



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Wisconsin



KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

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# State Deputy's Message

By John Huttenhoff



**BROTHERS, ASH WEDNESDAY** and Lent will soon be upon us. As we enter Lent, I encourage all of you to take time for personal Reflection and Renewal. Take time to seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; serve by giving alms; and practice self-control through fasting. Take the time to not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. Personally, I plan to spend more time reading the bible, as well as finding more time for Morning and Evening Prayers.

In Fr. McGivney's time, Catholics had to choose between their faith and jobs. Are we running into a similar situation today, where is you stand up for what you believe in, you are called a hater and lose out on opportunities. It is time to band together, grow in our faith, and live our faith.

As many of you know, the Madison Diocese is in the middle of a major review of the current reality, and planning for the future called Into the Deep. As I learn more about this initiative, I was shocked by the statistics on the decline in mass attendance and participation in the sacraments:

- ▶ From 2010—2021, population has grown 8.5%
- ▶ Between 2013 and 2021, the number of registered Catholics declined 17.3%
- ▶ Between 2013—2019, Mass attendance declined 16.3% (Pre-Covid)
- ▶ Between 2013—2021, Baptisms declined 39%, First Communion declined 39%, confirmations declined 9%, and weddings declined 21%

- ▶ Between 1960—2021, baptisms declined 79%, and weddings declined 63%.
- ▶ We are having more funerals than weddings, despite the overall population growing.

I expect that the other Diocese's in Wisconsin are experiencing similar trends.

As a State Council that has seen a 20% decline in membership since 2000. Our Program Team is reviewing what it working and making changes to ensure we are able to focus on our mission going forward. Over the past few years, we have seen many changes at both the State and Supreme Council levels:

- ▶ Faith in Action replaced the Surge in Service Program (4 categories replaced 6 categories)
- ▶ Fraternal Benefits Nights
- ▶ New Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity
- ▶ New Membership Cards
- ▶ Affiliate Membership Program
- ▶ Delta Church Drives
- ▶ ASAP Program
- ▶ COR Initiative for Faith Development
- ▶ Support for Persecuted Christians
- ▶ Coats for Kids Program
- ▶ Ukrainian Solidarity Fund
- ▶ State Mining of Form 10784 data, email acknowledgements
- ▶ Webinars for training and Fraternal Benefits Nights
- ▶ YouCat Bible program

When we invite men to join us, we promise to help them become better Catholics, better husbands, and better fathers.

It is important that Councils constantly assess their situation and

look to make changes when they are needed to better serve their parish. As we go through lent, and a season on renewal this spring, I challenge the leaders in Councils throughout the State to ask a few simple questions.

- ▶ What are the current needs of the Parish, and how can we best meet those needs?
- ▶ When Father needs something done, are the Knights his first call?
- ▶ Does the Council have programs that attract young men and their families? Are we using these programs to invite these families to join us?
- ▶ Is your Council somewhere that members grow in their faith and then putting that faith into action, or is it just another service organization?
- ▶ What changes can our Council make to be more attractive to young men and their Families?

Men need to grow in their faith, and then put that Faith into action. If your council is just a fundraising engine, you are missing a large part of the Mission. I pray that Lent is truly a time of reflection and renewal for each of you, and for the Knights of Columbus Councils in the State of Wisconsin. We can't do this alone, and we certainly can't do it without God. ✚

Vivat Jesus!  
Viva Cristo Rey!

# State Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Brian Dulli

**DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS** and Sir Knights. As Knights of Columbus, we continue to mourn the death of Pope Benedict XVI, along with the whole Church. He was much beloved by our order, and he will continue to be in memoriam. Pope Benedict loved priesthood and gave encouragement to all priests. It was natural then that Pope Benedict would have a large role in advancing the cause for canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney. For this, we are all grateful.

Pope Benedict's most famous encyclical was called *Deus Caritas Est*, "God is Love". This also is of interest to us as charity is the highest virtue which we all seek to exemplify as Knights of Columbus. How can we gain a better understanding of love? Isn't love something that you have a hard time explaining, but you know it when you see it? In fact, we have people in the world who now say, "love is love". As though once we say that love is present, there can be no further questions about what's attached to that love.

"Brothers, let us love one another, for love is of God." - 1 John 4:7 Jesus Christ calls us to love one another, even to that highest love which is of God. The Lord Jesus says, "No greater love has man than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:13 Pope Benedict reminds us that role of Christian love is to lead and purify all other loves. In the Greek of the New Testament, there are different words for different kinds

of love. In English, we use the same word, love, for so many different purposes. The greatest type of love in the Bible is the *agape*, which is love pouring itself out completely for the beloved. This is divine love.

We too are made for nothing less than divine love, the highest love. Our lives are filled with other loves which come from God. If the love of pleasure, power, wealth, or even family ever becomes equal to God's love even more important in our eyes, we will grow dissatisfied. Love of creatures will always be limited. God's love never runs out. When we are restless and dissatisfied, that is a reminder to turn ourselves over to God who loves us so completely.

