



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Wisconsin



KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

AUGUST 2023





State Deputy's Message

By John Huttenhoff

BROTHERS, IT IS important that we take a few minutes to Celebrate Success in the last Fraternal Year.

- ▶ Congratulations to the Wisconsin State Council on achieving Circle of Honor recognition for the second year in a row. This recognition belongs to all the Councils and Brother Knights in Wisconsin.
- ▶ Wisconsin finished the Fraternal Year number 3 in the Order for ASAP Donations, donating over \$350K to Women's Care and Pregnancy Support Centers.
- ▶ Congratulations to the 41 Councils that are being recognized as Star Councils.
- ▶ Congratulations to the 9 Districts that are being recognized as Star Districts. It was not that long ago that we would only have a couple of Districts recognized as Star Districts.

We are now 1 month into the Fraternal Year. Time seems to just fly by in the summer months. Many of you have participated in District Meetings over the past few weeks. Our Diocesan Directors, Diocesan Program Coordinators, Diocesan Membership Coordinators and District Deputies worked hard to make these meetings meaningful for those attending. I was able to attend a number of these meetings and was encouraged by the level of engagement that I witnessed in these meetings.

It is important that we keep the Mission and Vision of the Order in front of us as we continue to grow the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin.

Mission of the Order

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and

serve their family, parish, community and country.

Vision of the Order

Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic men's organization. Guided by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we build lifelong relationships with our members and families. We are multigenerational and international. We offer formation, mutual aid and financial security to members through our charity, products and outreach. We aspire to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus and to extend our charitable reach as widely as possible.

Knowing the Mission and Vision of the Order is Important as we invite more men and their families to join us in our Mission. As we look to grow the order in Wisconsin, developing personal relationships will be a key area of emphasis.

- ▶ Personal relationships are key when inviting men and their families to join the Order.
- ▶ Personal relationships lead to success when inviting men and their families to participate in programs that are of interest to them.
- ▶ Personal relationships are an important part of developing a true sense of Fraternity within your Council.
- ▶ Personal relationships are also important when Councils and Districts are asking men to join their Leadership Teams.

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Personal Relationships require that we do more than just send an email and then say that nobody replied or was interested in a program. We take the time to visit with people after mass. We take the time to visit with our friends and neighbors. We take time to truly get to know others in our Parishes, Neighborhoods, and Councils. We take time to make phone calls just to check in.

If we are truly to grow the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin, we need to find ways to grow Programs, Fraternal Benefits, and Membership. All of these are important. We need to encourage all of our members to grow in their personal relationships with Jesus Christ, and in knowledge of their Catholic Faith. Our State Chaplain Fr Brian Dulli and our Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Director Andy Orgovan will be offering Councils the opportunity to be part of the Cor initiative to

help their members and the men in their parishes grow in their Faith.

The Wisconsin State Council is looking to grow our relationship with Special Olympics. It is important that we do more than just write checks. We need to promote the games and provide opportunities for our membership to volunteer for local events and Statewide Games. Men join the Knights of Columbus to make a difference and grow in their faith. We need to make sure that our Council Programs allow men this opportunity.

I look forward to working with each of you as we grow the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin. Your State Officers are working hard to make sure that we all succeed. Success will come from all of us working together to achieve the Mission and Vision of the Order. *Vivat Jesus!*

State Treasurer's Message

By Ross Larson

BROTHER KNIGHTS, ENJOY the warm days, in Wisconsin, we know they do not last. When you are at your desk reviewing your Council status, please take a look at your Per Capita billing. As of today, we have 16 Councils with balances over 91 days past due. No organization can afford to carry debt and neither can we, if we want to continue our good works. Like the lesson we learn in the Second Degree, our Unity of fibers makes a strong rope and our Unity in funds, makes the Wisconsin Council a strong force to promote and defend Holy Mother Church. Please make sure you've done your part. If you are a new Grand Knight or Financial Secretary and you are unsure of the payment, please feel free to email me at rlarson@wikofc.com or call 715-551-0714. I'm happy to help. *Vivat Jesus!*



Upcoming Trainings

[Associate Regional Growth & Training Directors \(ARGTDs\)](#)

AUGUST

Aug. 7 (9:00 pm) ~ [You are Your Programs](#)

Aug. 9 (8:00 pm) ~ [District Deputy 201](#)

Aug. 10 (10:00 pm) ~ [Council Officer 101](#)

Aug. 16 (9:00 pm) ~ [New Council Development](#)

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5 (9:00 pm) ~ [Member Experience](#)

Sept. 12 (9:00 pm) ~ [Council Growth](#)

Sept. 13 (8:00 pm) ~ [State Disaster Relief](#)

Sept. 25 (10:00 pm) ~ [Church Recruitment Drive](#)

REMEMBER: Even if you are not able to attend the event live, register for it anyway as you will receive a link via email to watch the session at your convenience.



State Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Brian Dulli

DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS, As you read this, members of our state team along with our Wisconsin delegation will be already in Orlando for the KC Supreme Convention. This is something new for me. There are lots of ideas to learn and share. Networking is the key word. We are all connected. We are looking to be our best leaders at every level of the organization. Things might not always be simple, but if we keep looking for ways to help our brothers out, the Lord will take care of us.

The Knights of Columbus follow a noble call to sustain men and their families in several different ways. We take the whole person into account. Men need to serve. This is how we reach our leadership potential in the community. We need to know that we are part of something bigger. The Church will take care of us spiritually if something should ever go wrong. The Knights will help to care for us and for our families. These are some basic needs we all have as men. We need to serve to the point of sacrificing ourselves. We also need to know that our sacrifices do not go unnoticed. As men, we need to know that we will not be hung out to dry if something goes wrong, or even if we should make an honest mistake.

We might easily think that the membership and purpose of the Knights of Columbus ought to be a simple thing.

It's just how I live. One generation after another of Knights of Columbus can maintain these noble traditions. And yet we understand how far from simple it can be. We know the litany of challenges that are mentioned these days whenever there is talk of passing on the faith. They are similar to conversations that we might have about sustaining the Knights of Columbus.

What basic needs of men need to be met that aren't being met today? How can we serve brothers in Christ in these conditions? Faith in God, for starters, is a basic need of men that is being unmet for an alarming number of men. It is not that men lack faith, but that they don't come by it naturally. This is a source of vulnerability for men in a place where they are especially designed to be strong. The work of our order today may not be simple in comparison with the past, but the heart of this work is the same. Men need Jesus. We have Jesus in our midst as Catholic Christian men. Our Cor initiative is a call to each member of our order. How well do you know Jesus? Are you ready to take your relationship with Jesus to the next level? If someone got to know you, would they see that you are following Jesus and know that you are someone they could trust to lead them to Jesus? These questions serve as the heart of why we are launching Cor. Pray about how Jesus is calling you. *Vivat Jesus!*





The 90's Bulls

By Corey Coonen, IPSD

AS I WROTE about in last month's article—Wisconsin's membership growth has slowed down in the last quarter...and now we have gotten off to a slower start than we had hoped. August is a great time for us to turn this around and get back on track so that we aren't catching up all year to try and reach our goals.

Why is this month's article titled '90's Bulls.' From 1990-1993 NBA seasons the Chicago Bulls won 3 consecutive Championships in what was referred to as a '3-peat' and they were once again able to do that from 1995-1998.

For 2 consecutive years, the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have been able to achieve the Supreme Knight's 'Circle of Honor' recognition for growing our membership and programs in our state. We now have the unique opportunity to '3-peat'. It will take planning by all of our Councils and excitement and motivation by all to reach this lofty achievement!

If you have not yet done so—we need your council to submit ASAP the 12 month calendar of your planned church drives, exemplifications and programs/events. This will allow our State leaders to properly assist and track the progress of each of our councils and successfully—we will reach membership heights we haven't seen in roughly a decade!!

To help incentivize membership growth and a 'FAST START' the State Council and Supreme have a few incentives to offer:

State Incentives

- If a Council achieves 100% of their Membership Goal set by Supreme by September 30th: 75% off of October 1st State Per Capita Invoice

- If a Council achieves 50% or greater (but less than 100%) of their Membership Goal set by Supreme by September 30th: 25% off October 1st State Per Capita Invoice

BIG PRIZE—INDIVIDUAL RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE

- Any member that brings in 10 new members between July 1st and State Convention will be entered into a 'Drawing' to win a Traeger Grill (awarded at State Convention)

Supreme Incentives

FAST START COUNCIL INCENTIVE

The top (10) councils (based on percentage of intake goal) in each jurisdiction that achieve a minimum of 100% of their intake goal by September 30, 2023 will receive a choice of either a personalized Feather flag, tablecloth or roll up retractable banner from KnightsGear. The award can be used at membership drives and other council events.

FIRST QUARTER RECRUITER INCENTIVE

Every individual recruiter who recruits 5 new members by September 30, 2023 will receive a limited-edition recruiters' lapel pin to show his pride in growing the membership of the Order.

To help you understand the goals needed to attain your Membership Goal and these possible incentives, see the following page for a list of every council's Membership Intake goal for this Fraternal year broken down by Diocese. Keep in mind that the 50% is rounded up (ex. 50% of 5 would be 3 new members).





