



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Wisconsin



KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

JUNE 2023



State Deputy's Message

By John Huttenhoff

BROTHERS, AS I look back on the past 11 months as State Deputy, I am amazed at how much we have accomplished. As we enter the last month of our Fraternal Year, 900+ men have joined Councils in Wisconsin since July 1, and Wisconsin Leads the order in ASAP Donations. We had 287 voting delegates at our State Convention. We have 10 Districts (16%) that have met their Membership Goals with 5 more (8%) within a few members of hitting their goals. We have 46 Councils (15%) that have met their Membership Goals, with 16 more (5%) within a few members of meeting their membership goals.

In 2022, Councils in Wisconsin Donated over \$4.9 Million Dollars, and provided over 765 thousand Hours of Service to their Parishes and Communities. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we all work together. As amazing as these numbers are, we are constantly reminded of how much unmet need there is in our Parishes and Communities.

As we enter the final month of our Fraternal Year, it is important that Councils Finish Strong, focusing on completing the following:

- ▶ Meet Fraternal Benefits Nights requirements for Founders Award
- ▶ Submit Form SP-7 for Columbian Award
- ▶ Recruit remaining new members for Fr. McGivney Award
- ▶ As we start to look forward to the next Fraternal Year, it is important that Councils Plan for Success by completing the following:
 - ▶ Electing a Full Team of Officers
 - ▶ Submit Form 185
 - ▶ The Packers don't line up short men, why do our Councils try to run that way?
 - ▶ Appointing a Full Team of Council Directors – Submit form 365
 - ▶ Conducting a Council Calendar Planning Meeting – include Programs, Membership Drives, Exemplifications, Fraternal Benefits Nights

Your State Officer Team, Diocesan Directors, Diocesan Membership Coordinators, Faith in Action Directors, and Diocesan Program Coordinators will be meeting over the next few weeks to Conduct Planning Meeting at the State Council Level; Setting Goals for the Next Fraternal Year and Looking for ways to Grow our Impact in our Homes, Parishes, and Communities. We will be looking at the following:

- ▶ Growth of Charitable Impact – Hours and Dollars
- ▶ Growth and Development of Leadership Team at Council, District, Diocese, and State Levels
- ▶ Key is filling Open Positions
- ▶ Training Leaders in both Servant Leadership and for their Current Position
- ▶ Growth in Faith Programs
- ▶ Growth in impact of Fraternal Benefits
- ▶ Growth in Membership

Men join the Knights of Columbus to grow in their faith, and to make a difference. We need to make sure that our Programs make a difference. As we plan for the new Fraternal Year, the State Council is looking to emphasize programs that make a difference including:

- ▶ Aid and Support After Pregnancy - ASAP
- ▶ Coats for Kids
- ▶ Sacramental Gifts including the YouCat Bible program
- ▶ RSVP – Seminarian Support
- ▶ Holy Hours/Eucharistic Processions
- ▶ Food for Families
- ▶ Habitat for Humanity
- ▶ Special Olympics

We have accomplished a great deal over the past 11 months, but there is still much work to be done. I look forward to working with all of you to grow the Knights of Columbus and our Charitable Impact over the upcoming Fraternal Year as we “Put Out Into the Deep” together. ✚

Vivat Jesus!

Viva Cristo Rey



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State Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Brian Dulli

WORTHY BROTHER KNIGHTS and Sir Knights, summer is here, and it's about time to catch up on a great year and refresh for another one. Many of our Knights will be looking forward to parish picnics and other special events. Thanks for ALL that you do for our Catholic people. Summer gives us the opportunity to gather the community in new ways.

Speaking of community, let not forget how close that word is to Communion. Our Communion is with Jesus Christ! June is a big month for Eucharistic revival. How are you doing in your local parishes? The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, is observed on Sunday, June 11. Are you having a procession in your parish? Are the Knights assisting the pastor or the bishop in leading Eucharistic revival?