Charity is a theological word that we use for love, particularly love that we choose to give to another. This is why charity is a virtue. It is a choice that we act upon rather than merely affection. We can be charitable even when our feelings are not affectionate. There is a duty to be charitable. Our fraternal value of charity reminds us of just one of the many ways that God's love purifies our other loves. When we pursue charity, let us do our best to make it personal and public. Our world needs to know that there is love that they can count on. Acts of charity is one of the ways we can make our love more Christ like while showing that same divine love to the world. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*



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*Submissions are due by the 27<sup>th</sup> of every month.*

# Membership Director's Message

By Corey Coonen, IPSD

**AS A PAST** State Deputy, I still receive many council newsletters on a monthly basis, and try to review each to see how active our councils are and some unique events or programs that they are doing. This provides a great opportunity for us to 'promote' these unique opportunities to grow our membership.

This past month I was struck by a council message on Membership that I thought was profound. For anonymity purposes, I have removed the council number. It read:

*In November 1957, Jerry Diny and his 4 brothers became Knights for Council XYZ all on the same day. That was the first time a father, Nick B Diny, introduced 5 sons into the Knights of Columbus. Nick became a Knight in 1936. Let's make an effort to sign up our sons and grandsons as new prospective Knights.*

Now—this message hit me for a variety of reasons. First off, this family legacy within the Knights is soon to approach a Century! We truly offer a lasting impact for families and we all have a legacy to uphold for future Knights, such as our Kids and Grandkids. But do we offer them this opportunity? Do we remind our members to invite their family members or to sign up their sons into the Knights when they turn 17.5 years old?

Further—a few years ago now, the Supreme Council modified the Exemptions to allow for these ceremonies to be 'open' to the public to view and attend. Could you imagine having a

family of 5 sons; or sons and fathers; or sons, fathers and maybe even grandfathers join the Knights today? In the presence of their entire family—seeing the commitment that they are giving to the Church and to the Knights? What an amazing opportunity that we have to provide this combined ceremonial families of our Parish—inviting the moms and daughters as well to attend to see how we are truly a family-centered organization.

Finally, this message struck a chord with me as I often heard from members and council leaders over the years that the 'youth' is not active in the Church or is stepping away from the Faith. This seems to be a challenge for us to overcome.

**What have we done to try and help address this?** As a State this past year we passed the Resolution to support the purchase of YouCat Bibles to be presented to the Confirmation students across the State. What this entails is for Councils to take advantage of this reduced price and to help 'evangelize' the Youth. Instead of identifying the problem as a council and turning a blind-eye, here is an opportunity to put our *faith in action!*

I encourage all of you to go online and purchase these YouCat Bibles for your Confirmation candidates.

Maybe this will lead to some of your Councils bringing in a family of 5 into the Knights in the near future! ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*



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**\$12.50 per book**

## EVANGELIZATION BEYOND CONFIRMATION

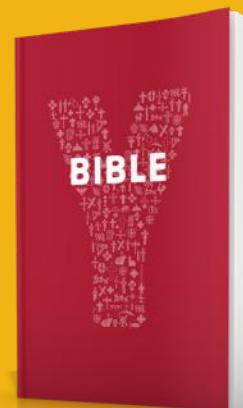
*A Sacramental Gift For Your Parish Confirmation Class*

- Perfect for Recruitment!
- State takes 50% off for this piloted program!
- Proactive in retaining youth to the faith!
- To be distributed at 2023 State Convention

**ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 1, 2023**

[Books may be ordered on the State website](#) (or click on any of the red YouCat Bible icons)

Make sure to list the council # in your order.



**District Deputies that have achieved  
100% of their membership quota**

**District 42**

Dale Emerton

*130% of goal (26 new members)*

**District 47**

Kevin Boening

*165% of goal (33 new members)*

**District 64**

Andy Orgovan

*127% of goal (28 new members)*

**District 67**

Richard Mich

*118% (26 new members)*

**Councils that have achieved 100%  
or more of their Supreme  
Membership Quota\***

Council 12269 (6 new members)  
Council 6585 (9 new members)  
Council 1471 (11 new members)  
Council 17889 (12 new members)  
Council 4648 (9 new members)  
Council 16765 (5 new members)  
Council 1002 (9 new member)  
Council 4240 (12 new members)  
Council 3562 (10 new members)  
Council 2770 (5 new members)  
Council 13880 (8 new members)  
Council 13480 (9 new members)  
Council 1478 (12 new members)

Council 16171 (5 new members)  
Council 4520 (8 new members)  
Council 4697 (5 new members)  
Council 16244 (9 new members)  
Council 17459 (5 new members)  
Council 17135 (5 new members)  
Council 6568 (21 new members)  
Council 2689 (6 new members)  
Council 973 (20 new members)  
Council 499 (7 new members)  
Council 12588 (5 new members)  
Council 1799 (16 new members)

**District with every council active**

**District 42**

Dale Emerton

*5 councils all active*

**District 47**

Kevin Boening

*4 councils all active*

**District 64**

Andy Orgovan

*5 councils all active*

**District 81**

Joe Raehsler

*4 councils all active*

**State Focused Initiatives: Every Council Active**

- **Green Bay: 32 inactive councils of 71 (45% inactive)**
- **La Crosse: 27 inactive councils of 62 (44% inactive)**
- **Madison: 29 inactive councils of 62 (47% inactive)**
- **Milwaukee: 31 inactive councils of 68 (45% inactive)**
- **Superior: 24 inactive councils of 40 (60% inactive)**

That means that we have thru 7 months of the year 143 councils that have yet to bring in a new member! As a State, we have goals set by Supreme to have at least 90% of our Councils ACTIVE in a year to reach our State goal! We have much work to do—lucky for us all—we still have 5 months remaining to get active! If your council has not brought in a new member yet year to date (since July 1) you can expect to hear from me or your Diocesan Membership Coordinator in the coming weeks to discuss what your plan is to become active!

