



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Wisconsin



KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

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# State Deputy's Message

By John Huttenhoff

**BROTHERS, AS WE** are now into Lent, I hope that all of you have found ways to make your Lent a meaningful time of Reflection and Renewal. I know that personally, I am finding more time to spend in prayer and with scripture.

As you know, we started the year with goals to grow our membership and programs. The good news is that we appear to be accomplishing growth on our programs. Wisconsin is currently number one in donations, and number two in grant applications for the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. Wisconsin also saw significant growth in Coats for Kids participation this past year. We are also seeing councils adopt our YouCat bible program for the Confirmation Students in their parishes.

Unfortunately, we are not doing as well in the membership intake side. We were +57 net/net members on January 1, meaning that we grew in membership the first 6 months of the fraternal year. As of Friday, we were -27 net/net in membership. That means, over the past 8 weeks, we had 84 more member deaths than we brought in. To me, this is a real wake-up call on the importance of constantly bringing new men into the order.

The last weekend in April (April 28-30, 2023), we will be having our State Convention at the KI Center in Green Bay. The KI Center provides us with a large space and two hotels connected to the KI Center. Convention announcement packets were distributed at the Diocesan Meetings in December. Convention Information is also available on the State Website. By now, Councils should have elected their delegates to this convention, and sent their delegate information to State Secretary Miles Casey. Delegates should be registering online on the State Website, as well as making hotel reservations. A few things to note about this year's convention.

- ▶ On Friday afternoon we will have a Blue Mass, followed by a Eucharistic

Procession. We are looking to get as many Knights and Honor Guard as possible to these events.

- ▶ On Friday evening, we will have an Opening Awards Ceremony, followed by networking and fellowship in the Hospitality area. We have a large area for Hospitality as well a family area.
- ▶ On Saturday, we will have our Business Session including Reports, Resolutions, Approval to State Budget and Per Capita, Election of State Officers, Election of Delegates to the Supreme Convention, Tailgate Lunch, Memorial Mass, Charity Raffle Drawing, and SD Banquet.
- ▶ We plan to have the Hospitality area open again on Saturday evening to facilitate further networking and fellowship.
- ▶ The Ladies brunch will also take place on Saturday.
- ▶ We plan to locate the Country Store, Program Displays, and Charity Raffle in one area to make things accessible for everyone.
- ▶ Be sure to watch your email for announcements on planned family events and use of the family area.
- ▶ We plan to complete business on Saturday, as we want to reserve Sunday as a Family Day to – Enjoy Green Bay and Spend time with your Family. We are also working on setting up a family event at Lambeau on Sunday.

It should be noted, that you do not need to be a delegate to attend the State Convention. The State Convention is open to all member of the Knights of Columbus. Please make plans to attend the State Convention to learn more about what your State Council is doing. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Viva Cristo Rey!*



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# State Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Brian Dulli

**WORTHY BROTHERS IN** Christ, Elijah the Prophet was called by God in a time when Israel had forgotten the Lord God almost completely. He was the only prophet of the Lord remaining in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Elijah confronted 400 prophets of the false god, Baal. Each side prepared a sacrifice, doused it in water, and prayed for their god to answer with fire. The Lord proved that He alone is God by a miracle of fire. Baal was useless. The people slaughtered all of the prophets of Baal at the command of Elijah, and they did it.

Even though they were being greatly misled, the people truly cared about their souls and their salvation. Imagine how many people it took to cleanse the land of 400 false prophets. This challenge was the main event, and everyone attended. We have something greater than Elijah here. Jesus Christ is in our midst. He is longing for us to call upon His power and goodness. He longs for us to come fully alive in Him. Jesus wants us to call out from within the center of our being. "The Lord is God! The Lord is God!" Jesus does not only want us to know about His Father and serve His Father, God. Jesus desires to introduce us to the Father in a sharing of their love. We could put our heart out and ask God to show us what God can fire our hearts. All that we can chase after falls far short of the glory of God. Who is the God that can respond with the Fire of the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts?

