of kindly disposition, cheerful under reverses, profoundly sympathetic with those upon whom had fallen the heavy hand of affliction, a man of strict probity and sterling integrity in his business transaction."*

Our goal as Agency is to recruit, train and have the Highest standard of Integrity with all our agents. We are now ready to add another 6 to 7 agents this year. If you should know someone who is looking to run their own business, trade the culture of the world in for a culture of Faith first, and Family and Brotherly support please tell them about us, or just email me their names. I know this career can be rewarding and beneficial both financially and spirituality. I have many brothers that are part of the Knights of Columbus insurance that would probably say that the decision to move to employment as an agent was the best thing for them.

As we move into spring, please know that I look forward to spending time with the council that invite us to do a Fraternal Benefits in person with a field agent in your area. I am sure we will see many of you at the State convention in Green Bay, and it should be an excellent convention again this year. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*



## State Treasurer's Article

By Roland Breunig

**BROTHER KNIGHTS, THANK** you to the many Councils that have paid their October Per Capita billings. We have a small number of Councils that have yet to send in payment, which was due November 30th. If you have not yet sent in payment, please do so now.

The next State Per Capita billing will be issued on April 1st. They will be sent via email to Council Financial Secretaries using the email address we have on record. Because State uses QuickBooks Online for its accounting, the emails come from QuickBooks. The emails received might include QuickBooks or Intuit in the email

address and it is possible that a Financial Secretary might not recognize the email address and chooses to ignore or delete it. It is also possible that the email might go into the Financial Secretary's Spam folder. So, please be on the watch for it. Sometimes the emails bounce back because the Financial Secretary's email address of record is no longer active. In that case, we reach out to the Council's Grand Knight.

Occasionally there is confusion between Per Capita invoices sent by Supreme and those sent by State. The status of invoices from Supreme is reported monthly on their Council

Payment – Summary and Payment Coupon, which is available to the Council's Grand Knight and Financial Secretary via Supreme's website. This report only reflects the status of Supreme's Per Capita billing. Unfortunately, the status of State Per Capita billings is not available online. To compensate for this, statements are periodically sent to Councils that have outstanding balances.

If you ever have any questions about your Council's State Per Capita billing, please contact me at [my email](#) or call me at 608-247-8979. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*

# State Advocate's Message

By Don Schoenherr

**BROTHER KNIGHTS, WE** are over the half-way point of our fraternal year. There are still 40 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, 70 councils still have not submitted Form 365. As you know this is a list of your directors who will help your council succeed. It is instrumental in providing Supreme with a list of individuals who need to be Safe Environment Compliant. Let's work on this, please. On your 365 you must have the following positions filled: Membership, Program, Community and Family Directors.

The next topic of concern is our Safe Environment Status. Needless to say without Form 365 and 185 Supreme cannot issue training invitations or track how a council is doing in becoming Safe Environment Compliant. It is critical that all councils become compliant for many reasons. We need to ensure that we provide a proper environment for those we deal with as well as ensuring that we do not allow situations to occur that can hurt others as well as ourselves. Of the 4 positions that require SE compliance there are many councils that have 3 of the 4 satisfied. 12 councils are compliant with many in the pending status. As you may notice this is down from last month. In many cases renewal training was required but the member did not complete it.

There are still 28 councils who have not submitted form 1728. This form tells the state, supreme and yes, the IRS how many hours and dollars the organization has given for that year. It is important that we maintain a good showing in this area to maintain our tax status.

It is not too late to register for the convention, I encourage you to do so.

It is tax time, depending on your council's reporting year you may need to get this form in soon. [Here is a link to the EZ version of the IRS form.](#)

If you are eligible to file the post card form, [here is a link to that information.](#) †

*Vivat Jesus!*







## THE BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

### *Are you a member?*

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Blessed Michael J. McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God.

As of July 1, 2022 Wisconsin has only 1,245 out of 34,467 members registered in the Guild. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July - August and is sent free to Guild members.

[Click here to register!](#)



## Marketing & Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

In a recent article by Emily Ricci, Owner of Gloriam Marketing, a Catholic marketing and creative agency serving parishes, businesses, and ministries, she wrote about marketing lessons from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Her article outlines three lessons we can learn from Pope Benedict: Teaching, Audience, and Humility. I wanted to share these with you.

### TEACHING

There is no question that Pope Emeritus was a brilliant teacher, to the point that many are already calling for him to become a Doctor of the Church. A marketer cannot overstate the benefits of being a good teacher. Marketing relies on persuasion, which often involves education. You cannot convince someone to do something with which they are unfamiliar; thus, good marketing is rooted in instruction. Being knowledgeable on a subject - and being able to explain it well - establishes expertise and trust. What would be the fruits that would come if we emulated Pope's style in our council marketing efforts - by being teachers first and marketers second?