GREEN BAY DIOCESE

5 new members goal:

1475; 4671; 4869; 6689; 6926; 1922; 2847; 4932;
5008; 12185; 2984; 4896; 6444; 17149; 2990;
12596; 16582; 6764; 10260; 617; 4505; 17348;
4489; 16217; 16900; 8810; 5539; 7732; 12393;
4807; 16729; 5382; 5844; 10552; 11834; 16333;
3432; 6228; 12793; 13083; 13702

6 new members goal:

2836; 2210; 1797; 16244; 10919; 11305

7 new members goal:

2478; 10714; 6464; 12269

8 new members goal:

719; 7895; 7498; 1033; 2556; 1957; 5798; 10243

9 new members goal: 6279; 607; 614; 1838; 710

10 new members goal: 1002; 5514; 4735

13 new members goal: 4439

15 new members goal: 3955

LACROSSE DIOCESE

5 new members goal:

2770; 4295; 7096; 9070; 6599; 17021; 17459;
18057; 5193; 10774; 12468; 4697; 6718; 10158;
12673; 4634; 4948; 6487; 9438; 16444; 1840;
8946; 12183; 12606; 12467; 16280; 16937; 5127;
7894; 17035; 10522; 3825; 6789; 11832; 5456;
7342; 15739; 17135; 4646; 12662

6 new members goal: 3249; 4963

7 new members goal: 9385; 2787

8 new members goal: 2055; 4592; 1654

9 new members goal: 2422; 6585; 839; 13880; 4628

10 new members goal: 10914

11 new members goal: 3492; 1069

13 new members goal: 1558

14 new members goal: 4125; 5488; 1170; 1799

15 new members goal: 1257; 974

MADISON DIOCESE

5 new members goal:

1501; 11884; 6508; 6630; 10920; 12491; 13480;
7811; 16994; 7775; 9082; 10893; 16863; 10559;
16079; 17889; 4392; 12709; 596; 9230; 10363;
15229; 1669; 6997; 2854; 4871; 6151; 12644;
7489; 10559; 10905; 4774

6 new members goal:

1386; 6463; 4549; 11155; 531; 6690;

7 new members goal:

765; 6568; 1478; 9360; 1609; 1909; 1637

8 new members goal:

7370; 4586; 746; 4527; 605; 6547; 6460; 1547

9 new members goal:

2820; 4416; 1080; 1471; 3450; 1864; 3396

11 new members goal: 3099

12 new members goal: 3924; 3805

13 new members goal: 4879

15 new members goal: 6371

MILWAUKEE ARCHDIOCESE

5 new members goal:

2689; 8817; 12588; 12743; 9685; 11129; 1825;
6436; 15276; 10715; 10976; 13583; 15090;
16171; 4614; 6719; 16821; 17468; 18201; 1964;
2035; 11301; 12621; 8108; 14362; 16022; 16765;
13733; 16710; 5438; 6646; 6883; 1612; 1690;
6776; 4897; 12677; 14478; 4831; 1578; 6554;
8172; 15665

6 new members goal:

4706; 4579; 4877; 697; 4106; 15659; 1647

7 new members goal: 7798; 1789; 4648; 6448; 3464

8 new members goal: 4520

9 new members goal: 524; 4580; 7048; 1837

10 new members goal: 722; 3095; 2487; 3562

11 new members goal: 1709; 973

12 new members goal: 3702; 4240

15 new members goal: 664

SUPERIOR DIOCESE

5 new members goal:

669; 2639; 6702; 7132; 7030; 6567; 16298; 6754;
7319; 9546; 2066; 3557; 5415; 6587; 8985; 6051;
6370; 7848; 9371; 12609; 2963; 6560; 9608; 499;
7106; 12738; 16691

6 new members goal: 832

7 new members goal: 6759; 2032 ; 5397; 1133

8 new members goal: 4954; 7827

9 new members goal: 2137

11 new members goal: 4902; 2481

12 new members goal: 1744

15 new members goal: 1762; 2845

Vivat Jesus!



General Agent's Message

By Tim Nowak

BISHOPS, PRIEST & Deacons State and membership, my brother and sister in Christ greetings and Blessing from the Nowak Agency.

July was a great month for catching our breath, and having our breath taken away with God Beauty. I always and forever have loved fireworks. The people of the Fox Valley taken the pretty seriously. Between the Rattlers baseball team and the cities of Neenah and Menasha I saw many fireworks. So of the thunder storms around were pretty big as well.

I know most of you are not looking forward to the end of summer, but we have a had a really dry summer here in the Fox Valley. I would be happy with a long fall season of less hot days. I know what your thinking it is going to be a long winter but I just need a few long weeks of cooler weather. In July most of the agents and I traveled to the National Field Agent conference, in Texas in July not a great plan if you ask me, 108 for couple of those days so just another reason I am looking to fall. To be honest, I also am getting excited about the Badgers Football with the New Coach who happens to be Catholic, Luke Fickell should the chance to meet him arise I am for that. He comes from Ohio State via Cincinnati University Bearcats. I look forward to his leadership of young Men on the Campus and I think we will see a real growth in those players who he leads.