After the prophets of Baal died, Queen Jezebel was infuriated and sought Elijah's death. Elijah fled and wandered in the desert for forty days, even to Mt. Sinai. He was even more alone than before. He begged God to take his life. Elijah wanted to lay down on the desert floor and die. We all have bad days. God sent an angel with a loaf of bread. "Eat, or else the journey will be too long for you!" Elijah was able to eat and rest.

Even more, when Elijah finally reached Sinai, the Lord God revealed His presence. He did not come this time with fire but with a still small voice.

Lent is a journey in the desert. This is the life of a practical Catholic man. Simplify your life before it's too late. God is speaking all of the time. Can you hear Him? You must go to the desert. Do not be afraid. You can do this. What will your desert look like this Lent? What needs to be silenced so that the still small voice can be heard? Do you need the TV or the internet to take up so much airtime? Are your dietary habits helping or hurting? Do you rely too much on sugar, caffeine, or fatty foods? In the last couple of years, I found a diet that changed my life. Every other health problem was improved for the better because I finally was able to end a lifetime of overeating. There's still time. I lost sixty pounds, and it feels like I'm at least ten years younger. But most importantly I have energy to love and serve more fully as God intended. I can listen to God and respond more readily because I know that He is taking care of me, body and soul. This has improved my relationships with almost everyone in my life.

I'm happy about where my journey has brought me, but it would never have happened if I didn't experience God with me on the journey. The destination didn't matter. With the Lord, I saw improvement in every area of my life from day one. God is always speaking. The Lenten journey keeps us rooted in God. Whether you need to make big changes or minor improvements, God is the focus. Elijah learned that God was speaking in a whisper. Let's use these desert days of Lent to tune into the whisper. ✝

*Vivat Jesus!*



*Simplify your life before it's too late. God is speaking all of the time. Can you hear Him?*

# Death & Taxes

By Corey Coonen, IPSD

**AS WE ARE** in the midst of the annual tradition that is known as ‘Tax Season’ I thought to focus on the two things that I always heard are certainties in our life according to Benjamin Franklin: ‘Death and Taxes.’

These past 2 months our State Council has seen an acceleration in the amount of deaths that we have seen at the same time our pace of new membership intake has slowed. As such, we are now at a decline in our total membership for this Fraternal Year versus where we entered the year by over 40 members.

In the last almost 25 years, our membership in our State has continued to decline annually. We are challenged with trying to change this course. So far this Fraternal Year, 13 councils in the Green Bay Diocese, 18 councils in the LaCrosse Diocese, 18 councils in the Madison Diocese, 21 councils in the Milwaukee Archdiocese and 8 councils in the Superior Diocese have grown their membership on the year. That means that roughly 26% of our Councils in our State are growing; with some staying constant at 0 growth and many in a decline.

We have 5 months left this Fraternal Year to change this trajectory for our State and build into the future once again!

As someone whom is considered ‘young’ still in our ranks, soon I will be celebrating another trip around the Sun (March 1st). Each day we have is a gift—but also, each day we are ‘older’ than the last.

As someone in their 30’s, I still seem invincible in many ways but have noticed that my ability to do tasks that were once simpler are now much harder on my body. Further, in this past year I have had the unpleasant experience of having my father faced with major health issues that has further slowed him down. As my dad celebrated his 75th birthday this past June, it seemed that in a way—in a blink of an eye he went from 55 to 75. His ability to do things that he once may have enjoyed he no longer can do. His ability to assist with just small tasks, no longer is he able. His father passed away at age 75, so more and more you reflect on your own mortality.

