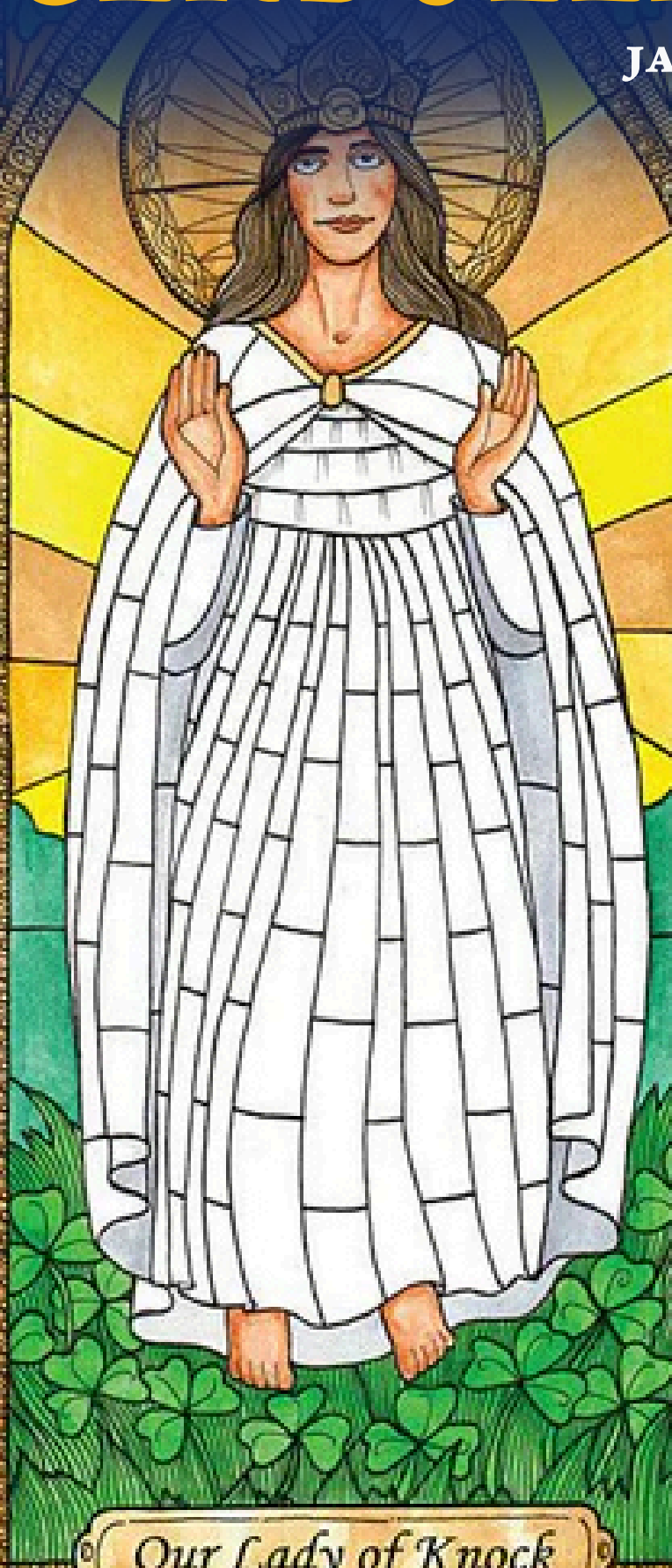


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A Message From the State Chaplain

AS WE WELCOME another New Year, I am filled with gratitude for the strength, unity, and dedication that each of you brings to our Knights of Columbus family. The arrival of a new year is a time for reflection and anticipation, a chance to celebrate our achievements, acknowledge our challenges, and look ahead with hope and resolve.

This past year, our faith, charity, and fraternity were called upon in numerous ways. Together, we have supported our parishes, reached out to those in need, and upheld the values that make the Knights a beacon of service and faith in our community. Your commitment to our principles—Charity, Unity,

Fraternity, and Patriotism—has been evident in every act of kindness, every meeting, and every moment we have shared.