### AUDIENCE

Related to his teaching, mainly through writing, Pope Benedict XVI was known for his ability to relay complex theological doctrine and truth in an approachable manner. He was a champion of the truth, so he recognized that he did not need to convince his fellow clergy and theological scholars of these truths. Instead, he wrote in a way that was understandable to his flock, the people of the Church.

Likewise, as marketers, we sometimes need the reminder that our audience does not know everything we do. Are we preaching to the choir or the sheep when we market?

### HUMILITY

One of the biggest concerns I hear from Councils is that marketing is at odds with humility. Look at Jesus' example, how He was the most humble person who ever lived, and yet talked about Himself a lot in the Gospels. And now we have another great example, with many calling Pope Benedict XVI's resignation one of the most humble acts by any pontiff. And yet, how he retained many aspects of his papacy throughout his resignation caused a lot of stir at the time. For example, he kept the title of Pope and the white clothing because he insisted that his Petrine ministry did not end with his resignation but just changed. His resignation illustrates an important aspect of humility: Being humble doesn't mean rejecting or diminishing who one is in God, but instead recognizing the proper order of God and man. We can be most humble when we step fully into who God has called us to be and do our work for Him - and that sometimes means telling others about it.

*Pope Benedict XVI, pray for us.*

*Vivat Jesus!*  
Jack Wrbanich





# Join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree!

By Duane Zaborowski  
Western District Master



**GREETINGS TO ALL** our Brother Knights! Can you answer this question honestly? ***Why am I not a Fourth Degree Sir Knight?*** Being a Sir Knight is the fourth pillar of the Knights of Columbus. The other three pillars are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The fourth pillar is Patriotism which is what the Fourth Degree stands for. Not only do we support our church and family, but this degree helps us all support our Country. The fourth degree Exemplification is best described as a beautiful history lesson. Think of all of this as a stool or chair. While a three-legged stool/chair is good and usually dependable, a four-legged stool/chair is much more sturdy and helpful. Why not add that fourth leg to your stool or chair by joining the Fourth Degree.

Being a Fourth Degree Sir Knight does not require you to become an honor guard and purchase the new uniform. That is now optional, not like back in the 1960s-time frame. Fourth Degree members are active in many different activities. This month I have attached

photos from the Wausau Area Assembly. They, with the support of other area Councils and Assemblies help raise funds and awareness of children going thru various health treatments at the



Marshfield Children's Hospital thru the Christmas in July Charity. While these photos may show Sir Knights in uniform,

there are many others working behind the scenes to pull this all off. And believe me, the children that receive these gifts while in the hospital are very thankful. You can help by being a donor or a participant and especially by becoming a

Fourth Degree Sir Knight and assisting with activities such as these.

Other events that Fourth Degree members participate in are various patriotic parades, helping with Special Olympic events, Honor Flights, both with fund raisers and being in attendance when the veterans return home, K-9 dog fundraiser events and assisting the Bishops from our wonderful state at Confirmations and other activities. Please consider becoming part of the Fourth Degree during the month of May. The Western District Exemplification is on Saturday May 13, 2023, at Saint Joseph Parish in Stevens Point. The Eastern District Exemplification is on Saturday May 20, 2023, at Saint Katherine Drexel Parish in Beaver Dam. Mailings have been sent to all Grand Knights in the state along with the Assembly leaders. Please ask them for all the details and join the Fourth Degree this spring! ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*



# State Registration Information

By Steve Geishirt  
Administrative Manager

**IT'S THE BEGINNING** of State Convention season, which means it's time to send in forms before their deadlines and register for the state convention. There have been updates to the State Convention Site when it comes to registration. We'll look at these changes and some common mistakes people make when signing up.

- ▶ Go to the [WI State Council Website](#).
- ▶ Click on the green registration button.
- ▶ From here, it is **preferred** that you fill out the online Pre-Registration Form, but you also print out the [Registration Form](#) to send into the office.
- ▶ *Note the blue bar at the tops of each page: Agenda, Registration, Hotel. These are live links on the website that will help you plan your trip.*
- ▶ On the registration page, you will notice a new "Restart Registration" button. If you started your registration but were not able to finish it, as long as you at least saved your email address, you will be able to continue where you left off. Just enter your email address and then click.
- ▶ If, however, you have completed your registration but want to make changes it will take you to a different page "Registration - Change Request". This allows you to fill out a text box to tell the state office what you would like to change. That may be "I need another ticket for the State Deputy banquet", "I need two more working lunch tickets", or "I have to cancel as something unexpected came up". Please be detailed in your text as that will enable the state office to address your needs quickly. Farther down on this page you'll also see your initial registration, so you know what was originally chosen.