**EVERY NEW MEMBER COUNTS AND EVERY ACTIVE COUNCIL COUNTS!**

**KICKING IT INTO GEAR 2023: January 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> Membership Incentive:**

If a council adds and exemplifies new members in January, February and March equal to 50% or greater of their MEMBERSHIP GOAL set by Supreme, then they will receive a 30% reduction on their April 1st per-capita invoice.

**Congratulations to the following councils that have achieved this incentive already in January!**

- District 5: Council 16244—Brought in 5 new members in January.
- District 41: Council 1080—Brought in 6 new members in January.

*He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not  
obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*

*John 3:36*

**“Faith is  
something  
that  
sustains us.”**

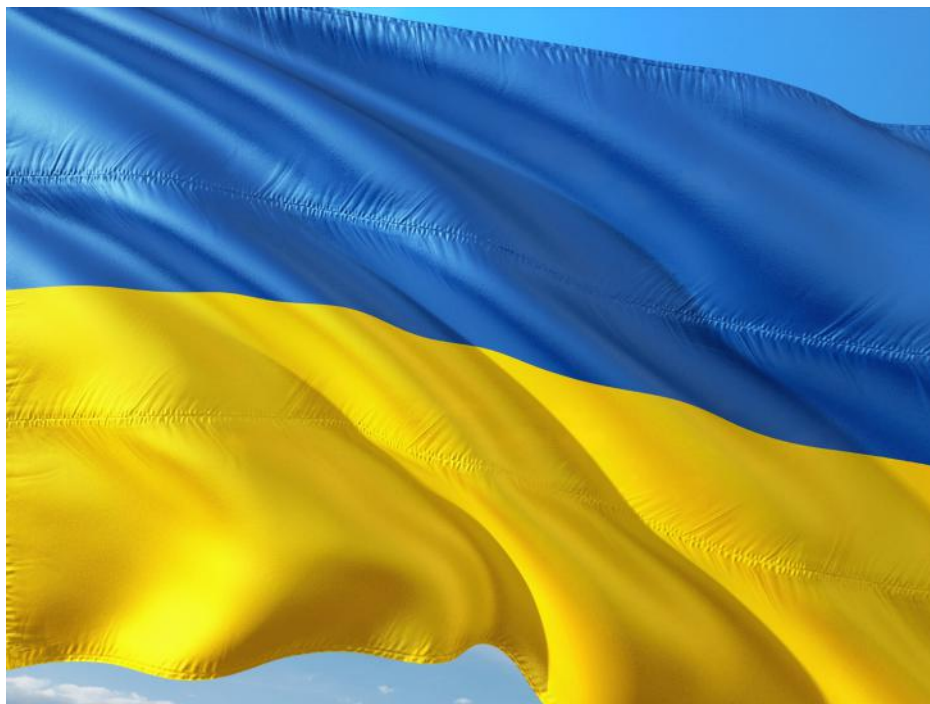
Learn how **you can make a difference** [Kofc.org/Ukraine](https://kofc.org/Ukraine)



## WE STAND WITH UKRAINE

**Knights of Columbus** all over the world stand in solidarity, ready to support the 1,889 Knights and their families, the Church, and all in need in Ukraine. To date, members and friends have donated over **\$19,489,618!** The situation in Ukraine continues to be volatile and the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will continue to work with local councils in Poland and Ukraine, the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches and partner NGOs to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, religious supplies, and any other humanitarian needs necessary as the situation continues to change on a daily basis.

**REMEMBER 100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE.**



# General Agent's Message

By Tim Nowak

**BISHOPS, PRIESTS, AND** State Membership, I wanted to share with you today an article that I read this month if any of us are looking for a good start to the New Year or even a Resolution for 2023.

## SHARING THE LIGHT

Do not be one who opens his hands to received but shuts them when it comes to giving. Do not hesitate to give, and do not give in a grumbling mood. Do not turn away from the needy; rather, share everything with your brother, and do not say, "it is private property", If you are a sharer in which it is imperishable, how much more so in the things that perish! Abhor all shame and whatever is not pleasing to the lord. Do not by any means neglect the commandments of the Lord, but hold fast to the traditions, neither adding nor subtracting anything. In church confess your sins, and do not come to your prayer with a guilty conscience. Such is the way of Life... See that no man leads you astray from this Way and the Teaching, since any other teaching takes you away from God. Surely, if you are able to bear the Lord's yoke in its entirety, you will be perfect... On the Lord's own day, assemble in common to break bread and offer thanks; but first confess your sins so that your sacrifice may be pure. However, no one quarreling with his brother may join your meeting until they are reconciled; your sacrifice must not be defined. For we have the saying of the Lord: In every place and



time offer me a pure sacrifice; for I am a mighty king, says the Lord, and my name spreads terror among the nations. Correct one another, not in anger but in composure, as you have it in the Gospel of our Lord. Watch over your life; your lamps must not go out, nor your loins be ungirded. On the contrary, be ready. You do not know the hour in which our Lord is coming. Assemble in great numbers, intent upon what concerns your souls.