As we enter 2026, I encourage each of you to renew your dedication to our shared mission. Let us continue to seek Christ in all that we do, support each other in brotherly love, and serve our neighbors with open hearts. This is also a time to welcome new members, invite fresh ideas, and strengthen the bonds that tie us together not just as Knights, but as brothers in Christ.

Let us pray for those in need and for all who are facing challenges, both in our community and around the world. May the New Year bring

peace to troubled hearts, hope to the weary, and joy to every family. I ask you to keep our priests, our Church, and our State Officers in your prayer as well.

As Knights of Columbus, our work is never finished, but with faith as our compass and fraternity as our strength, I am confident that we will continue to make a meaningful difference. Thank you for your unwavering support, your spirit of service, and your commitment to our Order's ideals.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, happy, and healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

JOIN THE FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY GUILD



Honor His Legacy. Advance His Cause.

Strengthen Your Faith During the Jubilee Year of Hope.

As the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Hope, Catholics everywhere are called to renew their faith and walk more closely with Christ. What better way to respond than by drawing inspiration from our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who gave his life to strengthening families, building parish communities, and bringing hope to those on the margins.

By joining the Father McGivney Guild, you can (1) support his cause for sainthood and pray for his canonization, (2) deepen your spiritual life through his intercession during this Jubilee of grace, and (3) Publicly witness to our Catholic hope as a member of his spiritual family.

Membership is free and open to all who believe in his mission. Guild members receive inspiring newsletters, spiritual reflections, and invitations to special devotions honoring Blessed McGivney. Let's help make our founder a saint.

McGivney Guild Chairman

Jack Wrbanich, PSD



FIRST LADY THERESE AND I would like to send each and every one of you a Christmas Card, but with 34,751 members that would be a daunting task and the postage would be approximately \$27,105.

With that said, via this newsletter, First Lady Therese and I are wishing all of you all a blessed and merry

Christmas and a happy and safe New Year with your family and friends and to personally thank all of you for the time and dedication you have invested to date.

We have much to be thankful for this year with hundreds of new men coming on board to ensure our state and our Order continues to grow and can maintain our good works for many more years to come.

Thanks to all of you, the Wisconsin Jurisdiction is having a record-breaking start to the first half of the new fraternal year. Through your efforts history was made for the first time, Wisconsin exceeded its first and second quarter goals back-to-back adding 608 new members. To my knowledge this has never been done before and is a noteworthy achievement that you should be proud of.

In my article last month, I mentioned we needed 74 men by the end of December to achieve our second quarter goal. As of December 22, you delivered the 74

needed, and you set that new record mentioned above with 9 days to spare. **Great work Brother Knights!**

What a Christmas gift it is to give the increase of our membership and ensure the growth of our order! We also held our Winter District Deputy Organizational meeting Dec 5-7 in Stevens Point where we officially installed our new and continuing District Deputies. The event was positive and well received by all.

There are several new positive changes coming from State and Supreme as we enter the new year, changes that will make everyone's work easier as we utilize and learn to embrace new technology changes. Your District Deputies will be sharing some of these changes with you when they hold their individual District meetings. Please ensure your council officers attend their meetings in the near future.

The primary goal of the District Deputy is to help his assigned councils achieve Star Council status with our support. You are making the recruiting happen But remember you also need to complete your Safe Environment and Fraternal Benefit requirements to achieve Star Council status. These are simple tasks that should be easy and done early.

Star Council. It's not just another award. Councils achieving Star Council status means you are growing and keeping Blessed Father McGivney's mission alive!

Vivat Jesus!

INPUT REQUESTED:

NEW KC STATE WEBSITE IN DEVELOPMENT

You may or may not know your new State Council Website is under development and the webmasters are looking for your input. In May, we will be launching a new Website platform based on the latest technologies. This new platform will allow us all to communicate better and provide information access in better ways.