*Why a text box? Simply put, once you submit your registration it cannot be modified online. However, notes can be added to your registration at the state office. With that, if you add meal tickets or activities, we'll ask you to send in a check to cover the cost. Or, if you cancel a meal ticket, the state office will then know to provide a refund. Please note that only the state office can see these notes, and your reservation page will not update. We will send you an email in reply to your Change Request, so you have a record. Please see the image for a reference.*

- ▶ A common error on the first page of the online registration form is people fill out the information page but don't click on the gold "Continue" button on the bottom. They then come to the State Convention and wonder why they don't have tickets. Be sure to enter the security code found in the box on the right, then click on "Continue".

- ▶ On page two you can choose some available activities. The Working Lunch is the business meeting lunch for the delegates and other men attending this meeting. The women are welcome to attend the Ladies Brunch and Program. Once activities are chosen, they will appear at the top of the page and you'll see the total amount owed. Now choose the green "Complete My Registration" button for payment. Choose your payment type and the next page allows you to review your registration. If something is not correct, choose "If you wish to choose a different payment method...", which will take you back to the last page of registration. Once everything looks good and you've chosen your payment type choose "If this is correct, "Click here to Complete Your Registration". You should then see a summary page and receive a confirmation email.
- ▶ If you didn't choose any activities, choosing the green "Complete My Registration" button will take you directly to the summary page and you'll receive a confirmation email. In either case, I recommend you bring the summary page to the registration table at the state convention. **We at the state office look forward to seeing you at the 2023 State Convention April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at the KI Center in Green Bay WI.**

## ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION

When you add the activities shown below they will appear in the list of ACTIVITIES YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR.

| DATE                       | STARTS     | ACTIVITY                  | ACTIVITY PRICE | NUMBER ATTENDING                                   |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| Saturday<br>April 29, 2023 | 10:30 A.M. | Ladies Brunch and Program | \$30.00 each   | 1 <input type="button" value="ADD THIS ACTIVITY"/> |

## REGISTRATION - CHANGE REQUEST

[STATE COUNCIL HOME](#)

You have been sent to this page because you have already Completed your Registration for the State Convention. You registered for the 2023 State Convention on December 10, 2022.

If you wish to change YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION and/or the ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR, please fill out the CHANGE REQUEST FORM and click  below.

## REGISTRATION CHANGE REQUEST FORM

Please identify the changes you would like to make to the YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION and ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR sections of your Convention Registration presented below. The blue section at the bottom of the page entitled ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION provides a list of all Activities available for your change request. After preparing your change request please click  below.

### CHANGES TO YOUR REGISTRATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES

Please add 7 more State Deputy tickets to my order as the whole family is coming to the event. Its going to be awesome!

SECURITY CODE:  Enter the characters (case sensitive) that appear on the right into this box to complete your registration entries.







**GRAND KNIGHTS AND Financial Secretaries**, please check your Prospect lists in Officers Online at a minimum of once a week. If you have men showing there, **CONTACT** them (you may have to call, text, or knock on a door in addition to email). **INVITE** them to your Council meetings and activities and get to know them. While you are together, invite them to attend an in-person or online **DEGREE** ceremony. After completing the degree, **PROCESS** them into your council. If the member does not wish to join your council, please **REJECT** him and select the appropriate reason. Then please contact me so I may take the appropriate action based on the reasoning. DDs and DMCs, please follow up with your councils.

Please review these **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES**:

- ▶ [An Introduction to Online Membership video 5:36](#)
- ▶ [Council Online Membership Intro. PPTX NEW](#)
- ▶ [Online Application Video 6:14 NEW](#)
- ▶ [Online Application Guide PDF NEW](#)
- ▶ [Prospect Tab video 3:55](#)
- ▶ [Prospect Tab Walkthrough PDF NEW](#)
- ▶ [Candidate tab video 4:00](#)

## REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ Every man who joins online needs to access [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) from a compatible device, **personally** complete the online application testifying to all the attestations, and submit the online application **himself**.
- ▶ When possible, the member should use his own compatible device.
- ▶ The member must use their own valid email address when completing the online application.



## NOT ALLOWABLE:

- ▶ Completing the online application for a member even if they have asked you to do it for them.
- ▶ Collecting information from a proposed member on a form 100 or prospect card and using the information to sign the member up for online membership.
- ▶ Creating an email account for a member so they can complete the online membership process.