In this movement of Eucharistic revival, let us remember simplicity. This is Jesus! We are with Jesus when we are at mass, or when we spend time in adoration. Many Catholics do not consider the real presence. It's not unlike the way we might not know how to act around an important person in another culture. If someone does not have much of a relationship with Jesus, they will not know how to honor him in the Eucharist or even think of Him at all. It is not lack of knowledge about the Eucharist, but a lack of

faith that plagues the heart. We can know for all the world that it is Jesus and still lack faith of the heart to relate to Jesus in the Eucharist, just like we would if we saw Jesus in human form. Even for strong Catholics, we can sometimes overthink the Eucharist. This is Jesus! Sit bolt upright, pay attention to Jesus in the Eucharist. Kneel and bow your head in gratitude that you can live so closely to the presence of your savior.

In a couple of weeks, I head to New Haven for the annual State Chaplains meeting. I'm looking forward to this pilgrimage of faith in discovery of the roots of our order. Let us remember that our unity, charity and fraternity as Knights of Columbus always flows from the Eucharist. At the end of June, we will have our District Deputy meeting. I'm looking forward to Jesus strengthening our union. June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus has an incredible heart for us. I'm looking forward to meeting with DDs and discussing with them how we can all grow together with the fire that comes from the Heart of Jesus. Cor means heart in Latin. Have you heard of Cor, the evangelization initiative that we are now piloting? Cor is for all of us, to give us the opportunity to return to the Heart of Jesus that unites us as Catholic men and makes us worthy knights. ✚

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Tenacity & Spontaneity of Courage

By Corey Coonen, IPSD

CONGRATULATIONS, ON BEHALF of the State Deputy and myself, Wisconsin has once again achieved our membership quota for Circle of Honor Goal set by Supreme for Membership Intake—one of our first goals for Membership in the Fraternal Year. The job isn't quite done as we have our sights set on Pinnacle achievement this next month! Thank you to all of the councils who have been active in bringing in new members this year to help the State achieve our goal this year!

As any State leader past or present will tell you, our true goal is the growth of the Order. This means that every Diocese achieves success, and the State achieves overall growth in our membership. Some may say this goal is attainable. Not since 2000 have we seen this type of growth, but through your hard work and tenacity, though challenging it can be attained.

How we achieve this goal though is quite simple. It requires the effort of every council to be **active** in bringing in new men into the order. It may require a change for some, to think 'outside the box' as we have discussed these past few years to invite men that we have had difficulty engaging in the past, overcoming obstacles, and inviting them to join. It will require a tenacious mindset from all of our leaders, from the State officers, to the District Deputies, down to the Council officers that believe that growing our membership of the Knights is of vital importance, not only for the Order but for the Church as well. And **when** we are successful this next year in achieving this goal—the work will **still** not be done—as we can always strive to be even better! We are Knights. We help lead change—we don't rest on our laurels!

The theme of this message this month is attributed to a movie that my wife and I recently watched: 'Air'. This movie depicted the pursuit that Nike had in the athlete, Michael Jordan back in 1984.

Throughout this movie, there were many correlations that I found that can

be drawn upon what we do as Knights or that are relevant to our present day, and how we can make a 'CHANGE' for the better.

By way of background—in 1984, Michael Jordan was a rookie draft pick of the Chicago Bulls. He had yet to play an NBA game, yet major shoe companies were trying to attract his endorsement. He had been the third overall pick in the 1984 draft. A kid from Wilmington, North Carolina who was cut from his High School basketball team and wasn't even the best player on his college basketball team that had recently won the NCAA Tournament. He was a 'hope' of what he could become, less of a known commodity. As the movie depicted, Michael's mother knew what he son was 'made of.' She knew the competitive desire that he had within and also knew that doubters may come, but she had a belief that her son was going to be a great basketball player. No one knew in 1984 that Michael Jordan would go on to become the 'standard' that some hold for competitiveness, for greatness. As defined in generations after, Michael Jordan was the greatest basketball player of all time—but in 1984, he was a 'rookie' that was expected to be an 'ok' basketball player. 'Air Jordan' had yet to become a global phenomenon. In the movie and in real-life, Sonny Vacarro, a Nike representative, also had the same belief after watching some film on Michael Jordan—that he was someone 'special.' He had a **vision** for the potential that he saw in Michael.