As the Admins are busy building out this platform and planning the transition off the old site we are asking your input. Most DD's and others at the Winter DD meeting have responded. To help guide our priorities please respond to our survey [here](#) or scan the QR code.





HAPPY NEW YEAR and many blessings for a joyful 2026. What better way to live out our mission to help families live out the joy of Christ, the Knights of Columbus proudly supports a prayer composed by our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, inviting families to consecrate themselves to the protection

of the Holy Family. Through this prayer, families seek the intercession of Jesus Christ, the perfect Son; Mary, the perfect Mother; and Saint Joseph, the faithful model for every father. The Knights of Columbus Councils play a vital role in guiding parishes and communities to understand, prepare for, and faithfully offer this prayer. Preparation for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not

a single event, but a yearlong, no lifelong commitment. When we make the act of consecration, participating families consciously choose to become witnesses of God's love, strengthened by the example of the Holy Family. Remember to complete your form #10784.

Continuing my Convention Packet guide, let's focus on Step 2. This pink sheet is reserving your meals. You will want to select the meals for yourself and your Lady. Step 2 can be completed online or by completing the form and sending to the State Office. Step 3 is the In Memoriam Request to the Necrology Roll. Tempus Fugit Memento Mori is our Order's perpetual watchword and so, it becomes our duty to our departed Brothers to remember them in this very special way.

Viva La Cristo Rey!

Vivat Jesus!

ASAP GRANTS



These checks were made possible by the thousands of Wisconsin KofC members who donated to the Culture of Life Grant Fund last year. Thank you! The Wisconsin State Council granted out \$137,000 to organizations who are making a difference advancing the Culture of Life. The average donation was \$62.50, sending home the message that working together makes us stronger to our membership. **Dan Miller.**



THE IMPORTANCE OF FORM 365

Safeguarding Our Community & Fraternal Order

AS WE STRIVE TO SERVE our communities and uphold the values of the Knights of Columbus, I want to highlight the vital significance of completing Form 365. This form is not just a bureaucratic obligation. It is essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of our most vulnerable members and for maintaining the integrity of our fraternal order.

WHAT IS FORM 365?

Form 365 is mandatory for all councils and outlines the officers leading our councils throughout the year. It is crucial to provide detailed information for the Program, Family, and Community Directors. This data go beyond administrative functions and ensures our leadership is properly prepared to engage with the community safely and effectively.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

> *Safe Environment Training:* Completing Form 365 accurately is crucial for qualifying for Praesidium's Safe Environment Training. This training equips our leaders and volunteers with the knowledge to protect our programs and initiatives. Well-trained leaders can identify potential risks and take proactive measures to ensure the safety of all participants in our gatherings and activities.

- > *Background Checks:* The form is also essential in the background check process. By providing accurate and comprehensive information, we can streamline this process and verify that individuals working with our vulnerable members have undergone the necessary vetting. This is vital for safeguarding our children and those who need extra assistance.
- > *Community Trust:* Protecting our most vulnerable members is part of our commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity. Having responsible individuals in leadership roles reinforces community trust in the Knights of Columbus. Families need to feel assured that they can rely on us not only for support but also for a safe environment where their loved ones can thrive.
- > *Protecting Our Fraternal Order:* These actions protect individuals but also preserve the essence of our fraternal order. The Knights of Columbus is founded on mutual support and shared values, which must be reflected in our actions. Scandals or breaches of trust could have serious repercussions, undermining our mission and our ability to serve.

Let us continue to serve our communities with pride and responsibility, working together to create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Vivat Jesus!



DECEMBER WAS A SLOW MONTH FOR Online Membership. As of December 20, 30 e-members joined the order in Wisconsin during the month of December. This is about half of what we would normally expect. Since July 1, we have brought in 378 e-members in Wisconsin. This is an increase of about 90 e-members compared to the same time last fraternal year.

Thank you to all of the Councils that are using E-membership to bring new men into the order. During December, Councils did an outstanding job of welcoming assigned e-members into their Councils. Since July 1, we still have about 114 e-members that have been assigned to a Council but have not yet taken an Exemplification or joined a Council. While in person exemplifications are preferred, if schedules are not working out, please use the On-Demand Online Exemplification to get these brothers into your Councils and then invite them to get involved.