## From the Didache

Let's start with "sharing the Light", we must not let our light go out, do not stop assembling in great numbers and be ready for we know not the hour. As members let's grow our councils and find ways to help the church grow in mission. Let's give to the needy and work within the parish to look to what is pleasing to the Lord.

As we work to a new year, let us share the Light, by attending meetings, having events that bring people together for the purpose of giving to the less fortunate and financially in need.

As an Agency we will continue to offer in person and virtual Fraternal benefits Nights with the goal of providing information to all parishioner for recruitment and opportunities for support of the Mission of Blessed Father McGivney. Here is to you and have a great year! ✚

Vivat Jesus!



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# Join the Fourth Degree!

By James TenPas

**SOME MEMBERS QUESTION** why should I join the Fourth Degree, all they do are socials and funerals. This in part is true. We are there to support our Brother Knights and their families at funerals and our meetings are more like socials because there are times our spouses are included and we enjoy the fellowship of each others company. But we do so much more.

*From the Sheboygan Assembly, Msgr. Phillip Dreis Assembly 1204.*

- ▶ Each year this Assembly awards up to three - \$750.00 Scholarships to area High School continuing there education in the Police or Firefighter Sciences.
- ▶ A Priest from the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes had his car stolen along with his Chalice which was in his car and the Fourth Degree Knights were there to help.
- ▶ During the summer, Fr. Norbert Sandoval had his car stolen. The car was recovered some time later,



but his belongings including his chalice were gone. Hearing the situation, SK Mike Wirth went into action contacting fellow Fourth Degree Knights involved with Assembly 1204's Chalice program and found that there was a Chalice still available. Last Sunday, at the noon mass at St. Clements, the Fourth Degree Knights of Assembly 1204 presented Fr. Norby with a new Chalice.

*In the photo: Chalice program chair SK Gary Reinholtz, St. Clement Usher SK Mike Wirth, Faithful Navigator SK Fran Goettl, and SK Fr. Norby.*

- ▶ This Assembly has a project called OPERATION ARCHANGEL that runs every year. The funds collected are made available to the Catholic Chaplains at the Milwaukee VA. They use the funds to care for the faith-based needs of our Veterans (Bibles, prayer books, CDs, rosaries).
- ▶ Seven Assemblies in Eastern Wisconsin are being awarded the Supreme Civic Award. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. Two assemblies are shown:

These are only a few of the many good works that are Assembly do over and above funerals or having good fellowship. We would like to ask you to come and be part of the goods works that the Fourth Degree does by joining our ranks in the May at Stevens Point or Beaver Dam. Additional information will be coming.

I would also like to ask that all Assemblies send myself or the Western District Master Duane Zaborowski, pictures and articles of what they are doing for their Parishes and community. Let's show what it means to be a 4th Degree Knight. +



*PNF Edward Lenn receiving the Supreme Civic Award from Eastern District Master James TenPas for Msgr. Phillip Dreis Assembly - Sheboygan.*



*FN James Sisak receiving the Supreme Civic Award from Eastern District Master James TenPas for Msgr. Anthony G. Weiler Assembly 1207 - Racine.*





## 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!](#)



## Five Ways to Increase Social Media Engagement

One of the keys to growing your council is inviting families to join – wouldn't you agree? Well, how do we do that? One key to growing your council's social media presence is 'Engagement'. According to Angie Gensler a social media marketing coach and expert "When creating social media content, it's important to share content that will generate engagement. That's because engagement, which includes comments, likes, shares, and views, is the key to growing your business on social media." This is true not only in business but also in other sectors such as volunteer organizations as well. If you think about it aren't our councils both a business and a volunteer organization?

Angie goes on to say that "Not only does social media engagement let you know what type of content your audience likes, but it also lets the algorithm know that your content is valuable and should be shown more often. Without social media engagement, the algorithm (on any platform) will quit showing your content to your followers."

Engagement is key to growing your councils and for that matter your parishes presence on social media. Without engagement, the algorithm (on any platform) will quit showing your content to your followers as well as potential new followers.

So, how do we increase our followers to like and comment on our posts so you can grow?

- ▶ **Always include an image**—Facebook posts with images receive 2.3x more engagement than posts without images. Photographs and styled images and graphics work well. Use [Canva](#) to quickly and easily design good-looking graphics that grab viewer's attention!
- ▶ **Ask questions**—According to a social media expert, "Questions generate the most comments," which makes sense. They do not have to be deep or even related to the Knights of Columbus, but do be careful of the types of questions you post. Refer to [Supreme Council's Members Social Communications Policy & Guidelines](#). Remember the 80/20 rule: 80% of the content should be geared toward serving your customers (new members, your community, and your parish) while only 20% should be geared toward promoting your council.
- ▶ **Use #hashtags**—Using hashtags is a quick and easy way to improve your social media marketing results, but use them wisely so people can easily find you.
- ▶ **Share inspirational content**—With so much negativity in the world, people want to see positive, inspiring, and uplifting content on social media. It's also refreshing to see a post that's meant to brighten their day, not sell them something.
- ▶ **Celebrate Holidays**—Not only do holiday posts tend to generate lots of "likes" but they're some of the easiest posts you'll create all year. Under this heading include, highlighting your councils activities, awards, events. ✚

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Wrbanich





# Officers Online Access

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

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

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

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

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## Current E-Membership Rates