This story would've never become the legend that it is—the brand 'AIR JORDAN' lasting generations, without the tenacity of Sonny Vacarro. When people told him that it wasn't achievable, he pushed forward. He didn't accept **no** as an outcome. He viewed the 'risk' as well worth the 'reward' and went against better judgment of many to try and line up a meeting with Michael Jordan and the representatives of Nike. The rest is history.

So how does the greatest basketball player of all time correlate to the Knights? In early 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney was just a Parish Priest in New Haven, Connecticut. He had a 'vision' for a need for our Catholic Church, for men to serve a mission of 'Charity' and to help his fellow families in need. What if he just accepted 'naysayers' and told him that his vision was farfetched? What if he accepted '**no**' for an answer?

Father McGivney did not yet have notoriety or a mass following throughout the world. On the principles of 'Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism' he founded an order that has grown to over millions of members worldwide and has exalted him to the doorstep of Sainthood. Where does he rank as the 'Greatest of All Time' (G.O.A.T.) in the conversation of our Catholic Church? His legacy has left an indelible imprint on so many throughout the generations. Like Michael Jordan is 1984, in 1882 or even in 2002—Michael J. McGivney was not yet put on the pedestal of being the greatest—on the steps of becoming a **saint**.

Another part of this movie that stood out had to do with a quite different 'historical event' that plays into the theme. In the movie, a former coach of Michael Jordan also references a historical event that had an impact on this month's message. The individual referenced attended as 'security' and received the speech that was delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. This speech has become known as the 'I have a Dream' speech.

Many may not be aware that this whole segment of the speech was actually ad-libbed, as it wasn't written into Dr. King's speech that day. Yet, it has become a lasting message that still carries with us today for a **dream** of

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change. We all have the power to enact change, it's those who are courageous that help force it.

What would've come about in the years to follow had Dr. King not acted on his 'spontaneity' that day to enact change? Would his speech not be remembered still to this day? Would we not have seen the change that ensued?

When you are passionate about something, and have the creative courage to step outside the 'norm', to challenge others, great things can happen! At his inaugural message to the Supreme delegates in 2022, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly challenged all of us to have 'creative courage.'

As Knights, we are tasked with helping to build up our domestic church through this creative courage. We have the responsibility to help build a better future for 'future' Knights and their families. As Dr. King spoke about **his dream** in 1963 to help invoke a 'civil' change in our nation, many of us too have a **dream** of a stronger, larger Catholic Church for our Families and our future generations built on the principles of our Church and our Order. **We all have the**

power to help enact this change we want to see.

As we close this Fraternal Year and start another, the task at hand once again will be to work with our Parish Priests to build up our Catholic Church and in turn, build our order. Our challenge to grow our membership is still the same—but it's a challenge that our State Leadership and District leaders are in force to help with!

It may take courage. It may take spontaneity to go **off script** to invite more men to join our ranks. But together, we will make a lasting difference for our Order in the state of Wisconsin.

Like the Nike representative in the movie, Sonny, I have a strong belief that we can achieve greatness and that through hard work and efforts, together we can make it to the mountain-top! We have a reason for doing this. We have a responsibility cast upon us to lead this change. We are Knights. **Our church needs more knights, and we will help deliver on this vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.**

As the movie is 'titled': A.I.R. As

Knights: 'Always In Reverence.' ✚

Vivat Jesus!



General Agent's Message

By Tim Nowak

WORTHY STATE OFFICERS, Bishops, Priest and Members, here we are the Month of Mary, and it is so good to see the flowers and the showers. I wish you all a productive spring.

It was great to see so many strong Knights and their wives at the State Convention, I am sure you went home reinvigorated in our Mission of Blessed Fr. McGivney and our mission to the Church.

I was blessed over the last few months to discuss the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan with so many great people including the Bishops from Green Bay, Madison, the UP, and the Superior Diocese. As we continue to call the young in generous service of their neighbor. We must redouble our efforts in a growing environment of busyness and a lack of love-- joy in caring for the needy and the outcast. We must tell our story and show others the gifts which come from those exact actions of giving of our time and our resources to those around us who are less fortunate.