Speaking of leading, When Solomon became King of Israel at just 18 years of age at the passing of his Father King David. I am sure his father had given him

so good advice of surrounding yourself would good people and trusting you gut instinct. As we know God appears to Solomon in a dream, and asked the young King asked me for anything and I will give it to you. Solomon asked for Wisdom which pleased God very much, so God Bless him with great Knowledge and as they say the rest is history. He also tells Solomon, there will not be anyone wiser than you now or in the future. I wonder what I would have asked for as a teenager, most likely a car or a big bag of money. What does that say about me, well not a Solomon here. However, if God asked me today, I might be more like St. Thomas Aquinas than Solomon, because I believe his response to be better, Nothing but you Lord, nothing but you. I have learned to love the Mass, and I love the Eucharist know that the Lord lets me receive him each day that I can give me strength to press on in the current struggles of Life. I encourage you all to spend more time training yourself in two ways. Thinking what matters most, and what matters least, these are a great spiritual discipline which will bear much fruit.

These will allow you to offer other fine young men a chance to join us, when we know why we are Knights and why what we have to offer those struggling a chance to get closer to Him or Lord through both prayer and actions, Charity is at the heart of what we are call to today and always and it is a great activity, to draw out the best in us. If we know it works for us, let us invite other to investigate the Knights for them. *Vivat Jesus!*



[Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: Fraternal Benefits Night. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.](#)



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KEY SUMMARY POINTS OF THE TRAINING

The following criteria must be met for a council to be Safe Environment compliant:

- ▶ The four positions listed in red below are required to complete the training once you receive the email from Praesidium Academy.
- ▶ Email addresses are mandatory to appoint members into ALL roles that have safe environment requirements. Emails must be unique to the member, NOT gkcouncil123@XYZ.com to ensure that members retain credit for completing their training and background checks. This training must be completed within 30 days of receiving email confirmation of appointment to a youth leader position. Grand knights and faithful navigators must ensure that youth leaders complete all training within the 30 days.
- ▶ 3) There must be a **Grand Knight** assigned via Form 185 through Member Management.
- ▶ 4) The council must have submitted Form 365 Report of Program Personnel or named program personnel via online Member Management. [Watch this](#) video to learn how to submit online.
- ▶ On the 365 Report, there must be three different members assigned to:
 - ▶ **Program Director**
 - ▶ **Community Director**
 - ▶ **Family Director** - *Grand Knights may only hold one of the additional director roles listed above.*
- ▶ All roles above must complete the Safe Environment training. The Community Director and the Family Director must also provide consent for a background screening (criminal and motor vehicle records).

The Supreme Office conducts background checks on each applicant for youth leader positions that may include, among other things, the following:

- ▶ State and federal criminal background check.
- ▶ National Sex Offender Registry check.
- ▶ Social Security number trace.
- ▶ Alias search.

Youth leaders must complete their background check authorization within 30 days of appointment.

- ▶ Learn the signs of abuse and how to report them. [Read this article](#) and refer to the Safe Environment handbook.

WHY COMPLY WITH TRAINING

- ▶ **SAVE THE CHILD!!!**
- ▶ **FEDERAL LAW**
- ▶ **LIABILITY (LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CHURCH, BOY SCOUTS AND HOW THEY WERE SUED!)**
- ▶ **SAVE THE CHILD!**
- ▶ **SAVE THE CHILD!**
- ▶ **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Child abuse is a complicated issue with many facets. Child abuse is a serious moral and criminal offense that, although sometimes difficult to detect, is a real and pervasive problem in all parts of the world. Among all forms of child abuse, sexual abuse may be the most easily hidden and yet be in plain sight. Here are some sobering statistics:

- ▶ **One in four girls and one in six boys are abused sexually before age 18.**
- ▶ **Three out of four adolescents that were abused knew their abuser well.**
- ▶ **Parents, family members, friends of the parents and other caretakers can all be abusers.**
- ▶ **Thirty-two percent of perpetrators who were returned to the streets abused again.**

Safe Environment Resources

[Website](#)

[Handbook](#)

[Best Practices](#)

Contact Information

Office of Youth Protection
 Hotline: 203-800-4940 (p) / 855-845-3503 (f)
oyp@kofc.org
youthleader@kofc.org





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, 2023 Wisconsin has only 1,264 out of 179,000 plus 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.

Scan the QR Code below to register today! It's **FREE!**



The Badger Bulletin is our State Council's online source for reporting local and state council activities. We report on council activities throughout the entire state of Wisconsin, so if you're looking to find out what's going on with your Brother Knights, this is the place to go! The Badger Bulletin is a monthly newsletter for local councils, looking to connect and share ideas.

If you're a council member or leader in your parish, get connected with us! Send all photos and articles to pr@wikofc.com.