Cards with the QR Code to join online are available from Supreme. These can be very helpful when inviting men to join. Your Diocesan Membership Directors and District Deputies should be able to help you get these cards if you need them.

WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils **Prospect** tab and if you are having difficulty in making contact, or any other issue, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you with reaching a remedy.

REMINDERS

WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils **Prospect** tab. Should you experience any difficulty with this process, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you.

Supreme presented a Webinar in December on Transferring online members to council membership which you can access [here](#).

Do not send Form 100's to Supreme for new members, keep them for your council's records. If you must use a Form 100, scan it and email it to Supreme, keeping the original for your council records. Since Form 100's must be manually processed at Supreme, they can lead to data entry errors and delays. Utilizing e-membership or the **Candidate** tab for new members are the preferred ways to bring in new members. **The date field is the date they were exemplified by your council. Once you enter those dates in either tab, the members will be automatically transferred to your council's roster within the next week.**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me. I am in your State Directory.

Vivat Jesus!

PROSPECT TAB

Shows you e-members that have joined online via the Supreme app. The date field is used to transfer them into your council when they have completed their exemplification. With e-membership, new members enter their own data and confirm their membership, and then they receive an e-mail from Supreme. These e-members are then part of the state council, and get assigned to a local council. Until the local FS enters the exemplification date, these members remain part of the State Council. Local councils get credit for them when the exemplification date is entered by the FS to transfer them into your Council.

Clicking on this blue box will take you to the Prospect training.

CANDIDATE TAB

Used when you recruit a member locally or are handling a member transfer request or a reinstatement of a prior member. The Candidate tab can best be described as an online Form 100. The candidate tab training covers new members and transfers into local councils.

Clicking on this red box will take you to the candidate training.

ONLINE CEREMONIAL

Click on this box to take you to the Online Ceremonial invitation site.



THANK YOU MY BROTHERS and congratulations! Because of you, the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus reached our 1st and 2nd Quarter recruitment goal. This is a great achievement that shows strong faith, teamwork, and unity across the state. This

success is more than just a number. It proves that the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin are active, growing, and committed to serving others through charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. With more Knights, we can do more good.

Reaching this goal took hard work and cooperation at every level. State Officers, District Deputies, Council Officers, Diocesan Directors, Membership Directors, and individual Knights all played an important role. Each invitation, conversation, and welcome made a difference. Your efforts show the strength of your Councils and the true brotherhood that defines the Knights of Columbus.

We are not done. Men are looking for purpose, friendship, and ways to live their faith. The Knights of Columbus offer all of that. Meeting our goal, shows that the mission of the Knights continues to inspire men to serve their families, parishes, and communities.

New members bring fresh energy and new ideas. They help support parish life, grow charitable programs, and keep the Order strong for the future. Because of your work, the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin will continue to grow and spread Christ's love through service.

Most of all, this accomplishment shows a shared commitment to serving God and others. When Knights work together with faith and determination, great things happen.

Looking ahead, the next six months will be an exciting time for the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus. We have new Councils in development and the Order is growing. This is a great chance to welcome more men, build strong leaders, and share our Catholic faith. These new councils, along with continued membership efforts, will bring new energy to projects and help us put Faith in Action. Let's stay humble and stay focused and have a great new year. *Vivat Jesus!*

You asked. We delivered.
Now, will you?

***Fraternal Year 25/26 Schedule for
GA-sponsored FBE (7:00 pm CST)***

Thursday, January 29

Wednesday, February 25

Thursday, March 26

Wednesday, April 29

Thursday, May 28

Wednesday, June 24

Mark your calendars and make plans. Remember to invite the **entire** parish, making sure to get the invite in the church bulletin.

Get Educated.

Get Credit.

Have **FUN!**

POWER OF PATRIOTISM

Building Tomorrow's Leaders. Together.