This revelation should hit all of us as well as we look at our membership in our councils. How many of our members are maybe not as active as they once were—not because they don’t want to be but because physically they may be unable. It is inevitable—if we don’t bring in more new members to assist with our programs we will end up making less of a charitable impact in the future. Whether it be members unable to assist with a Fish Fry or Tootsie Roll drive, something maybe not as taxing on the body than say chasing down balls at our Punt Pass and Kick or Free Throw Competitions—we need to continually strive to bring in men so that they can assist us in continuing the vision of Blessed McGivney, further continuing our great charitable works in the future. ✚

*Vivat Jesus!*



*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.*

**KICKING IT INTO GEAR IN 2023'**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>–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.

**COUNCILS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THIS INCENTIVE**

District 5: Council 16244—Brought in 5 new members  
 District 11: Council 7732—Brought in 3 new members  
 District 40: Council 1386—Brought in 3 new members  
 District 41: Council 1080—Brought in 6 new members  
 District 60: Council 8817—Brought in 3 new members  
 District 67: Council 973—Brought in 7 new members

**Note:** Council 973 has qualified for every one of the Incentives that the State has offered this year! Year to Date this Council has achieved 200% of their Membership Quota by bringing in 22 members year to date! I encourage any Council that is curious about ways to successfully 'invite' new members into the order to reach out to the Leaders at Council 973, specifically Grand Knight David Kreutz—he is more than happy to help you be as successful as their council has been (he has been the top recruiter for the State the last 3 years!)

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

District 42 DD Dale Emerton: 135% of their goal after bringing in 27 new members to date  
 District 47 DD Kevin Boening: 170% of their goal after bringing in 34 new members to date  
 District 64 DD Andy Orgovan: 145% of their goal after bringing in 32 new members to date  
 District 67 DD Richard Mich: 127% of their goal after bringing in 28 new members to date

**DISTRICTS WITH EVERY COUNCIL ACTIVE**

District 42 DD Dale Emerton: 5 councils all active  
 District 44 DD Rick Raulin: 4 councils all active  
 District 64 DD Andy Orgovan: 5 councils all active  
 District 68 DD Andrew Wurster: 4 councils all active  
 District 72 DD Bruce Chartier: 4 councils all active  
 District 81 DD Joe Raehsler: 4 councils all active

**COUNCILS THAT HAVE ACHIEVED 100% OR MORE OF THEIR SUPREME MEMBERSHIP QUOTA**

Council 12269 (+6)	Council 2770 (+6)	Council 17459 (+5)
Council 6585 (+9)	Council 13880 (+8)	Council 17135 (+5)
Council 1471 (+12)	Council 13480 (+9)	Council 6568 (+22)
Council 17889 (+12)	Council 1478 (+12)	Council 2689 (+6)
Council 4648 (+12)	Council 16171 (+5)	Council 973 (+22)
Council 16765 (+5)	Council 4520 (+9)	Council 499 (+7)
Council 1002 (+10)	Council 4697 (+5)	Council 1799 (+16)
Council 3562 (+10)	Council 12588 (+6)	Council 16244 (+9)
Council 4240 (+12)		

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# General Agent's Message

By Tim Nowak

**WORTHY STATE OFFICERS,** Bishops and Priest and Members, a Blessed Lent to you. Here is a short prayer to celebrate this solemn time:

*O Lord, as we travel through this day of our life and lent this year, our strength is in you; in our hearts are the roads to our eternal destination, the place where you dwell forever with your people like joy and in peace. Sustain us as we pass through the bitter valleys of suffering; shield us as dangers threaten; let us rejoice in the springs o living water that refresh us on our way; and keep us faithful until journey's end, help us to pick up a new habit, instead of giving something up for lent. Let us pick up a new habit for the rest of our lives that replaces something to which replaces thousands of the things we could give up this lent, and by doing so have our best lent ever, though Christ our Lord. Amen.*

During these forty days, other men are looking to change their lives. Ask them to join the Knights of Columbus and change their world and the world around them. Their family, friends and neighbors need the change that the Knights membership can bring. Put others' needs before our own, through Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. It can be a game changer and that is why we need to invite, encourage, and be a walking billboard to those who ask: "Why do I need to Join the Knights?"