CURRENT	CLASS / TYPE - as of date	12/27/2022	1/24/2023	Monthly Change
	ASSOCIATE	197	202	+5
	INSURANCE	44	41	-3
	INACTIVE	11	10	-1
	NO TRANSFER	45	46	+1
	HONORARY	0	0	No change
	HONORARY LIFE	0	0	No change
	AFFILIATE in 97048	1971	2167	+197
	EXEMPT	3	3	No change
	ASSIGNED	138	131	-6
	UNASSIGNED	8	10	+2
	TOTAL	252	253	+1

YTD	New E-Members #)	198	225	+27
	New E-Members % (Target: 325)	61%	69%	+8%
	Conversion into a council #	130	159	+29
	Conversion into a council %	66%	71%	+5%
ALL TIME	Intake #	1243	1268	+25
	Conversion into a council #	930	961	+31
	Conversion into a council %	75%	76%	+1%

**Note:** 01-24-2023 is 57% of the fraternal year passed. We are above our intake target, but we need to convert these e-members into council members, especially the 54 e-members assigned to 38 councils not having taken in a new member yet this year. There are also a number of councils with 5, 6, & 7 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.

## Historical Data

Year	Target	Intake	%
2017-18	Trial	30	NA
2018-19	214	134	60%
2019-20	214	140	65%
2020-21	324	375	115%
2021-22	422	364	86%
2022-23	325 (465 previously)	220	61%





## ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

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

Please review these **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES:**

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

### REQUIREMENTS:

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



### NOT ALLOWABLE:

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

### NEW MEMBER PROCESS:

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

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

Vivat Jesus!

William G. Hitt

WI Online Membership Coordinator

## WISCONSIN STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Registration is **NOW OPEN!!!**

[Click here for more information.](#)





# Hospitality & Dad Jokes

## *The Key to Lenten Programs & Fish Fries*

By Ernie Reinhart

**THE UNITED STATES** Conference of Catholic Bishops describes Lent on their website as follows:

*"Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ."*

For most councils Lent is the busiest time of year. Many councils support their parish communities by Leading Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Good Friday promotion. These are all wonderful ways for our parishes to witness first and foremost that we are men of faith. Many of these events are followed by fellowship opportunities.

Also, during this time, it is common for councils to host Friday Fish Fries. These events draw the entire parish community together for great food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity for Knights to connect with the parish community. During Fish Fries and other fellowship events most Knights are focused on preparing and serving the food. But, it is also important to

have someone to focused on hospitality. Hospitality is important because it directly impacts how we are perceived. As we endeavor to support the parish, we want them to support us. One of my mentors, Monsignor Robert Bergman, was the master of breaking the ice with "Dad Joke." We need Knights to strike up conversations with the people of their parishes. Knights need to "work the room." Ask how are things going? How's the food? Did you get enough? How about the weather?

There is a hidden benefit. People are more likely to ask questions from someone that is approachable. Men or their wives may ask about Knights. When you get these questions take time to answer them. He may be interested in joining. If not right, then maybe in the future. Over time get to know him at future events. Seek him out start up a conversation. Mention what's going on in the council. When the time is right invite him to attend a meeting or help with a project.

As our brothers who focused on membership always say every program is a recruiting opportunity. I 100% agree with this statement. I encourage each council to assign someone to hospitality. Hospitality is a springboard to new members. One last thought: Take time to catch up with men who are no longer active. Strike up conversations with them. When the time is right let them know they are missed and invite them back. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*



*I encourage each council to assign someone to hospitality. Hospitality is a springboard to new members.*



If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

**Pilgrims.**

How does the moon cut his hair?

**Eclipse it.**

What does a sprinter eat before a race?

**Nothing, they fast!**

Where do math teachers go on vacation?

**Times Square.**



**BROTHERS, GIVEN THE** weather I've just seen down here in Racine (11" of snow and bitter cold), there's still plenty of time to run a Coats for Kids Drive at your parish, school, community center, homeless shelter, etc. Not only coats but all sorts of winter clothing articles are welcome!

There's also a great opportunity to do at least 1 or 2 of the other 4 mainly adult-oriented Community programs between February and June. Join in on a local Habitat for Humanity project or do a fundraiser and donation to help them out or join in helping out at their "Re-Store" operation. Do a fundraiser in the parish or community for a few wheelchairs - \$150 each. Help the parish, Council, community with their Disaster Preparedness plans/preparation or help to set up or refurbish community supplies for disaster relief. Join together with other community groups to find and resolve a significant need at a park, recreational facility, local assistance or family/children's center, etc. Don't let February go by while not pursuing your goals for Columbian Award, Star and Outstanding Council Awards.

As to the Youth programs, the state-winning Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entries will be announced this month. The Culture of Life Essay Contest entries are to be to the Councils by March 15 and to the DPCs by March 31. The Knowledge and Free Throw Contests should be well underway this month with Council-level contests and District Free Throw contests done by March 19, Diocesan (Regional) Contests done by April 15 and the State Contest at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids on April 22. Free Throw registration and practice will be 10-11 AM with competition starting at 11:15 AM. Math & Spelling registration will be 10-11:15 AM with competition beginning at 11:30 AM. All contestants need

complete, accurate and legible travel cards (green for District and Diocesan Contests, Orange for State)! The Council-level tests (Math & Spelling) have been revised and can be downloaded from the State website. District Deputies, remember that you must order the Free Throw medals for District winners from Supreme (Officers/Supplies Online). Supreme pays for them, but they do not come to you automatically.