As I hear homilies from our Priest and State Chaplain, I am reminded of where to start the larger task of invitation of others. We can best accomplish this with our actions and our own commitment to those pillars that the Knights put into action. Charity does not always have to

include money; it just must be the inclusion of those we see who are not included. As I heard from Fr. Tim Kitzke in the last month, we accomplish this by eating together and inviting others around us to break bread and find joy though feeding and serving others in communion with the Church. Invite your priest to lunch or dinner and ask them to bless your home and discuss ways to help serve him and be more in solidarity with them. It would be a great way to start the spring in your parish life!

We continue to have many opportunities to get our membership and potential members to our benefits nights. We had a great turn out for the monthly Benefit Night last Wednesday at 7pm. We will continue to offer new content and help our agents do in-person benefits nights at parishes and district wide nights as well.

The days are getting longer! Use this time to schedule more meetings with members. Go to council and district meetings. This will become the norm for me. I look forward to seeing even more of you in person.

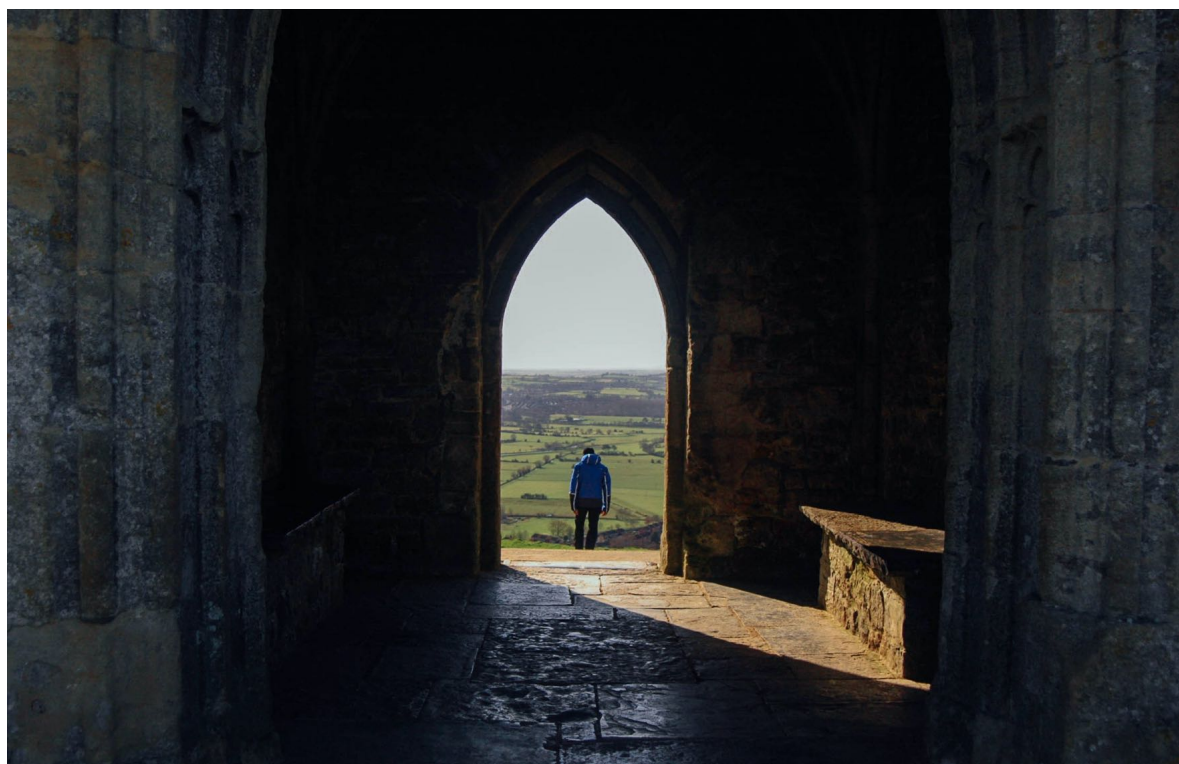
Should you need anything, you can email me at Timothy.nowak@kofc.org.