AS WE TRANSITION INTO the 126th year of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus and the 250th year of the United States, consider joining the Patriotic Degree in 2026. The Patriotic Degree is the more visible arm of the Knights of Columbus that helps support the growth of the entire Order. Examples of where the 4th degree can assist our Councils by being visible is at our Brother Knights funeral wakes and masses, being available to our Bishops and Priests when they request us, participating in parades and Honor Flights as well as Special Olympic events across the state.

I marvel at the events that we can participate in and see the faces of the families and people who are watching us. We have been present for confirmation masses, ordination masses, Chrism Masses to name just a few. We have participated in parades for the 4th of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and special Eucharistic processions like Corpus Christi, the Eucharistic revival, and Marches for Life. We are also visible to the public when we are not in uniform doing good deeds such as serving meals for the homeless, assisting veterans by going to veterans' centers to push wheelchairs, fundraising events to raise funds for Ultrasound machines, baby diaper drives, etc.

There is a story that I would like to repeat to you that comes through Brother Sir Knight Greg Cemke from the Wausau Assembly who also runs a charity called Christmas in July which assists the Children in the hospital at the Marshfield Clinic (among other things). He got to play Santa Claus in the Wausau Christmas Parade and at the completion of the parade, a young girl came up to him and asked if he could help grant her wish.



She didn't ask for toys or candy or friends. Her request: Santa, I want my mommy and daddy to get back together so we can be a family again! What a touching moment and locally, we have all said a prayer to help that little girl with her Christmas Wish. What this proves to me is that we—as Brother Knights and as Sir Knights—do make a difference in the lives of others.

Remember that we have an upcoming Patriotic Exemplification on January 17 in the Manitowoc Area on the Eastern side. Please recruit Brother Knights to become Sir Knights. There will be additional Patriotic exemplifications in April in De Pere (April 11) and in Marshfield (April 25). There may also be some local opportunities to become a Sir Knight. Please reach out to the Masters of your District.

Remember that the Patriotic degree is not separate from the Third Degree. We are all one body of Catholic men with a common purpose. The 4th degree is the Patriotic Degree, and we are watched over by District Masters at the state level. We are all under the jurisdiction of the State Deputy Patrick Reiff. Our message to the District Deputies to bring back to you the membership was this: We need all of you to consider joining the 4th degree. We have had over 500 men join the third degree since July 1, 2025. Let us now work to get these new Brother Knights to join the Patriotic Degree! And Sir Knights – please recruit men to join your local Councils!

Vivat Jesus!

ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

Hope Life Center, Wausau; CareNet Dane County, Madison; and Lillies of Hope, Grafton. Congratulations to Council(s) #1069, #4586, and #4520 for your leadership on these ultrasound initiatives. If your council would like to help, please send your checks to:

St. Joseph Council #4586

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NEED HELP WITH ULTRASOUND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN?

There is a great pro-life organization out in Yelm, Washinton (state) called [4US](#). They will help with **25%** of the cost of the ultrasound. **Yes**, that is **half** of your council's obligation! Here's their [website](#).



SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have agreed to have boots on the ground for all Special Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI) statewide events. Here are the upcoming events! Please get the word out to your members to volunteer. Get your men there to volunteer. Bring the whole family! Special Olympics of Wisconsin will put your whole family to work and it's a lot fun! State Winter Games details can be found [here](#).

ASAP GRANTS

Hopefully the month of December left your council's checking account **empty** after giving away all your money to pregnancy centers in your area. For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100. But, you have to [apply for it!](#) It is always best to apply online. If you need help, let me know and I'll walk you through it. You can also provide me with the information and I will apply for you online! There are only two forms you need, [Donation Receipt Letter](#) and a [W9](#).

CHECK OUT THE PICTURES ON PAGE 5!

CHOOSE LIFE WISCONSIN GRANT FUND

Any pro-life pregnancy center or maternity home can apply for a grant from Choose Life Wisconsin, the Choose Life Plate People! Apply [here](#) any time.