## NEW MEMBER PROCESS:

Follow the standard procedures for a new e-member as with all new members:

- ▶ Completed Form 100, or assigned e-member status in Prospect tab of Officers Online (OO).
- ▶ Admission committee vetting.
- ▶ Council action (voting) – see Guidelines for Online Voting - Motions if holding virtual meetings
- ▶ Degree – Member must take the degree prior to being transferred into a council.
- ▶ Process the new 3rd degree member into your council via Form 100 submission or, Online form 100 using the Candidate tab data entry and transfer, or e-member transfer using the Prospect tab. **REMEMBER: If you use either the Prospect tab or the Candidate tab to process your new members, do NOT submit a mailed paper or scanned pdf of the form 100. It just confuses the issue and might result in duplicate entries. Use only one of the available methods.**
- ▶ Update degree status by entering degree dates for 2nd & 3rd degrees in Member Management. This is not an automatic process.
- ▶ Share this QR code with your prospects. ✚

Vivat Jesus!  
William G. Hitt  
WI Online Membership Coordinator





# 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 |
| <b>Jurisdiction/ State</b>     |                  |                         |                            |                   |                   |                |                |              |                 |              |               |
| 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               |              |               |
| <b>4th Degree / Provincial</b> |                  |                         |                            |                   |                   |                |                |              |                 |              |               |
| Vice Supreme Master            | X                | X                       | X                          | X                 |                   |                |                | X            | X               |              |               |
| District Master                | X                | X                       | X                          | X                 |                   |                |                | X            | X               |              |               |
| <b>District</b>                |                  |                         |                            |                   |                   |                |                |              |                 |              |               |
| District Deputy                | X                | X                       | X                          | X                 |                   |                |                | X            | X               | X            |               |
| <b>Council</b>                 |                  |                         |                            |                   |                   |                |                |              |                 |              |               |
| 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               |              |               |
| <b>Assembly</b>                |                  |                         |                            |                   |                   |                |                |              |                 |              |               |
| 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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## Current E-Membership Rates\*

| CURRENT | CLASS / TYPE - as of date | 2/23/2023 | 3/29/2023 | Monthly Change |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
|         | ASSOCIATE                 | 201       | 211       | +10            |
|         | INSURANCE                 | 41        | 43        | +2             |
|         | INACTIVE                  | 10        | 10        | No change      |
|         | NO TRANSFER               | 50        | 55        | +5             |
|         | HONORARY                  | 0         | 0         | No change      |
|         | HONORARY LIFE             | 0         | 0         | No change      |
|         | AFFILIATE in 97048        | 2414      | 2416      | +2             |
|         | EXEMPT                    | 3         | 3         | No change      |
|         | ASSIGNED                  | 134       | 140       | +6             |
|         | UNASSIGNED                | 11        | 13        | +2             |
|         | TOTAL                     | 252       | 264       | +12            |

| YTD      | New E-Members #)              | 249  | 307  | +58  |
|----------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|
|          | New E-Members % (Target: 325) | 77%  | 94%  | +17% |
|          | Conversion into a council #   | 176  | 220  | +44  |
|          | Conversion into a council %   | 71%  | 72%  | +1%  |
| ALL TIME | Intake #                      | 1292 | 1339 | +47  |
|          | Conversion into a council #   | 978  | 1018 | +40  |
|          | Conversion into a council %   | 76%  | 75%  | -1%  |

Note: The assigned Prospect numbers will change this coming month as I will be removing those who have not joined a local council if they have been an e-member for over 2 years. Ten of these men are assigned to councils that haven't taken in a new member this fraternal year. They will still be e-members, just not on any council's Prospect list. If they haven't joined a local council in 2+years, I can only presume they do not want to transfer. It can't be that the assigned council(s) never contacted them, could it? If the councils have contacted them and they do not want to transfer – please reject them from your prospect list.

03-29-2022 is 75% of the fraternal year passed. We are above our online intake target, but we need to convert these e-members into council members, especially the 39 e-members assigned to 27 councils not having taken in a new member yet this year. There are also a number of councils with 5, 6, & 7 emembers assigned that could easily reach their membership quota if they would just engage these e-members and bring them into the council. Please remember that the goal is to have ZERO assigned e-members.

## Historical Data

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





# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle

Let's finish strong Wisconsin families are counting on YOU!!!  
Get those tickets sold.

Get your "Council Charity Grant Fund Request Form" sent to the state office prior to the state convention. The form is needed for our next state gaming commission audit and due by **May 1**. If your council sold any raffle tickets this fiscal year the form is required, your reimbursement check will not be sent until form is received and processed at the state office.

*God Bless,*  
Bernie Heit

**DRAWING THE END OF THIS MONTH!**

## \$50,000

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## ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

**Praise the Lord! Manitowoc has met their goal for their ultrasound campaign for The Crossing in Manitowoc!**

Please send your ultrasound money to:  
Belleville Council #6630 for Pregnancy Center (CareNet) of Green County, 1512 11th St, Monroe, WI 53566

**Supreme Advocate W. Patrick Donlin Council #6630 – Belleville**  
**DGK Peter Pica**  
**914-420-2127**  
**PO Box 452**  
**Belleville, WI 53508**

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction for an ultrasound project, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3).