Badger Bulletin Submission Guidelines

Newsworthy ♦ Broad Appeal ♦ Concise

♦ Complete ♦ Factual ♦ Accurate

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

- ▶ Article size: 300 words ideal to 600 words max (half-full page)
- ▶ Article's need to be submitted a Word document attachment
- ▶ PDF submissions are for ads or promotions - not articles.
- ▶ Pictures need to be sent separately as an attachment in their original form. Please do not format or edit them in any way. In addition, please provide clearly labeled captions for each picture.
- ▶ Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- ▶ At a minimum, Who, What, When and Where needs to be in the first paragraph.
- ▶ Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and of interest to the entire State Council
 - ▷ What is the event/activity about?
 - ▷ Whom did it benefit?
 - ▷ What was the result?
 - ▷ Who are the key players/Knights?
- ▶ Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the Editors.
- ▶ Authors must submit on time per the Editor production calendar- Deadline 1st of each month.
- ▶ Late submittals will be placed farther down the newsletter or not published.
- ▶ Proof your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (use spellcheck)
- ▶ Document filename should reflect the Council Number/office/ title, i.e. Cover Story Submission_Council2055_MsgrBlecha
- ▶ Every Dioceses needs to participate – at least one page of the Badger Bulletin will be dedicated to each Diocese respectively.
- ▶ If a Diocese does not submit content their page will be eliminated from that issue
- ▶ Cover story submissions need to be submitted ahead of the deadline due to special photo editing.
- ▶ Cover story photos – in portrait style at least 1mb in size - not formatted or resized

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Wrbanich



Join the Fourth Degree

By Duane Zaborowski
Western District Manager



GREETINGS TO ALL Brother Knights and families! The Fourth Degree in Wisconsin has been very active in the past few months. Some of the various events that Honor Guard participated in have included the various ordination masses in the 5 Dioceses of Wisconsin, the first mass of

Resource Centers, Honor Flights for Veterans and other causes as well as participating in parades for the 4th of July, hosting cookouts for ball games, assisting their local parishes for various events and other activities too numerous to mention. Just know that the 4th Degree Sir Knights are not just all

impressive to see. Help with the Eucharistic Revival at your parish. When there is a procession of the Eucharistic, help carrying the canopy while the Honor Guard marches leading the procession and guarding.

The Masters of Eastern and Western Wisconsin, invite all 3rd degree members to become 4th degree Sir Knights. Exemplifications are scheduled in Appleton on October 14th and in Medford on October 21st. Detail information will be out to the Grand Knights to inform members of their respective councils and to the Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers as well. Be on the lookout for that material, present it to your council members and if you are not a 4th degree member currently, consider filling out a form 4 and become a Sir Knight at one of these exemplifications. *Vivat Jesus!*



Thanksgiving by the newly ordained priests, Memorial Day masses, Corpus Christi processions, the Special Olympic opening ceremony in Whitewater and various Catholic High School Graduations and Graduation Masses to name just a few. My schedule allowed me to participate in the ordination masses in Superior and La Crosse and it was a wonderful sight to behold with more than 20 Honor Guard at every one of them. Our Bishops are very happy for our participation and assistance at these events.

But it is not only the Honor Guard that is doing things. Assemblies have been holding fundraisers for various causes such as Special Olympics, Pregnancy

about serving at funerals and having social functions. While these are very important to build goodwill at the local level as well as getting the families involved, they are not the main events that Sir Knights participate in.

Again, you can participate in many ways building the patriotic theme without having a uniform. Don't have a uniform for a funeral wake, participate by attending and praying for the deceased. Honor our country's flag and teach others how to say the Pledge of Allegiance properly. Host an all-knights mass at your parish with the Honor Guard there, but then have other KC members with your KC shirts on and be the ushers, readers, greeters and bring up the gifts for offertory. Those can be



Remember – “Sir Knight” is not just a title, it is “An Honor”!



State Online Membership

By Pat Reiff

WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS & Worthy Financial Secretaries, Worthy District Deputies, having just completed my first 30 days as your State Online Membership Chairman, I wanted to stress the importance of at least the Financial Secretaries reviewing the PROSPECT tab in Officer's Online on a daily basis, and the Grand Knight's checking the same on a weekly basis.

You are the only two Officers who can update the Prospects to members of your council.

District Deputies should be reviewing their assigned councils Prospects prior to attending a council meeting so that any lingering members can be discussed as to what action is being taken.

In reviewing my ASSIGNED E-members reports, I find that there are

assigned new e-members still showing up from 2022 and the early part of 2023.

These men are already Knights, and just need to be welcomed into your council and partake in the exemplification process to be full-fledged 3rd degree knights.

In August, after the Supreme Convention, I will be reaching out to each Financial Secretary to discuss the reasons for delayed actions or if necessary, potential rejections of these E-members.

You are challenged to grow your membership, and work to achieve Star Council Status.

Utilizing the E-member Prospects is an excellent opportunity to help you reach your goals.

If you are unsure as to the process, feel free to reach out to me and I will gladly walk you through the process. *Vivat Jesus!*



“Faith is something that sustains us.”