Soccer Contests can be run indoors in February or outdoors from March-May 31. Regional and State Contests will be held in June if numbers warrant. Information for the new Hockey Skills Challenge can be downloaded from the Supreme website.

Finally, be sure that your Fraternal Survey (1728) and Special Olympics Participation form (10784) need to be in now if not done already (were due January 31). History Books are due to DDs February 1 and to DPCs February 15. All Councils should choose their best activity in each of the FiA areas (Faith, Family, Community, and Life), fill out a State Service Program Award form with supporting evidence, articles, pictures, etc. They are due to the State Office or to State Program Director Ernie Reinhart by March 1. If you need help or guidance with them, feel free to let me know.

Also, remember to send in your Form 10784 whenever you complete any program to Supreme and the State Forms address – don't wait until May and June to send them all in en masse. Hope you have a great February, do something special for the lovely lady in your life. Thanks for all the good work you and your Councils do. +

*Vivat Jesus!*

Bill Frayer

We all have a common duty to both evangelize all people and to catechize our youth. For some time now, we are seeing an "exodus" of youth from the Church. The State Council is excited to announce a new program that will serve as a proactive step in retaining youth to the faith.

Introduced at our 2022 State Convention, the "Evangelization Beyond Confirmation" program falls under our Faith in Action- Sacramental Gift Program category. Through this program we are putting an emphasis on our confirmation students, as they enter adulthood.

The Gift of this *Y-Bible* to each confirmation student in your parish will leave a lasting impression on the student, parents, pastor, and bishop who will all be present at the sacrament. Further, the gift of the Holy Bible can be considered a "life preserver" for the young adult as they enter the raging ocean of our world; as God never changes and his word is timeless!

### How to order?

- ▶ Ask your Pastor or DRE how many Confirmation students the parish has.
- ▶ Order Books on the State Website: "State Council Store."
- ▶ Enter council number and number of books needed.
- ▶ Orders are due March 1st.
- ▶ Books will be distributed at the 2023 State convention.

As Knights, we strive to meet the challenges of our day. The Church needs us to continue to take our mission seriously. In doing so, we point a spot light on our cherished youth who are entering adulthood.

Through this simple gesture of a gift from your council, we say "cling to Christ and his Church." Further, we invite the young men to join our ranks! Like any organization/institution, the best means of retention is give a man something to do. Our order is here to serve the Church and larger community. Every young adult needs to become active in serving the Church following confirmation, and our order is a means in which every catholic man can do just that.

Through this program a council is giving a gift and starting a conversation with young men. However, the overall aim is for us to live out our baptismal vows by planting seeds of faith in every young adults life.

Filled with the Holy Spirit from our own Confirmation, let us spread the word of God like wildfire amongst our youth. This new program will do just that! Come Holy Spirit!

*Vivat Jesus!*





## ULTRASOUND PROJECT

**Manitowoc Council #710** for The Crossing of Manitowoc County,  
501 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, Manitowoc, WI 54220.

### Manitowoc Council #710

GK Joe Debilzen

1515 Kellner St.

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(920) 629-1601 Cell

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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). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they **MUST** include the council member in the memo portion of the check (e.g., #2035 or #9070 ultrasound); otherwise, it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

### Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

Memo: (#2035 or #9070 ultrasound)

4297 W. Beltline Highway

Madison, WI 53711-3859

## WISCONSIN MARCH FOR LIFE

Mark your calendars! Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the State Street steps at the Wisconsin State Capitol – 12pm – 4pm. Help us commemorate the overturning of Roe v. Wade by helping us **THANK GOD** for the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision this last June 24, 2022!

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Knights of Columbus is collaborating with the Department of Veterans Affairs to aid those in crisis ([more information here](#)). It's not a big secret that the Holiday season is especially tough on those who are alone or depressed. However, many learn to live with their depression so well that it is often a complete shock to loved ones and friends. They never saw it coming. Unfortunately, suicide has touched us all in some way. Suicide is the 12<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in America, per CDC 2020 data. 45,979 Americans died from suicide. 1.2 million attempted suicide. Almost 70% of all suicides were white, middle-aged men. It may seem trite to simply offer a suicide prevention hotline, but in many cases, that is all it takes to talk someone down from a depression crisis. Human beings do not do well in solitude. We are social beings. We need contact with one another – even if it's just a phone call. **If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, please call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.**

## WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE NUMBER ONE IN THE NATION !

ASAP GRANTS — AID & SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY

Wisconsin District

For fiscal YTD (7/1/2022—present).

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus councils have given \$205,000 in donations to life affirming pregnancy centers and support groups offering aid and support after pregnancy to Wisconsin moms. The efforts of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus members have made the Wisconsin District **number one in donations in the United States.**

Wisconsin Knight of Columbus councils have 68 approved applications for ASAP matching grants from Supreme Council – second in the nation to Michigan District.

This is part of the Knights of Columbus Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) initiative to help moms and their new babies. The goal is for the Knights – through gifts from councils, as well as direct gifts from the Supreme Council – to donate at least \$5 million through the fraternal year ending June 30, 2023. The Knights' ASAP initiative will enhance the significant resources the Knights and local councils already provide to mothers and their children, both born and unborn.