Let us make these warmer months our best months for growth in membership. ✚

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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!](#)



Winning a Customer's Attention in 7 Seconds

Last month we discussed Four Key Principles in Marketing: (1) Clearly Define Your Mission, (2) Identify and understand your target audience, (3) Leverage social media and (4) Build strong partnerships. This month I want to focus on how you can win customers' attention in 7 seconds, which ties directly into each of the four principles mentioned above.

The following is a summary an article titled oddly enough "Can You Win Customers' Attention in 7 Seconds?" by George Stenitzer. In the article George shows that in the first 7 seconds, your customer makes the first critical decision. Whether to keep listening, enter into a conversation with you, or end it right now.

For marketers, 7-seconds mark the first moment of truth. It's the size of our smallest attention span. You only have 7 seconds to get attention and answer customers' key question, "What's in it for me?"

- ▶ 7-seconds is the length of the average sound bite in news media. On TV or radio, 7-seconds is how long your spokesperson usually gets to make a point.
- ▶ In online and print media, 7-seconds translates into 23 words or less—a headline and a subhead, or a headline and two bullets. Most of us receive hundreds of emails a day.
- ▶ An email gets the briefest attention as your customer decides whether to open it, trash it or banish you to junk mail jail. That's why your email subject line needs to be short and sweet. It needs to be about the benefits to your customer, not the features of your company or product.
- ▶ Consider this: A 7-second question, asked in the words your customer really uses, may gain attention better than your 7-second answer.

4 ways to build a message for 7-second attention spans.

Seven seconds make a good tweet. While Twitter permits you to write up to 140 characters, shorter tweets get retweeted much more. Your audience starts out the same way every day—skeptical, overcommunicated, and distracted by the many barking dogs of media. If you can't tell your story in 7 seconds, you can't tell your story to most people. Once you've won 7-seconds of attention with the right story, you may win another 2-minutes, 5*minutes or even 20 minutes. But remember—the first 7 seconds will make or break your story.

Here are 4 ways to build a message for 7-second attention spans.

1. Be Relevant – echo their needs & worries.
 - a. Trusted Source – help them see trends.
 - b. Readable – keep it simple.
2. Be Visual – videos, pictures, even sketches or cartoons!
3. Be Consistent – same topics.
4. Be Frequent – keep it regular.



Hope this helps a little in building your PR portfolio! Happy hunting and remember our Worthy State Deputies theme for this year: "Put out into the Deep..."

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Wrbanich

Fourth Degree Information



By James TenPas & Duane Zaborowski
Eastern & Western District Masters

"GREETINGS TO ALL the new Sir Knights who joined the Fourth Degree in Beaver Dam on May 20th and in Stevens Point on May 13th. Ninety four (94) men became Sir Knights on those two weekends. Assemblies, please welcome these Sir Knights into your Assembly and make them feel a part of our Patriotic Degree. What a beautiful lesson in US history and the ties to our Catholic faith – these are the lessons exemplified during the degree and both the Eastern and Western teams did a great job over those two weekends. Congratulations to the Exemplification teams for a job well done.

The Patriotic Degree is the most visible in the community most of the time and it isn't all about socials and funeral wakes. The honor guard is a very important part of the Fourth Degree but it is not the entire part. Active Assemblies within our state do a large number of projects to help raise awareness. One such large event in the state is Special Olympics. That is occurring in Whitewater in early June. The honor guard is part of the opening ceremony and recalling the feeling that you have greeting the athletes is very hard to describe. The Honor Guard has been asked to be there by 6 PM for the opening ceremony. When it was held in Stevens Point a number of years ago, it was common for 40-50 honor guard to greet the athletes and coaches as they came in. Your hand was sore from all the high fives and hand slaps that they want to give you. And this event happens more than just during the summer games in Whitewater. Additionally they like to have the Fourth Degree or local Councils run food stands and help with the various events including the Winter

Games. Please consider being an honor guard for the Games on June 8th and participating with them on that weekend in another capacity.