**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc**  
**Memo: (#6630 or #710 ultrasound)**  
**4297 W Beltline Highway**  
**Madison, WI 53711-3859**

## ASAP GRANTS! YOU ARE STILL NUMBER ONE!

Congratulations! Wisconsin is still **NUMBER ONE** in the nation for monies donated to PRCs in Wisconsin! In the words of our pro-life contact at Supreme Council, "Wisconsin is crushing it." So far, Wisconsin councils have submitted 94 grant applications for over \$273,106 to pro-life organizations, resulting in \$24,200 so far in matching funds from Supreme Council! If your council has donated over \$500 to a pregnancy resource center since 7/1/2022 up to now, you can apply for the ASAP funds [ONLINE](#)! Do it now! They are going to allow us to apply for past donations in this fraternal year, but not once the fraternal year is closed (6/30/2023). If you need someone to walk you through it, I'd be happy to do that. Call me anytime at 262-993-6262.

Keep up the good work! If you don't know who to donate some money to – either send it to a current ultrasound fundraiser – or send it to a local PRC. Not familiar with any in your area? [Pick one from this handy website!](#)

## GO VOTE!

There is a Wisconsin Supreme Court election coming up on April 4th. Wisconsin is the only haven that is abortion free in a five-state area. This is probably the most important election in almost all our lifetimes. If we don't go vote, there is a probability of abortion back to Wisconsin. We cannot let this happen! We are now on the offense when it comes to the life issue. We set the pace. The best game plan for now is to have a plan to vote. If you know you'll be gone on April 4th, [get an absentee ballot](#).

Consider educating yourself for this upcoming election. There is one candidate that is pro-life. [You can find additional resources by visiting the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#). There you will find information and guidance on how to vote within our Catholic beliefs and values. *Vivat Jesus!* Dan Miller





# PKD & Culture of Life Contributions

By Steve Geishirt  
Administrative Manager

**IT'S PKD AND** CoL donations season. I'd like to review how a council can verify what they can contribute for each and where to send payment.

As you know, PKD or Penny a Knight a Day supports Catholic Education across the dioceses of Wisconsin. Your contribution stays in your diocese, and a check is provided by the State Council each year to your bishop to be used in supporting your local Catholic schools.

PKD is calculated by multiplying \$3.65 (a penny each day of the year) based on the number of members for each council as of July 1st minus Inactive and Exemption (formerly disabled) members. The amount due for your council can be found on the State Council Website. To get there, type WIKOFC.com into a web browser and it will forward you to UKnight for the Wisconsin St Council, or use this [link](#). Scroll down the main page to Penny-A-Knight-A-Day where you'll

see the fearless Knight in armor. Click on "Read More..." which will open a window, then choose "Click here to view document". This will bring up a pdf listing all councils in the state and the amount of PKD Funds each council may contribute. As council checks are deposited you will see the date at the top of the pdf update and you can verify your contribution has been received.

For Culture of Life (CoL), amounts due are calculated similar to PKD except the rate is \$3.50 per member. To look up what your council can contribute, again go to the State Council webpage, but this time click on a **new button** this year called "State Council Resources" positioned in the top central quarter of the main page. This will take you to a new page and Culture of Life is right near the top. You can see last years contributions and the pdf for this year. The amount is a combination of donations from the CoL

mailer that went out in November and your council contributions. Both the PKD and CoL donations are listed on member dues each year but are not required to be paid by members or councils, yet highly encouraged. CoL contributions help fund grants to Pro Life services, agencies and programs across the state.

Checks should be written to Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus, or WI State Council Knights for short, and sent to the State Council office:

**Knights of Columbus**  
4297 W Beltline Hwy  
Madison WI 53711

If you sending in amounts for both they must be on two different checks as it's a violation of WI State Council policies to co-mingle funds. +

*Vivat Jesus!*

## WISCONSIN STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Registration is **NOW OPEN!!!**

[Click here for more information.](#)



# Wisconsin Faith in Action

By Ernie Reinhart

## FAITH IN ACTION:

### SUPPORTING THE EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**AS KNIGHTS OUR** goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. The Supreme Council provide several resources on its website.

I want to bring you attention to the Eucharistic Revival section. As you are probably aware the goal of the Eucharistic Revival is "Renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

I ask each council during its next meeting to watch the video ["The Eucharist: Source of Our Healing."](#) Then begin planning how your council will support this important endeavor in the coming year.