May your travels this lent be fruitful. ✚

Vivat Jesus!





## THE BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

### *Are you a member?*

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

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

[Click here to register!](#)



## Building a Public Relations Program

Every viable council in Wisconsin conducts successful Faith, Family, Life and Community programs. Do the members of your parish and your community recognize the charitable work that your council and members perform? Do potential members know what you do or come to you to join in your work? If you answered no, you need a public relations program. Here's how to do it.

**Parish Bulletin** – Nothing is easier than submitting a few lines weekly for inclusion in your church bulletin to let the parish family know what charitable activities you're planning or doing, and to recognize new members, Knight, or Family of the Month, etc.

**Diocesan Publications** – Whether it's the Catholic Herald or The Compass, submitting a photo and a few lines to the editor can greatly expand the audience for your Council's activities. Go to the diocese website and get the name, email and phone of the communications director or magazine editor. Talk to them and find out what they like and how they like to receive it.

**Local News Media** – Daily and weekly newspapers are always looking for local news. A photo or a few lines about a recent charitable activity in the local community, a check presentation to Special Olympics or other charity will often get published, though sometimes it may take a few weeks, or months. Again, talk to them and find out what they like and how they like to receive it.

**News on the State Website** – If you have a council newsletter, there really is no reason why you can't upload it to the state website and get some added exposure. Additionally, every news story you have can be uploaded to the state website. Contact State Secretary Miles to learn more.

**Badger Bulletin / State Deputy Newsletter** – The Wisconsin State Council produces a monthly electronic newsletter, whether a feature story or a short "Knights in Action" piece, your council's work should be recognized. Send to [Joshua Hopper](#).

**Columbia/Knights in Action** – Same as Diocesan, local, state and State Newsletter, send your items to [this address](#). Will they use everything you send – NO. But you'll never know if you don't spend the price of an email.

**Social Media** – Scares the heck out of some of our older guys, but younger members and potential recruits thrive on it. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, websites, etc. ✚

Vivat Jesus!  
Jack Wrbanich





# State Registration Information

By Steve Geishirt  
Administrative Manager

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

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

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

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

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

## ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION

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

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

## REGISTRATION - CHANGE REQUEST

[STATE COUNCIL HOME](#)

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

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

## REGISTRATION CHANGE REQUEST FORM

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

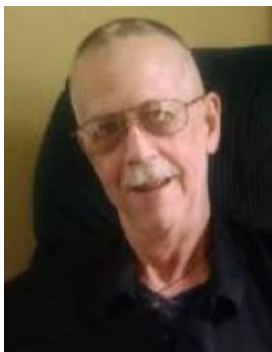
### CHANGES TO YOUR REGISTRATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES

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

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







My Brother Knights, I will be stepping down from the state online membership chair position at the end of this fraternal year. I trust there is at least one in the state who will take over this rewarding task. Please reach out to the SD if you are interested.

March 8, 2023 is the fifth anniversary of Online Membership in Wisconsin. Online membership is one of the many tools made available to you by Supreme. As a tool, you only have to use it to reap its benefits. On July 1, 2022 there were 218 online members. As of Feb 23, 2023, there are 252 online members of whom 134 are assigned to councils, awaiting contact. 37

councils have assigned e-members but have yet to take in a new member this fraternal year.

Online membership is one of the easiest methods of bringing in a new member. A member can join online, take his degrees online and the Grand Knight and Financial secretary can transfer that member into their council online by entering two dates and a few mouse clicks.