Knights of Columbus believe in the dignity and worth of every human life, and work tirelessly, through prayer and action, to support mothers and their children. In 2021, Knights of Columbus donated \$4.6 million and 469,000 volunteer hours to pregnancy centers and maternity homes, providing maternity and baby clothes, diapers, food and other items to women and children. Join us in growing the pro-life safety net the Knights have long supported. ✚

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Miller





**IMPORTANT, IF YOU HAVE NOT FILED Council activities and donations**, do so soon. Report any and all donations, events, and man hours worked for Special Olympics local as well as our Team Wisconsin Drive. **Please fill out Supreme Form 10784.**

**TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE**; As we area in going into our 10<sup>th</sup> month of the drive, I am excited to announce that we have received \$42,087.95 to date. **Thank You**, we are off to a good start towards our Goal of \$150,000.00.

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

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

BECOME A  
VOL♥  
UNTEER

CLICK ON THE IMAGE ABOVE TO VOLUNTEER!

Vivat Jesus!  
John Benisch

**UPCOMING EVENTS For Councils or members to volunteer at.**

- 3/5 ~ Region 8, Basketball, Milwaukee, Amber Weinfurter, 262-518-2314
- 3/5 ~ Region 6, Basketball, Verona, Nicole Christensen, 608-442-2670
- 3/5 ~ Region 4 & 5, Basketball, Neenah, Megan Quandt, 920-659-5911
- 3/12 ~ District 4 & 5, Swimming, Oshkosh
- 3/18 ~ District 2,3 & 6, Swimming, Wis Rapids, Nicole Christensen, 608-442-5670
- 3/18 ~ Sectional Basketball, Mukwonago, Brooke Trewyn, 262-518-8316
- 3/19 ~ Sectional Basketball, UW Stevens Point, Michaela Harrison, 715-204-9696
- 4/1 ~ R8 District Swim Meet, Oconomowoc, Amber Weinfurter, 262-518-2314
- 4/14—4/16 ~ Spring Games, UW Oshkosh, more info to come next month
- 4/29 ~ Basketball Skills Day, Wis Luthern College, Milwaukee, [Grace VanBergen](#) +

# CHARITY RAFFLE UPDATE

By Bernie Heit

**"BUY RAFFLE TICKETS"**

**3 Months**  
**\$50,000 Grand Prize**  
**1 Organization**

Could it be **YOU**? No limit to how many tickets **YOU** can purchase. Could it be a family member, a close friend, or someone you know? **Not if you don't sell them a ticket.** It is not to early to send in this years Council Charity Grant Fund Request Forms (due May 1). The report is for the distribution of last years charity funds. The revised form is on the State website.

Council chairman "monthly" please turn in tickets to your diocese coordinators. This is for both security reasons and work load distribution for all parties involved. Also express your appreciation to your Diocesan Coordinators.

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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.

## COUNCIL FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The deadline for submitting your council Family of the Year is **February 15th**. Your council family of the year **MUST** be a knight family. [Use form 10680](#). Please submit the form and any additional documents in digital formats, PDF is preferred. This is how Supreme wants to receive the State Family of the Year submission. Email the digital documents to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com) by the deadline.

## OUR MARRIAGE PRAYER

Knights, we must protect the marriages of our council and parish members by holding an Our Marriage Prayer celebration! This I usually celebrated on World Marriage Sunday which this year will be on the weekend of February 12, 2023. If this weekend doesn't work, work with your parishes to determine the weekend that works best for everyone.

[Check out the training video here.](#)

Be sure to fill out the 10784 using the Family-Other or Faith-Other categories.

## SUPREME NEWS

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

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

After you fill out the online 10784, you will receive a PDF file that you can include in your council history books. Please forward this PDF to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com) so that your family can be considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award.

## 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!](#)

### Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is the **Michael & Cheri Hepp** family from Superior's Fr. Dodge Council #7827 in District 85. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

### Diocese

Milwaukee Diocese led with **64%** district participation with the Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **15** families.

### District

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

### Council

There was no new council submitting a family of the month. There were 51 families submitted to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com). Unfortunately, four families were not submitted and were considered for being a diocesan family of the year. Gentlemen, please remember to **FORWARD** your 10784 forms to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com)!

Gentlemen, it is a privilege and honor to serve you and your councils!

**Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.** ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*

SK Joe Uchtyl

Green Bay	Curtis & Kay Nelson
Madison	Dennis & Tony O'Connell
Superior	Jeremy & Tammy Kass
La Crosse	Jacob & Mary Anderson
Milwaukee	Daniel Weisner





## DELTA DRIVE

### TUESDAY 2/7/23 AT 7PM CST (8PM EST)

Come learn how to do the Delta Church drive method. this highly effective process of growth through communication will help you go from prospects to members and answer the why of growth.

## YOU ARE YOUR PROGRAMS

### MONDAY 2/13/23 AT 7PM CST (8PM EST)

- ▶ We will cover in this training:
- ▶ Understand the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members.
- ▶ Construct a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. u Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life.
- ▶ Identify the council's flagship program(s).
- ▶ Access the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendar.
- ▶ Develop a calendar for the next 6-12 months that responds to the council's mission statement and addresses some of the council's strengths and weaknesses identified above. Understand the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

## COUNCIL GROWTH

### WEDNESDAY 2/21/23 AT 6PM CST (7PM EST)

The presentation will help Fraternal leaders resolve to leave councils, parish, and community better than how they found it. Leader should also learn how to develop a simple, specific, year-round plan in place for growing council membership, that involves participation from the whole council. Attendees should commit to work with their pastor(s), field agent, and DD to accomplish their goals. Leaders should understand the importance of hosting regular ceremonials, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives.