## TIME TO SUBMIT FOR THE COLUMBIAN AWARD (SP-7)

**THE COLUMBIAN AWARD** recognizes excellence in your council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award your council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. A completed Colombian Award Application (#SP-7) must be received by the Supreme Council office by June 30 in order to earn this award. There are no required programs.

The Supreme Council has designated certain programs as featured programs in each of the program categories. When your council conducts a featured program and satisfies the associated requirements it will receive two credits towards that program category on their Colombian Award Application (#SP-7). The featured programs for each category are listed below.

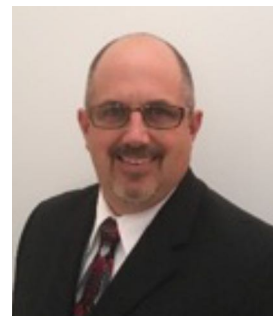
**FAITH** - Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP), Holy Hour, Spiritual Reflection, Into the Breach

**FAMILY** - Food for Families, Family of the Month, Family Prayer Night, Family Fully Alive

**COMMUNITY** - Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Global Wheelchair Mission

**LIFE** - March for Life, Special Olympics, Ultrasound, Pregnancy Center Support (includes Aid and Support After Pregnancy - ASAP

*Vivat Jesus!*



*"Begin planning  
how your council  
will support the  
Eucharistic  
Revival!"*

*"It is time to  
submit the  
Columbian  
Award!"*





# Honor Flight 2023

By Daniel Hull

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

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

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

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

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

## 2023 Wisconsin Honor Flight Schedule

|                      |   |                                     |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Fox Valley</b>    | <b>Old Glory Honor Flight</b>           | April 19, June 7, July 28, & Oct 18 |
| <b>Northwest</b>     | <b>Freedom Honor Flight</b>             | May 13                              |
| <b>South Central</b> | <b>Badger Honor Flight</b>              | April 8, May 6 & May 20             |
| <b>South East</b>    | <b>Stars &amp; Stripes Honor Flight</b> | April 26, May 20                    |
| <b>North West</b>    | <b>Northland Honor Flight</b>           | May 13                              |
| <b>North Central</b> | <b>Never Forgotten Honor Flight</b>     | April 17, May 15, Sept 25 & Oct 16  |

Please support the Honor Flight whenever you are able.



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**TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE:** As we are going into our 10th month of the drive, I am excited to announce that we have received \$42,937.95 to date. Thank You! We are off to a good start towards our goal of \$150,000.00. Let's see if we can reach \$50,000 before the convention.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** the Special Olympics summer games have been scheduled at U.W. Whitewater rather than Stevens Point, June 8-10, 2023. We will again be asking 4th Degree Honor Guard to attend the opening on June 8th. More information will be coming as we lead up to that time

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

## Volunteers are needed at all events.

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

4/1, R8 District Swim Meet ~ *Oconomowoc*, Amber Weinfurter, 262-518-2314

4/14 to 4/16 Spring Games ~ *UW Oshkosh*, more info to come next month

4/29, Basketball Skills Day ~ *Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee*, [Grace VanBergen](#)

5/6, Region 6: Track & Field ~ *Oregon*, Adam Loeber, 608-442-5668

5/6, Region 3: Track & Field ~ *Chippewa Falls*, Michaela Harrison, 715-204-9696

5/13, Region 8: Track & Field ~ *Muskego*, Amber Weinfurter, 262-518-2314

5/13, Region 2: Track & Field ~ *Merrill*, Nicole Christensen, 608-442-5670

5/20, Region 4 & 5: Track & Field ~ *Ashwaubenon*

BECOME A  
VOL  UNTEER

**The ABOVE 5 events determine who goes to the State Summer Games.**

6/8 thru 6/10 2023 Summer Games ~ *UW-Whitewater*

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

**Honor Guard needed for Opening Ceremonies.**

*Vivat Jesus!*

John Benisch

Wis KofC Special Olympics Coordinator

**Special  
Olympics  
Wisconsin**





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.

## OUR MARRIAGE PRAYER

Be sure to fill out the 10784 for the Our Marriage Prayer using the Family-Other or Faith-Other categories.

## GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

Now that we are in Lent, this is the perfect time to promote a Supreme Family program called **Good Friday Family Promotion**. Here is how Supreme describes it:

*Bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. In an effort to increase parish attendance and involvement, councils conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday.*

## OVERVIEW

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.