You can also purchase Pro-Life license plates. The more plates we have on the road, the more the pro-life message will be shared, and the more money there will be for the Pregnancy Resource Centers. The extra \$25 you pay for the plate is **tax deductible** if you itemize on Schedule A. More information [here](#).

Vivat Jesus!



HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we begin 2026 let's continue strengthening our Family through all our Family Programs. Please remember that while there are ten featured programs, a Council can submit their own versions of a "Family Activity." The key component is **family**.

To start the year out, the District Deputies who have received entries from Councils who are active with the "Keep Christ In Christmas" Poster Contest (entries were due from Council's by December 31). Please send all your 1st place entries to your Diocesan Program Director by January 15. Each Diocesan Program Director has to submit their 1st place winners from their Diocese to the State Family Director by January 31. To reiterate, there are five different levels of entries and they are as follows: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade and 7th & 8th grade. Remember to label each entry for proper evaluation. The Boys & Girls of Wisconsin have some fantastic art skills and I compliment all the entries for this very special youth-orientated program.

Moving along, please keep sending in your "Family of the Month" entry whenever it works for your Council. There are many wonderful families within our Parishes living their faith. Let's show them that their efforts are truly appreciated. A little bit of recognition goes a long way!

On a side note, continue planning and submit your "Family of the Year" entries ASAP. The cut-off date for a "Family of the Year" entry is **February 15**. These entry forms can be found on [Officers On-Line](#). Scroll down and click on **Forms** (the on-line entry form for Family of the Month is # 10784 and Family of the Year is # 10680). There are additional family activities that can also be inspirational for each family as well as celebrating these activities on a Council level. I have included additional guidelines for each Family Activity, all hyperlinked below:

- > [Food for Families](#)
- > [Remembering Our Faithful Departed](#)
- > [Quinceanera Support](#)
- > [Consecration To The Holy Family](#)
- > [Family Fully Alive](#)
- > [Family Prayer Night](#)
- > [Family Week](#)
- > [Good Friday Family Promotion](#)

REMEMBER: For all your Family programs, you need to file the "Form 10784" soon after you complete each activity while still fresh in your minds. Upon completion of the form, it will automatically be submitted to Supreme; you will then receive the completed form in a PDF format which you will need to send to this [address](#). Please CC your District Deputy and keep a copy for yourself.

In closing for this festive month, my family and I would wish you all a safe & blessed Christmas! I believe that's all for now. Until we meet again, take care, stay healthy, and God bless us everyone!

Vivat Jesus!



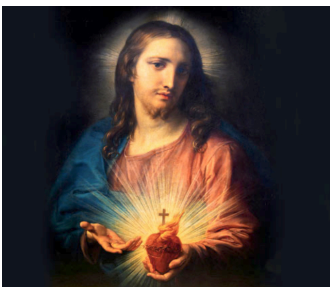
Brother Knights I hope you all had a Holy and Merry Christmas and are enjoying the New Year. With the new year we historically make resolutions that some of us keep for the year but too often slip on as we return to our new ways. Allow me to make a few suggestions for resolutions for us as Knights:

1. Remember to fill out form #10784 within a week of completing a program.
2. Add one new Faith Program to your Council's Schedule.
3. Invite a non-member to every program your Council performs.
4. Make an effort to attend every Faith Program, your Council Sponsors.
5. Bring in one new member in the next fiscal year.

SILVER ROSE

I normally put this is at the bottom of the list since it is a Life Program, but I was just notified of the Changes for this year. The first big change is the new schedule gives us the Silver Rose from **Sunday, March 15**, where we receive it from Minnesota , until **Saturday, April 12**, when we transfer it to Iowa. This gives us only 2 ½ months to prepare for the Rose which I have already started. The other change is there is going to be an optional Tilma for each Jurisdiction, which I have requested. I will have more information on the Tilma next month.