Although we have done fairly well utilizing e-membership, we can do better. I encourage you to keep utilizing these valuable tools and be sure to follow up by contacting your assigned e-members, getting them through a degree, and transferring them into your council. ✚

*Vivat Jesus*

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

Please review these **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES**:

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

## REQUIREMENTS:

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



## NOT ALLOWABLE:

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

## NEW MEMBER PROCESS:

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

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

*Vivat Jesus!*

William G. Hitt

WI Online Membership Coordinator



# Officers Online Access

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

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

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

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

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## Current E-Membership Rates\*

CURRENT	CLASS / TYPE - as of date	1/24/2023	2/23/2023	Monthly Change
	ASSOCIATE	202	201	-1
	INSURANCE	41	41	No change
	INACTIVE	10	10	No change
	NO TRANSFER	46	50	+4
	HONORARY	0	0	No change
	HONORARY LIFE	0	0	No change
	AFFILIATE in 97048	2167	2414	+247
	EXEMPT	3	3	No change
	ASSIGNED	131	134	+3
	UNASSIGNED	10	11	+1
	TOTAL	253	252	-1

YTD	New E-Members #)	225	249	+24
	New E-Members % (Target: 325)	69%	77%	+8%
	Conversion into a council #	159	276	+17
	Conversion into a council %	71%	71%	No change
ALL TIME	Intake #	1268	1292	+25
	Conversion into a council #	961	978	+17
	Conversion into a council %	76%	76%	No Change

**Note:** The assigned Prospect numbers will change this coming month as I will be removing those who have not joined a local council if they have been an e-member for over 2 years. Nineteen of these men are assigned to councils that haven't taken in a new member this fraternal year. They will still be e-members, just not on any council's Prospect list. If they haven't joined a local council in 2.5 years, I can only presume they do not want to transfer. **It can't be that the assigned council(s) never contacted them, could it?**

02-22-2022 is 65% of the fraternal year passed. We are above our intake target, but we need to convert these e-members into council members, especially the 52 e-members assigned to 37 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.

\*Additional data may be found on page 13.

## 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%





# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle

We have members and councils looking for more tickets to sell. If there are district deputies or councils with tickets they are not going to sell, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can get them to members who are looking for more.

It is not too early to send in this year's Council Charity Grant Fund Request Forms (due May 1). The report is for the distribution of last year's 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 workload distribution for all parties involved. Also express your appreciation to your Diocesan Coordinators.

*God Bless,*

Bernie Heit

ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT UNTIL THE DRAWING OF

## \$50,000

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## ONLINE MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12)

Current E-Membership Rates	NEW E-MEMBERS (ALL TIME)	1292	As of February 23, 2023
	2018 PILOT PROGRAM	30	
	FY 2018-2019	134	1 still on assigned list
	FY 2019-2020	139	28 still on assigned list
	FY 2020-2021	375	41 still on assigned list
	FY 2021-2022	365	41 still on assigned list
	FY 2022-2023 (TARGET)	325	
	YTD 2022-2023	249	65% of target: 64 on assigned list 249 is 40% of all new members taken in this year in the state. This is the same percentage as last year.
YTD	Conversion into a council #	176	
	Conversion into a council %	71%	
All Time	Conversion into a council #	978	
	Conversion into a council %	76%	
	Online goal: Reduce Prospect list count to ZERO by converting into councils.		

## ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

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

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

**Supreme Advocate W. Patrick Donlin Council #6630 – Belleville**

**DGK Peter Pica**

**914-420-2127**

**PO Box 452**

**Belleville, WI 53508**

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

**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc**

**Memo: (#6630 or #710 ultrasound)**

**4297 W Beltline Highway**

**Madison, WI 53711-3859**

## ATTENTION: LA CROSSE COUNCILS

I was contacted last week by Colleen Hackworth (cell: 608-385-4040) connected to a pregnancy resource center (PRC), The Door of Hope, 304 N Washington St., Viroqua, WI 54665 (608-637-8688). She expressed a need for an ultrasound machine. I told her we purchase them for PRCs but she needs a sponsoring council. Who wants to take on this ultrasound initiative?