What other projects do Fourth Degree members participate in? These may be too numerous to mention but we will list a few of them. These include fund raising such as for Christmas in July which was featured a few months ago in this article, for Honor Flights, attendance at the honor flights when they return and greeting the veterans and welcoming them home, honor guard for confirmation and graduation masses, honor guard for the ordination masses and various other masses where your local Bishop is the presider. And the last weekend in May is always busy with Memorial Day events that we can participate with the veterans in our community. My local Assembly 1216 in Stevens Point will be covering our local high school and 8th grade graduation masses, the actual graduation ceremony, a Memorial Mass in the cemetery. Additionally this year and the next two years most will assist the local parishes with Corpus Christi processions and other Eucharistic processions and events.

If your Assembly participates in any events such as these (or others) please send a small write up of the event and photos to Master James TenPas or Master Duane Zaborowski and we will be sure to use those items to feature you in future newsletters.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at future events. Remember Flag Day is June 14th, Honor the Flag and proudly display it on that day and every day if possible. ✚

Vivat Jesus!



State Treasurer's Message

By Roland Breunig

BROTHER KNIGHTS: State Convention mileage checks were mailed on May 31st. Checks for Council delegates were mailed to Council Financial Secretaries. Checks for District Deputies, committee members and other individuals who performed duties at the convention were mailed to the individual's home unless they also served as a Council Delegate in which case their mileage was included in the check sent to the Council Financial Secretary.

Thank you to the many Councils that have paid their April October Per Capita billings. There are, however, approximately 100 Councils that have not yet remitted payment, which was due May 31st. We also have a handful of Councils that are delinquent on their October 2022 Per Capita billing. Please submit your payments promptly. As a reminder, Per Capita billings are sent by email to Financial Secretaries. If you misplaced or did not find your April 1st email (check your Spam folder), please contact the Office or me at the email address below.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a list from Bernie Heit, Charity Committee Director, of Councils that have not turned in their 2023 Council Charity Grant form, which was due May 1st. Under raffle regulations, without this form we are unable to issue checks to Councils for their share of State Raffle ticket sales. Last year, despite multiple reminders, 24 Councils did not bother to submit their form and forfeited a total of \$20,000. We don't want a repeat of that this year. Please submit your form to forms@wikofc.com so that you can put the funds your Council earned to good use. ✚

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State Advocate's Message

By Don Schoenherr

BROTHER KNIGHTS, WE are fast approaching the end of our fiscal year. I hope that you as Knights have succeeded in the goals that you set for your councils. Hopefully you have had your officer elections or will be having them soon. Once they are completed please fill out the 185 and 365 immediately. If you have a new GK the outgoing GK should assist in getting the director positions filled and provide access to the Supreme website. There is no better time than the present to do this. Only 126 councils succeeded in becoming SE compliant. Gentleman, you are creating a potential disaster by not giving your directors and GK this valuable training. Can you think of anything more important than the safety of our youth?

If you attended the State Convention I hope that you enjoyed the camaraderie of your fellow Knights. I still see people that I met nearly 20 years ago. We will be having 3 new officers in the lineup, I hope that you give them your full support.

There are many districts that need a District Deputy. It is not a difficult position, I served in this role before I ever became a Grand Knight, so if you know of someone who may be willing to help out, please contact your State Officer in Charge or the State Deputy. It is truly a rewarding experience and I hope that you will consider it.

There are still 24 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 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.

Only one more newsletter to go for yours truly, please strive to help the Knights become the best organization that you have ever belonged to. ✚

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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 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. ✚



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William G. Hitt
WI Online Membership Coordinator



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Officers Online Access

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

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

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

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

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Current E-Membership Rates*

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

YTD	New E-Members #)	331	359	+28
	New E-Members % (Target: 325)	102%	110%	+8%
	Conversion into a council #	245	264	+19
	Conversion into a council %	74%	74%	No change
ALL TIME	Intake #	1375	1403	+28
	Conversion into a council #	1043	1066	+23
	Conversion into a council %	76%	76%	No change

05-24-2023 is 90% of the fraternal year passed. We have surpassed our online intake target, but having reached the intake goal set by Supreme is not a reason to stop utilizing this easy method for men to join the Order. We still need to convert these e-members into council members, especially the 23 e-members assigned to 16 councils not having taken in a new member yet this year. There are also a number of councils with 4, 5, & 6 e-members assigned that could easily reach their membership quota if they would just engage these e-members and bring them into the council. Please remember that the goal is to have ZERO assigned e-members.