The important point is the schedule is moving forward so I need requests from Councils that wish to support this program ASAP to create the new schedule. We have roughly 310 Councils in our State, yet last year we only received 36 requests with only 4 requests from Councils that did not have it the prior year. Where are the other 88% of our Councils? Get you request in to me ASAP send it to [me](#). I need your requests by February 1 st or sooner so I can email a rough schedule to you by February 15. This will hopefully allow the final schedule to be printed in the March newsletter. This is crunch time for us this year.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS ICON

Every District Deputy should now have a copy of the Icon schedule in his Diocese. We need to think ahead with this program. Review and estimate the material your council will need. Contact the Council before your council on the schedule as well as the one you will transfer it to at least a month in advance. Go to the Supreme Web site and review the detailed information. If you still have questions ask your DD for help. If he cannot help you either you or he should call me at 262-470-4477 or preferably email me.

If your Council did not get the Icon when you were scheduled or simply want it for another service please [email me](#). We will start a second rotation for councils that requested it right after this rotation is completed. Do not forget to fill out not only a #10784 but also the log book. Per a report I received, roughly a dozen 10784's were received for the Icon from Wisconsin. If the log book is missing, it can be printed from the Supreme Web site.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

Yes we are still selling the YCAT bibles as well as the Complete Bibles for \$12.50 each, which is half the normal cost and does not require shipping fees. You can order them through the online store or directly from me by [email](#). If you order from the online store, drop me an email to make sure we got your order. Payments can be made either through the store or by check/cash upon delivery. *Continued on the next page.*

FEATURED FAITH PROGRAMS

There are Four Featured Faith Programs which give you double credit if you complete all the necessary requirements for this program. Details for these programs can be found on the Supreme web site.

Refund Support Vocations Program Councils are required to donate at least \$500 to an individual seminarian or religious aspirant. For every \$500 donated, Supreme will refund the council or assembly \$100, with a maximum refund of \$400 per individual supported. Report activity using the RSVP Refund Application (#2863).

Holy Hour Councils are required to hold at least four Holy Hours quarterly or organize and support two Holy Hours and at least one Eucharistic Procession. Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784).

Into The Breach Councils are required to hold eight sessions to discuss the content of the original Into the Breach video series or apostolic exhortation (#340) or five sessions of Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family video series. Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784).

Spiritual Reflection Councils are required to host or attend a Spiritual Reflection for the men of the council and the parish that is at least a day long and is attended by 10 men or 10% of your council, whichever is fewer. Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784).

NEW FAITH PROGRAMS

Supreme is looking for new ways to not only attract more Religious Catholics to our Councils but to Spread our Faith and allow more options for our members to become closer to their Faith. One way of doing this is by introducing more programs encouraging our members. Details on these great programs can be found on the Supreme web site.

¡VIVA CRISTO REY! This program celebrates the sanctity of the Mexican Martyrs, including members of the Knights of Columbus, who were killed for their faith during the religious persecution of Catholics by the Mexican government in the early 20th century.

IMITATING SAINT JUAN DIEGO Encourages councils to promote devotion to St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. As Knights of Columbus, whose patroness is Our Lady of Guadalupe, we

are called to be her messengers, just as St. Juan Diego was throughout his life.

ENTHRONING THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS IN YOUR HOME Rooted in the Church's early meditations on the pierced side of Christ, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus gained significant momentum in the 17th century when Jesus revealed his Heart, burning with love for humanity, to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Vivat Jesus!

December 3, 2025



PSD - TONY FELBER

The Pontifical Mission Societies USA



Monsignor Anthony Wagener
and Fr Joe Walijewski

MISSION AWARD 2025

Awarded to

Tony and Nancy Felber
and
Dr. Scott and Dorothy Nicol

Congratulations to Our Worthy Past State Deputy (and Former Master) SK Tony Felber and his Lady Nancy

"Today the Diocese of La Crosse honors Queen of the Apostle's Parish members, who have exemplified missionary hearts of outreach in the name of Jesus Christ and His Church. We are grateful to celebrate Tony (posthumously) and Nancy Felber have been dedicated to connecting donor to recipients, sending collected goods to those most in need. Rather than allowing castoff sheets, larger medical products and countless other usable items sit idle or go to waste, they have worked with a Salvatorian Mission, Warehouse to send the goods to Haiti, Peru, East Africa and more."