The program guide sheet offers ideas on how to implement the program in your parishes that range from distributing **Christ: Lord and Savior** booklets, **Christian Refugee Relief** prayer cards, or hanging posters, all of which can be purchased at Officers Online. If you choose any of these, order soon. The guide also discusses bulletin and pulpit announcements and posting on social media. [Check out the Program Guide Sheet here!](#)

| Diocesan Families of the Month |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Green Bay                      | David & Janine Lacount |
| Madison                        | Phil & Diann Galassie  |
| Superior                       | Charles & Erin Bettag  |
| La Crosse                      | Kevin & Jackie Felz    |
| Milwaukee                      | Cathy Jacobs           |

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post. [Check it out here!](#)

### Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is the **Mark and Nancy Salerno** family from the Divine Mercy – St. Anne Council 16022 in District 67 of the Milwaukee Diocese. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

### Diocese

Milwaukee Diocese led with **69%** district participation with the Madison Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **16** families.

### District

**61%** of the districts submitted at least one family. Districts on Fire: One district submitted three or more families and fifteen districts submitted two families.

### Council

There was one new council submitting a family of the month: **Albert Cardinal Meyer Council 499 in District 91 in the Superior Diocese. GK: Randall Markon; DD: Alvin Klein.**

There were 55 families submitted to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com). Unfortunately, five families were not submitted to the state, so these families were not considered for being a diocesan family of the month. Gentlemen, please remember to **FORWARD** your 10784 forms to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com)!

## SUPREME NEWS

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

Here is a [link](#) to the video on how to fill out the new online version of the 10784 form.

After you fill out the online 10784, you will receive a PDF file that you can include in your council history books. **Please forward this PDF to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto: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







**BROTHERS, AS WE** enter the final quarter of our 2022-23 Fraternal Year, we thank you for all the hard work you've put in for the past 9 months to plan and operate successful programs. Many Councils have done well with their Coats for Kids, Free Throw, Helping Hands and Assistance for Ukrainian Refugee programs. There's still time to work on the latter 2 in the months ahead.

We're coming up now on the Diocesan (Regional) Free Throw Contest, with the State Finals set for Saturday, April 22 at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids, along with the Knowledge Contest as well. Registration/practice is 10-11 AM for Free Throw and 10-11:15 for Math & Spelling contestants. Competition for Free Throw starts at 11:15 AM and Math/Spelling at 11:30 AM. Competitors and parents are reminded that orange travel cards are required for entry into the contests. They must be legible, accurate and complete! Also, Free Throw contestants **MUST** bring their own practice balls.

Councils are still quite able to do Wheelchair funding drives, work on local Habitat for Humanity projects, work with parishes and their communities on setting up or updating Disaster Preparedness plans and/or supplies. There's also time yet to do a Soccer Challenge from now until the end of May.

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is done for the Fraternal Year. State winners were announced and are listed on the State website and in the State Convention book. You'll see them displayed there. Awards are being forwarded to their local Councils. The Keep Christ in Christmas and True Meaning of Christmas Poster Contest winners and awards are following that same path. The Culture of Life Essay Contest winners are still being determined. More on that next month.

Remember to file your Form 10784's with Supreme and the State Forms address. It's important for tracking and assisting

Councils with their program operations and needs. It also helps to fill out and get in that SP7 due in June and on the road to Star Council!

As I'm writing this, I've just returned from Madison and the judging of the History Books and State Service Program Award applications. There were some really good Books and Program entries – you'll see them at the Convention. Unfortunately, there were many others that could have contended for awards had more effort been put into content, proofreading, formatting their entries. Also, as is the case for such things as Medallion Awards, Family of the Year nominations, outstanding programs, etc., so many Knights, families and programs go unrecognized or honored because Councils don't bother to submit the applications, do the "paperwork." Hopefully, we can reverse that trend in 2023-24.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the April 28-30 State Convention in Green Bay. Have a Wonderful, Blessed, Holy Easter. ✚

Fraternally,  
Bill Frayer

***P.S. The Worthy State Deputy, Program Director and I are looking for Brother Knights who majorly enjoy or feel strongly about programs like youth athletics, youth academics, Coats for Kids, Habitat for humanity, Wheelchair, family and adult athletic events, etc. If you'd be interested in helping to promote, coordinate and track any of these programs on the State level, as an assistant to us on the State Program Team, be sure to contact any of us or your State Officer in Charge of your Dicoese.***





Please take a look at the following training webinars and consider taking advantage of them, especially if you have a potential new officer on your council's team or just need a refresher.

## [4/10/23 @ 6PM CDT \(7PM EDT\) Delta Drive](#)

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.

## [4/17/23 @ 6PM CDT \(7PM EDT\) Programs](#)

We will cover in this training:

- ▶ Understanding the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members.
- ▶ Constructing a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life.
- ▶ Identifying the council's flagship program(s).
- ▶ Accessing the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendar.
- ▶ Developing 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.
- ▶ Understanding the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

## [4/19/23 @ 6PM CDT \(7PM EDT\) Council Growth](#)

The presentation will help Fraternal leaders resolve to leave councils, parish, and community better than how they found it.