## FORMS & THE SUPREME WEBSITE

### TUESDAY 2/21/23 AT 6PM CST (7PM EST)

Many councils have been struggling with where and how to fill out the forms on the Supreme website. Where do we find them? How do we fill them out? Who can fill out the online forms? Who has access? Lots of questions to go through and we will get the answers together. ✦

Contact Jon Olson for more information.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Jon Olson

I have received from the Supreme Council the 2023 Silver Rose Schedule. We will receive it from Iowa on the weekend of July 15-16 and will be transferring it to Illinois on the weekend of August 12-13. This gives us an additional week from last year where I had to double many councils on the same day. Supreme emphasized that they strongly consider the number of forms #10784 submitted by each state when determining how long each state will have the Silver Rose.

In the next few weeks, I'll be contacting the Iowa and Illinois Council on where we can mutually agree upon a transfer point. I will also be accepting requests from Councils to host the Rose throughout the state at this time. Last year we had many more requests than days and this year again I will need to prioritize requests. My priority system will be 1st Councils that were not able to host it last year, and secondly Councils that had filed a form #10784 with Supreme last year. Remember that the services or a mass should be held in a Church rather than a Club house to give the maximum reverence to Our Lady of Guadalupe, if at all possible. Councils that are serving multiple parishes should strongly consider the possibility of more than one service in a day between their parishes.

I'm now open to requests for councils wishing to host the Silver Rose in 2023. Please send your Request to me at [DFBednarek48@gmail.com](mailto:DFBednarek48@gmail.com) in your request please include:

Town  
Parish Name  
District #  
Council #  
Contact Name  
Contact Email  
Contact Phone# ✦

*Vivat Jesus!*

SK Dennis Bednarek, PGK, PFN, FDD  
Wisconsin State Council Silver Rose Chairman  
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TRANSFER DATE	ICON 1	ICON 2	ICON 3	ICON 4
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022</b>	64	6	47	25
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022</b>	65	OPEN	45	23
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022</b>	70	3	43	21
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022</b>	68	4	51	31
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022</b>	72	5	52	32
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022</b>	67	8	42	22
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022</b>	73	13	40	24
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022</b>	49	2	41	30
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022</b>	50	OPEN	26	29
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022</b>	48	80	46	27
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022</b>	63	85	44	28
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023</b>	62	91	14	90
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023</b>	69	83	10	89
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023</b>	60	81	11	87
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023</b>	61	82	12	47
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023</b>	66	STATE	9	STATE
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023</b>	71		STATE	

Literature can be ordered through supreme with only a shipping fee. Simply have your Financial Secretary order any material you may need the same as he would order any other item. Free Orders are limited to 500 prayer cards and 100 pamphlets. Available in either Spanish or English.



Questions or Issues should be sent to the Icon Coordinator SK Dennis Bednarek (262) 470-4477 or [dfbednarek48@gmail.com](mailto:dfbednarek48@gmail.com). If and When this schedule is modified the new schedule will be posted on the State Website under forms. Please remind Councils to file a form #10784 Fraternal Programs Report Form with Supreme as well as sending copies to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com) and [dfbednarek48@gmail.com](mailto:dfbednarek48@gmail.com).



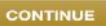
# State Registration Information


By Steve Geishirt  
Administrative Manager

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

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

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

- ▶ A common error on the first page of the online registration form is people fill out the information page but don't click on the gold  button on the bottom. They then come to the State Convention and wonder why they don't have tickets. Be sure to enter the security code found in the box on the right, then click on "Continue".
- ▶ On page two you can choose some available activities. The Working Lunch is the business meeting lunch for the

delegates and other men attending this meeting. The women are welcome to attend the Ladies Brunch and Program. Once activities are chosen, they will appear at the top of the page and you'll see the total amount owed. Now choose the green  button for payment. Choose your payment type and the next page allows you to review your registration. If something is not correct, choose "If you wish to choose a different payment method..." which will take you back to the last page of registration. Once everything looks good and you've chosen your payment type choose "If this is correct, "Click here to Complete Your Registration". You should then see a summary page and receive a confirmation email.

- ▶ If you didn't choose any activities, choosing the green "Complete My Registration" button will take you directly to the summary page and you'll receive a confirmation email. In either case, I recommend you bring the summary page to the registration table at the state convention.

*We at the state office look forward to seeing you at the 2023 State Convention April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at the KI Center in Green Bay WI.*

## ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION

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

DATE	STARTS	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY PRICE	NUMBER ATTENDING
Saturday April 29, 2023	10:30 A.M.	Ladies Brunch and Program	\$30.00 each	1 

## REGISTRATION - CHANGE REQUEST

[STATE COUNCIL HOME](#)

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

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

## REGISTRATION CHANGE REQUEST FORM

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

### CHANGES TO YOUR REGISTRATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES

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



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





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

Worthy Grand Knight:

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

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

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

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

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

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

William A. Plante  
Bowling Committee Secretary/Treasurer

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

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

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

Dates should run from early February through April.

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

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

Councils may team up with another council for joint bids

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

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

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

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

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

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