Learn how you can make a difference [Kofc.org/Ukraine](https://kofc.org/Ukraine)





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%



STAR COUNCILS		
Council #	City	District #
499	Superior	48091
524	Milwaukee	48064
710	Manitowoc	48012
973	Kenosha	48067
1257	Eau Claire	48022
1471	Monroe	48042
1709	South Milwaukee	48065
1789	Plymouth	48061
1799	Marshfield	48030
1837	Beaver Dam	48071
1864	Jefferson	48050
1957	Two Rivers	48012
2055	Menomonie	48021
2770	Mauston	48020
3562	Pewaukee	48063
4106	Union Grove	48072
4240	Menomonee	48063
4392	Wisconsin Dells	48046
4520	Cedarburg	48069
4592	Sparta	48023
4648	Brookfield	48064
4706	Milwaukee	48069
5008	Tigerton	48003
6371	Waunakee	48043
6547	Milton	48050
6568	Madison	48047
6585	Bloomer	48024
6630	Belleville	48042
7732	Hilbert	48011
7827	Woodruff	48085
9082	Madison	48044
12269	Appleton	48010
12588	Slinger	48060
13480	Oregon	48042
13880	Plover	48027
16022	Pleasant Prairie	48067
16333	Green Bay	48013
16765	Kenosha	48067
17135	River Falls	48032
17459	Spring Valley	48021
17889	Madison	48047
Columbus, Founders, & McGivney Awards		
8172	Waterford	48073

STAR DISTRICTS & STAR COUNCILS

STAR DISTRICTS	
District	# Of Councils
48030	3
48042	5
48047	4
48050	5
48060	5
48061	5
48063	5
48064	5
48067	5



2023 Program Newsletter

By Ernie Reinhart

STATE FOCUS PROGRAMS

As we move from Summer in to Fall most councils should by now have their program plan in place. As you heard during the recent District Meetings, we have eight focus programs selected for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year

FAITH	COMMUNITY
Sacramental Gifts Eucharistic revival	Coats for Kids Habitat for Humanity
FAMILY	LIFE
Food For Families Keep Christ in Christmas	ASAP Special Olympics

These programs were specifically selected because they give us the best opportunity for growth. The word growth can mean many things. The intended meaning in this case is that we can have a positive impact on the most people.

It is also important to point out that all these programs provide opportunities for councils and brother Knights that opportunity to put our found principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in action. Most importantly they give us the opportunity to grow as Catholics by helping others.

You will be seeing and hearing more about this program in the coming year. Please consider including one or more of them in your council program plan.

HISTORY BOOK

The Wisconsin State Council has received numerous requests to reduce the administrative burden of local councils.

The annual History Book (HB) competition was identified as an area that should be reviewed. Councils identified that many HB inputs are also reported to Supreme in a different format.

To reduce the council administrative burden the History Book format is being updated for 2023.

The new format will leverage Supreme Forms whenever possible. The updated available on the state website. The format also outlines the scoring that will be used for the History Book Competition. It is anticipated that these updates will encourage more councils to participate in the annual competition.

The due dates for the HB competition will remain consistent from previous years.

- ▶ Feb 15 Councils Submit to District Deputies for scoring (DD)
- ▶ Mar 1 DD submit to Diocese Program Coordinator for scoring (DPC)
- ▶ Apr 1 State Level Judging (Meeting Date TBD)

To assist councils with the new format two documents are available on the Wisconsin State website.

- ▶ History Book Format – this is an outline of the new format that includes scoring.
- ▶ History Book Layout – this is an example of how the new format.

Questions regarding how councils should move forward with change should be directed to their

District Deputy (DD). If the DD is unable to answer the question, they will contact the DPC. *Vivat Jesus!*





BROTHERS, HERE IN August, I remind you that the 2 Community Programs the State Team is asking every Council to focus on this year are Coats for Kids and Habitat for Humanity. Once again, I ask you to aim to increase your number of volunteers involved and number of coats given out this year by at least 10%. This can also go for other items given out as well (boots, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, snowpants, etc.).

[Coats are now available and ready to order.](#) This year a limited supply of toddler coats will be offered, allowing Councils to provide coats to children ages 1-high school. [Click here](#) for more information.

Though the weather outside is warm or hot, it's never too early to start looking for sites in major need of coats, especially those in minority and high poverty areas. If you know of such, places where there could be good exposure and prospects for new Knights of Columbus, let your DPC, Diocesan Director or State Officer in Charge, or me know the details. You may well qualify them for matching numbers of coats or funds for the annual "Black Friday" distribution program supported by State and Supreme. Proposals for such are usually needed to be to Supreme by mid-October, so put your ideas in to State soon!

Visit [Habitat for Humanity](#)'s website to learn more about a Habitat project close to you. We'll be trying in the months ahead develop a listing of Habitat contacts for all Wisconsin State Councils and Districts. Hopefully, all Councils can get involved or expand their activities in working on projects, holding fundraisers to make donations to Habitat projects, working at Habitat Re-Store, assisting with other Habitat operations, etc.