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

Historical Data

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





Arise John Bosco

By Michael Tennies

WORTHY BROTHERS, THE Wisconsin State Council has resolved since 2006 that we support John Bosco Youth Day. In doing so we encourage all councils to strongly consider donating to this year's event set for September 30th, at the Basilica of Holy Hill.

John Bosco Youth Day has been considered the largest Catholic youth event in the state, at times attracting 2,000 students between 6-12th grade from across the State. Over the years our Bishops have also acknowledged and shared support towards this life changing event.

The youth of today need to experience a deep encounter with Christ and acquire additional friends that could assist them on their faith journey. John Bosco Youth Day has a stellar reputation for guiding our youth to the narrow path we all strive to walk.

Let us do our part in helping make this event possible for the youth by contributing towards its mission.

[Event Page/info](#): Make checks payable to "Arise Milwaukee" with the Memo of "John Bosco Youth Day." +
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JOHN BOSCO YOUTH DAY
FIRE ON THE HILL

Saturday, September 30, 2023
10am–6pm

Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help
of Christians at Holy Hill
1525 Carmel Rd, Hubertus, WI 53033

ARISEMKE.ORG/JOHNBOSCO

\$10/PERSON | PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED | FOR 6-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

An energizing and enriching experience for students and their leaders or parents,
complete with prayer, fellowship, dynamic talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and more.

For more information, contact Mackenzie Nguyen at
mackenzie@ariseemke.org



The Time to Plan is Now

By Ernie Reinhart

BROTHERS, IT IS time to begin planning for next year. As discussed previously, Men choose to join our order for two primary reasons. First, to grow in their faith. Second, to perform acts of service for their parishes and communities. In turn 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.

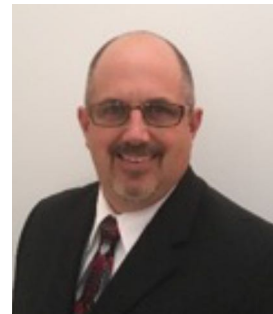
It is the duty of our council officers to foster men's desire to serve. They should relish the opportunity to continuously adapt to the demands of a changing world and the needs of current and future members. Demonstrating our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. This calling is a fundamental part of the Order's history and the genesis for our program model, Faith In Action.

Through the Faith in Action, Knights all over Wisconsin and the world are given opportunities to make a difference – prayer, community service or raising money. Built into our programs is the opportunity for all Knights and families to share faith, celebrate fraternity, and stand shoulder to shoulder in service to our parishes and communities.

The time is now to begin planning programs for next year. Council leaders should schedule meetings with their pastors to review his priorities upcoming year. They should find ways to align their programs so they are supportive of the goals. In addition to traditional programs, they should seek new innovative program ideas that will invigorate the faith of all Catholic men.

I truly believe we demonstrate our founding principles through our local Faith in Action programs. Our programs provide men opportunities to grow in their faith and to perform acts of service for their parishes and communities. Councils that are active in programming are more likely to attract new members. The time is now to plan for the upcoming fraternal year. ✚

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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. ✦

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2023 Wisconsin Honor Flight Schedule

Fox Valley	Old Glory Honor Flight	June 7, July 28, & Oct 18
North Central	Never Forgotten Honor Flight	Sept 25 & Oct 16
Please support the Honor Flight whenever you are able.		



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TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE; I am excited to announce that we have received \$52,021.93 as of May 24, 2023. Thank you; let's see if we can reach \$200,000.00 before the 2026 convention. **WHAT A CHALLENGE.** PLEASE remember Special Olympics. Monies can come from a Fund Raiser, Council Donation, Charity Account or any other ideas.