His Excellency Bishop Battersby
Presents Award to Tony & Nancy Felber



Nancy Felber
Accepts the Award



SPOTLIGHT

MILTON COUNCIL 6547 Successful Membership Drive



MILTON COUNCIL 6547 conducted a coordinated membership drive in mid-November, seeking to engage the men of St. Mary Milton parish as well as raise awareness of our church and community activities.

At the conclusion of each Mass on the weekend of November 15–16, a representative of the Knights briefly addressed the congregation. The message summarized the variety of ways men of the parish have through the KCs to utilize their skills and give back to their church and community.

Building on that message, the council hosted a Donut Sunday following that weekend's final Mass. More than 100 parishioners and guests joined us for food and refreshments, providing an excellent opportunity to engage with attendees and further raise awareness of the council's activities.

The council concluded their coordinated membership blitz with its first ever Knights On Tap event. More than twenty current and prospective members gathered at Good Works Brewing in Milton to enjoy fellowship and explore the rich opportunities members have to enhance their faith, their neighbors, and themselves.

All in all, the membership drive delivered on its goal of creating several occasions to speak directly with candidates and fellow parishioners, call attention to the council's religious, civic and charitable activities, and the registration of two new members.

Capitalizing on their success, plans are now in development to adapt this recruitment strategy into a quarterly member-engagement experience.

*Frank Beres, Advocate
Milton Council #6547*



TOP: More than one hundred guests enjoy donuts, coffee and conversation during the Milton KC Donut Sunday following Mass on November 16.

BOTTOM: The Milton KCs first ever Knights On Tap event brought together Knights and prospective Knights for a pleasant evening of discussion around the council's activities and good works. The event brought in two new members to the council.

2026 Theme: Marian Apparitions

Joshua Hopper

AS YOU KNOW, our theme of the 25-26 Fraternal Year is "Mother Mary: Pray for Us." Since I've become editor, I've tried a few different cover themes as a way to spark more interest in the newsletters and give them some consistency. Of course, with the theme being our Mother Mary, it seems fitting to focus on her in the new year.

Every monthly cover this year will feature one of the sixteen Marian apparitions that have been recognized by the Vatican. According to Ascension Press, there are nine others which have not yet been recognized by the Vatican but have been approved for devotion by the Catholic Church. **NOTE:** Our Lady of Guadalupe will not be featured this year as she was on the cover of the December 2025 issue.

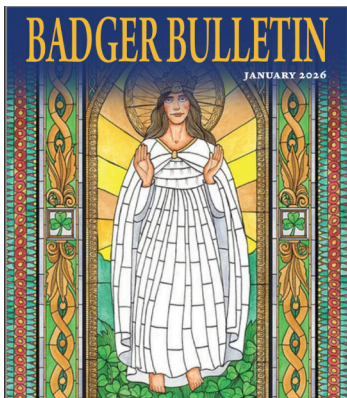
I hope that you continue to enjoy the official newsletter of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus. I certainly enjoy the monthly process of putting them together for you. It is my desire to make them enjoyable to read, informative, and to make the information easily accessible. As this is something I take a lot of pride in creating, I sincerely hope you will reach out to me with any ideas you may have to make these newsletters better! My email is listed on this page and in the State Directory!

In the meantime, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that 2026 has a lot of blessings in store for you.

Vivat Jesus!



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ON THE COVER: OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Almost one hundred and fifty years ago, fifteen villagers in Knock, Ireland, saw an altar with a cross and a Paschal Lamb surrounded by angels. Next to the altar was Mary along with St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph. For two hours the apparitions stood there in silence. They didn't speak a single word. The witnesses of this apparition stayed there to pray a rosary. During that time, a storm passed through, but the area with the altar and the apparitions stayed completely dry. The Knock Shrine has since become a major pilgrimage site.



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