Leader should also learn how to develop a simple, specific, year-round plan in place for growing council membership, that involves participation from the whole council. Attendees should commit to work with their pastor(s), field agent, and DD to accomplish their goals. Leaders should understand the importance of hosting regular ceremonials, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives.

## [4/24/23 @ 6PM CDT \(7PM EDT\) Experience](#)

We will cover in this training:

- ▶ Understanding what is meant by the terms membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.
- ▶ Completing the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.
- ▶ Understanding that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.
- ▶ Learning the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again.
- ▶ Discovering tools that will help address deficiencies in your council's current member engagement as based on your council's engagement score.
- ▶ Understanding 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.

*Vivat Jesus!*

John Olson





| TRANSFER DATE                     | ICON 1 | ICON 2 | ICON 3 | ICON 4 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023</b> | 69     | 83     | 10     | 89     |
| <b>TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023</b>     | 60     | 81     | 11     | 87     |
| <b>TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023</b>       | 61     | 82     | 12     | 47     |
| <b>TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023</b>     | 66     | STATE  | 9      | STATE  |
| <b>TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023</b>     | 71     |        | STATE  |        |

## ICON UPDATE

The St. Joseph Icon has been traveling around our state now for a little over a year and has been in 52 districts already with at least 200 Councils. We are nearing the end with only 15 Districts remaining to share the Icon between its Councils.

There seem to some repeated questions that I receive regarding the program. The most common one is do we have to exchange the ICON on the set date. The answer is to work this date out between the two Districts Deputies the receiving on and on passing it on. Each District has the icon for roughly 30 days so even in the most extreme case every council should be able to have the Icon for several days. Discuss the mater between your selves and try to get a date near the expected transfer date that is convenient for both Districts.

The second question is should I order anything in advance. This I suggest you discuss with the District that has the ICON before you. Initially the packages with the ICON were well stocked but the supplies do gradually diminish. The supplies are free from Supreme and can be ordered with a code attached to the ICONS. But it takes time to ship the items to you so I strongly suggest your order them ahead of time. A listing of items can be found on the Supreme web page.

The state convention is coming up in April to Green Bay I'm hoping that one of the four Districts 11, 60, 81, or 87, that will have the Icon can bring it our State Convention. If all four ICONs show up we can have them paraded at our Annual Mass with the Bishops.

On a final note remember to file a form #10784 Fraternal Programs Report Form. Supreme does keep track of these forms and reports to me how many were submitted from our State for the Icon Program. Currently only about 10% of the Councils that should have had the ICON have submitted it.

*Vivat Jesus!*

SK Dennis Bednarek





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## **INVITATION TO BID ON HOSTING THE 2025 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Worthy Grand Knight:

Article V - Section 1 of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Bowling Committee, Structure and Guidelines, states that any subordinate Council may present a bid for a future bowling tournament. Said notice must be in writing, signed by the Grand Knight of the Council and forwarded to the Secretary of the State Bowling Committee prior to May 1st.

Each Council shall have the privilege of appearing before the Committee to present its claim as to the advantages of its respective Council for holding such a tournament and shall be heard alphabetically according to cities. "Only literature from bidding Council or Chamber of Commerce material shall be brought to the meeting. No other gifts or gratuities will be allowed distribution at any time.

The Committee shall at the Spring Meeting to be held on May 5, 2023 at Dales Weston Lanes, 5902 Schofield Ave., Weston, WI, 54476, decide by a majority vote where the 2025 Annual Tournament shall be held.

**Bidding** will begin about 12:30 pm. The State Committee Meeting will start at 10am, and break for lunch about 12:00 noon. Please plan to be there by 10am or arrive at lunch time.

If after making application you find that you cannot host the event for any reason you must contact the State Bowling Committee Secretary prior to the spring meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Plante".

William A. Plante  
Bowling Committee Secretary/Treasurer

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## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO BIDDING FOR THE WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

\*A minimum of 16 bowling lanes available in one or two bowling centers. But it is recommended that 24 to 30 or more lanes makes running the Tournament easier.

You will need to have all facilities available for 8 - 10 weekends.

Dates should run from early February through April.

Note: **Bowling shall run continuous weeks except during the EASTER Tridium.**

Accommodations must be available nearby that match the number of bowlers and guests each weekend.

Councils may team up with another council for joint bids

The number of volunteers needed to have a successful tournament is substantial.

Your clubrooms should be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday each weekend of the tournament. *IF AVAILABLE*

There is no bowling scheduled to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

\* Revised at Tournament Opening Meeting 2/9/2013

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In service to all.