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

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

Volunteers are needed at all events.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS, where Councils or members can volunteer to help.

July 23rd, State Golf Tournament, Columbus

August 5th, District Bocce and Softball, Appleton

August 5th, District Bocce, Lake Geneva

August 12th, District Bocce and Softball, Onalaska

August 13th, District Softball, Bocce and State Tee Ball, Richfield

August 25th ,Nine at Night, Fundraising, Golf Outing, Bristol, Volunteers and/or Golfer:

Sept 2nd, Buckshot Run, Eau Claire

Sept 8th to 10th, Fall Games, Wis Dells

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John Benisch

Wis KofC Special Olympics Coordinator

**Special
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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.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

Now that we are beyond Good Friday, please remember to submit your 10784 for this event so it can be included in the Family category of the Columbian award.

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 **Debra Merkt** family from the St. Pious X Council 4106 in District 72 of the Milwaukee Diocese. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

Form Accuracy

Supreme reported that there were two families that were **NOT** included in the Wisconsin Family of the Month drawing because the council did not include the last name on the Name of Nominee Husband field. Councils, to make sure your family is considered for Supreme's Wisconsin Family of the Month drawing, be sure to fill out **ALL** the fields completely on the form. Click the link above to the Flocknote report for more details.

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

Diocesan Families of the Month	
Green Bay	Jeff & Holly Macklin
Madison	Kevin & Julia Blau
Superior	John & Michelle Schafer
La Crosse	Jason & Kellie Horzewski
Milwaukee	David Boyce

Diocese

Milwaukee Diocese led with **69%** district participation with the Madison Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **14** families.

District

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

Council

There were no new councils submitting a family of the month. There were 51 families submitted to forms@wikofc.com. Unfortunately, two families were not submitted to the state, so these families were not considered for being a diocesan family of the month. Gentlemen, please remember to **FORWARD** your 10784 forms to forms@wikofc.com!

SUPREME NEWS

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

Here is a [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 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.

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SK Joe Uchtyl



“Faith is something that sustains us.”





ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

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

1. Belleville Council #6630 (for Pregnancy Center (CareNet) of Green County, 1512 11th St, Monroe, WI 53566)
2. Msgr Blecha Council #2055 (for Options for Women, 544 Broadway St. S - #404, Menomonie, WI 54751)

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Msgr. Blecha Council #2055 – Menomonie
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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

There is also a request for an ultrasound in Uganda which is being sponsored thru the Women's Support Center in Milwaukee. It will be used by a Catholic medical clinic in Uganda - Dr. Cindy Nosacek and her husband, Deacon Gary go on a medical mission several times each year. Contact Dan Miller for information.

ASAP GRANTS! YOU ARE STILL NUMBER ONE!

Congratulations! Wisconsin is still NUMBER ONE in the nation for monies donated to PRCs in Wisconsin (over \$300,000)! Keep up the good work! If you don't know who to donate 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!](#)

- ▶ ASAP grants will only match for amounts over \$500 and limited to \$2,000 (annually) per PRC. Make your money work for you! Donate over \$500 or in increments of \$500 at a time! EG: I recently helped a council apply for ASAP funds in the amount of \$770. I know sometimes whatever the number is what it is, but if they had donated an extra \$230, the PRC would be getting a \$200 ASAP check (20% bump in donation) instead of \$100 (a 12.98% bump in donation)
- ▶ If you applied and mailed your application to Supreme, you will wait longer to receive the matching ASAP funds. Grants applied for online are given priority because of the time it takes Supreme to enter your grant application manually.
- ▶ If you want my help in applying for an ASAP grant, [email me](#) the
 - ▷ Organization's (the PRC) signed/dated W9
 - ▷ A copy of the front and back of the cashed donation check OR a signed/dated Donations Receipt Letter from Supreme Council.
 - ▷ Name of council and council number. ✚

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Dan Miller



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

ICON UPDATE

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

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SK Dennis Bednarek



**In service to One.
In service to all.**