Also, here in August, get your youth programs organized. Hold your PPK and fall Soccer Challenge competitions. Work with your schools, DREs and CCD coordinators, homeschool parents and organizations, to make preparations for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest (October-November), Christmas Poster Contest (November-December), Knowledge and Free Throw Contests (December-March).

All the materials for the Citizenship Essay Contest (grades 8-12) can be found at www.kofc.org/essay. The 2023-24 Essay topic is now available on the Supreme website.

The Supreme Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest has now changed to a grade level instead of an age level competition. Kindergarten will have its own category, only for kindergarten students. [Click here](#) for more information. **NOTE:** These changes may allow us to merge the older State "True Meaning of Christmas" Contest and the Supreme Contest together to eliminate conflicts. More information on that next month!

Finally, the 2024 Culture of Life Essay Contest will again be held in January-February this Fraternal Year. The 2024 topic will be announced next month. Suggestions are welcome. Send them to your DPC, Dan Miller or to me. Thanks.

Hope you have a great August! *Vivat Jesus!*

Bill Frayer

State Community/Youth Programs Director





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.

Vivat Jesus!

2023 Wisconsin Honor Flight Schedule

Fox Valley	Old Glory Honor Flight	Oct 18
North Central	Never Forgotten Honor Flight	Sept 25 & Oct 16
Milwaukee	Mitchell Airport	September 9
Milwaukee	Mitchell Airport	October 7
Milwaukee	Mitchell Airport	November 4
Please support the Honor Flight whenever you are able.		



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Our next opportunity is a chance to volunteer at a state game. The Special Olympics **FALL GAMES** have been scheduled at Wisconsin Dells from **September 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 other events listed below.

A big project that we are trying to arrange at the Fall Games is to do a **pancake breakfast** Sunday morning. We will need a Council to take charge and other Councils to help out as well. Please give serious consideration to this project. The games are being held at the Woodside Athletic Fields and we can use a kitchen there, but we would need to bring a griddle for making the pancakes. Also needed are members who can serve and clean up after. Those of you who can assist, please contact State Program Director Ernie Reinhart or State Life Director Dan Miller. This is a great opportunity to help out!

TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE: I am very happy to announce that we have received \$53,087.18 as of July 23, 2023. **Thank you!** Now, 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 anywhere, whether it be a Fund Raiser, Council Donation, Charity Account, etc.

We are asking for more member participation with Special Olympics at events. The days of just writing a check are no longer the only support that we as Knights are asked to do. As a matter of fact Supreme looks at involvement, more than money donated to award the Supreme grant each year. I list events on this article months prior in order to give Councils and members sufficient time to plan ahead. Click on the **BECOME A VOLUNTEER** below to sign up for an event.

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

BECOME A
VOL♥
UNTEER

Special Olympics
Wisconsin



Volunteers are needed at all events.

Click on above link or go to Wisconsin Special Olympics web page or phone Nicole Christensen, 608-442-5670

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

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 Golfers

Sept 2nd ~ Buckshot Run, *Eau Claire*

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

November 4th ~ State Volleyball tournament, *Menomonee Falls*

December 2nd-3rd ~ State Bowling Tournament, *Weston* (another Pancake Opportunity)

John Benisch

Wis KofC Special Olympics Coordinator



HELLO, BROTHER KNIGHTS! This month continues the great progress for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below, but check out the [Flocknote](#) for more details.

NEW STATE DIRECTOR

After having the privilege of being the State Family Director for the past 5 years, I am now passing the torch to a fellow knight James Vosters. I know he will do a fantastic job of serving you and your councils.

I will continue to serve you as the State Forms Director and look forward to helping introduce ways that will hopefully save your council's time so you can spend that extra time with your families!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post (link above).

Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is the **Paul and Emily Ramirez** family from the John c. Burke Council 4897 in District 71 of the Milwaukee Diocese. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

Form Accuracy

Supreme reported that there was one family that were NOT included in the Wisconsin Family of the Month drawing because the council did not include the last name on the Address 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.

(Nominee's Full Address)	
*7 Primary Address of Nominee Family: 1 Knight Street	Street Address
New Haven, CT 06510	City, State Zip-code

District

55% of the districts submitted at least one family.

Districts on Fire: Three districts submitted three or more families and eleven districts submitted two families.

Diocese

Milwaukee Diocese led with **64%** district participation and the Madison Diocese also led with the most FOMs by submitting **15** families.

Diocesan Families of the Month

Green Bay	David & Sandy Abts
Madison	Ryan & Sarah Zakrzewski
Superior	Lance & Kim Reed
La Crosse	Oakly & Susan Moser
Milwaukee	Richard & Judy Wagner

Council

There were no new councils submitting a family of the month.

There were 49 families submitted to forms@wikofc.com. Unfortunately, four 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.** Vivat Jesus!

Joe Uchtyl





CULTURE OF LIFE - 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. Msgr Blecha Council #2055 (for Options for Women, 544 Broadway St. S - #404, Menomonie, WI 54751)

Msgr. Blecha Council #2055 - Menomonie
GK Mike Kasten
kc2055gk@gmail.com
910 Wilson Ave.
Menomonie, WI, 54751
715-309-2339 (c)

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 #2055 ultrasound)
 4297 W Beltline Highway
 Madison, WI 53711-3859



ANTI-TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

IF YOU HAVEN'T seen [Sound of Freedom](#), you should. The movie resonated with me right away, as the first scene takes place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. My father and I traveled to Trujillo, Honduras in 1996 to help build an orphanage. We lived there for six months to help with the construction of the buildings throughout the Farm of the Child. We drove a donated Ford E-450 van from Burlington, Wisconsin to Trujillo, Honduras, and the orphanage we helped to build has saved hundreds of Honduran children from extreme poverty, starvation, and neglect. But more than that, it protected them from being swept up by child traffickers.

Most of the children who were brought to the orphanage were called “abandonados”—abandoned by their parents. Many were brought in through the Catholic Church or from a Honduran social service agency without even so much as a birth certificate. In the eyes of the government, they didn’t even exist. It would have been very easy for a child trafficker to abduct these children at the city square; instead, many of them were found there by the Catholic Church. I helped retrieve one of the “abandonados” from a far-off pueblo high in the mountain range in the State of Colon, Honduras. His name was Eddy. His stomach was distended from malnutrition and his hair was falling out. He was three years old. At the Farm of the Child, Eddy went to school every day. Eventually, he graduated high school and now has his own family and a good job, thanks to those who made Farm of the Child possible. His story is one of many happy endings. Yet some are not so fortunate.

I walked out of the Sound of Freedom movie angry and sad, but inspired. In recent weeks, so many people have been contacting me, asking what they can do about child-trafficking. You can do something about it. A pregnant sex-slave completely useless to a sex-trafficker—so abortion is the answer to that “problem.” You can help those moms who were being trafficked by donating funds to your local pregnancy resource center! And then, you can apply for an ASAP Grant for any donation between \$500 and \$2,000. Anything above \$2,000 is completely appreciated, but Supreme Council will only match funds between these amounts, making their grant limit \$400, essentially (\$100 ASAP funds for every \$500 up to \$2,000).

Thanks for all you do to end abortion! *Vivat Jesus!*
 Dan Miller

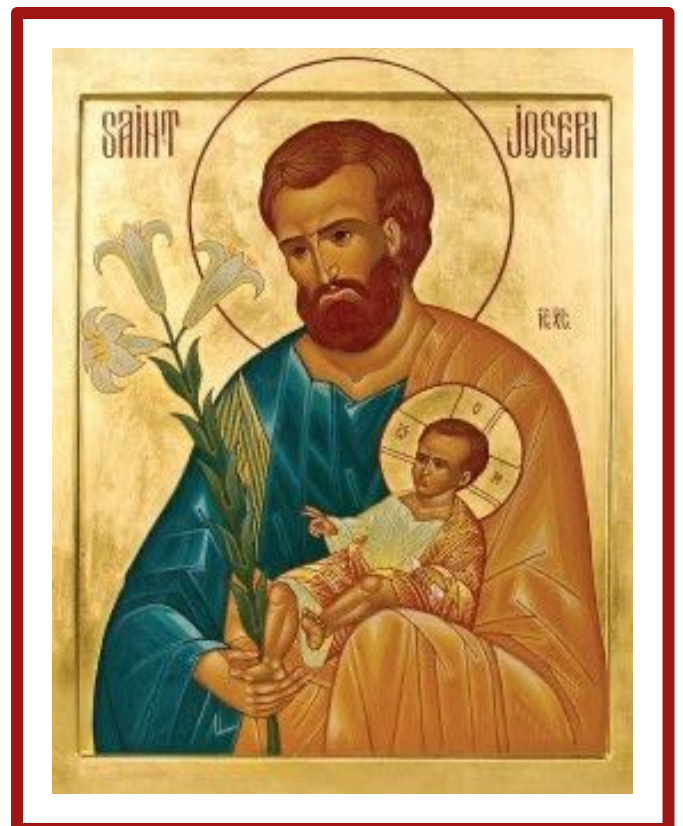


TRANSFER DATE	ICON 1	ICON 2	ICON 3	ICON 4
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023	25	51	3	70
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023	23	52	4	68
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023	21	42	6	72
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023	31	40	8	67
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023	32	41	13	73
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023	22	26	2	49
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023	24	46	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 17, 2024	STATE	71	STATE	66
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024	89	9	87	61

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 as 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 free to email me.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Dennis Bednarek



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