# PKD & Culture of Life Contributions

By Steve Geishirt  
Administrative Manager

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Vivat Jesus!*

## WISCONSIN STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Registration is **NOW OPEN!!!**

[Click here for more information.](#)



# Culture of Life Updates

By Dan Miller

## ASAP GRANTS—YOU ARE STILL #1!

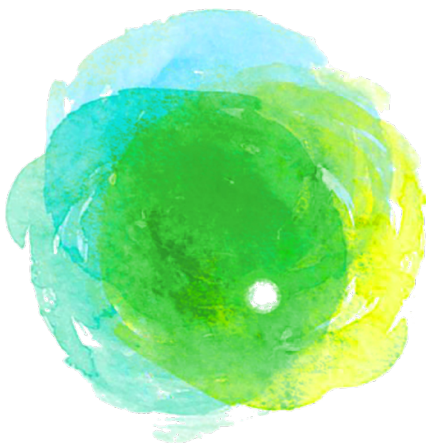
In the words of our pro-life contact at Supreme Council, “Wisconsin is crushing it.” So far, Wisconsin councils have submitted **94** grant applications for over **\$273,106** to pro-life organizations, resulting in **\$24,200** so far in matching funds from Supreme Council! If your council has donated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

## GO VOTE!

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

Consider educating yourself for this upcoming election. There is one candidate that is pro-life. You can find additional resources by visiting the

[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website](#). There you will find information and guidance on how to vote within our Catholic beliefs and values. ✦  
*Vivat Jesus!*



Pro Life  
LOVE. FOR LIFE. WI.





**TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE:** As we are in going into our 10th month of the drive, I am excited to announce that we have received \$42,937.95 to date. Thank You, we are off to a good start towards our Goal of \$150,000.00.

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

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

## Volunteers are needed at all events.

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

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 ~ *Wisconsin 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 to 4/16 Spring Games ~ *UW Oshkosh*, more info to come next month  
 4/29, Basketball Skills Day ~ *Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee*, [Grace VanBergen](#)  
 5/6, Region 6: Track & Field ~ *Oregon*, Adam Loeber, 608-442-5668  
 5/6, Region 3: Track & Field ~ *Chippewa Falls*, Michaela Harrison, 715-204-9696  
 5/13, Region 8: Track & Field ~ *Muskego*, Amber Weinfurter, 262-518-2314  
 5/13, Region 2: Track & Field ~ *Merrill*, Nicole Christensen, 608-442-5670  
 5/20, Region 4&5: Track & Field ~ *Ashwaubenon*

BECOME A  
VOLUNTEER

### These 5 events determine who goes to the State Summer Games.

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

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

**Honor Guard needed for Opening Ceremonies.**

Vivat Jesus!

John Benisch

Wis KofC Special Olympics Coordinator

**Special  
Olympics  
Wisconsin**





Hello Brother Knights! This month continues the great progress for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below but click on the Flocknote link below for all the details.

## OUR MARRIAGE PRAYER

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

## GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

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

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

## OVERVIEW

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

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

Diocesan Families of the Month	
Green Bay	Tim & Nichole Soper
Madison	Kevin & Karla Wiederholt
Superior	Richard & Cheryl Orth
La Crosse	Charles & Jennifer Muehlenkamp
Milwaukee	Rick Steiner

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

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

### Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is the **Kevin and Jolene Bonde** family from Green Bay's Father Francis Jordan Council 16729 in District 11. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

### Diocese

Milwaukee Diocese led with 77% district participation with the Madison Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting 16 families.

### District

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

### Council

There was no new council submitting a family of the month.

There were 53 families submitted to [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com). Unfortunately, eight 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)!

## SUPREME NEWS

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

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

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

Gentlemen, it is a **privilege and honor** to serve you and your councils! **Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.**

*Vivat Jesus!*

SK Joe Uchytel





**BROTHERS, AS WE** enter March, we approach the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark of the 2022-23 Fraternal Year. That will leave only 3 months left to reach your goals for member recruitment and programming. You should be well on your way now to earning your McGivney, Founders and Columbian Awards, Star Council as well as the companion Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award. If you're on track, congratulations! If not, it's not too late to get there. Get any of those forms you may have neglected in now (185, 365, Audits, Fraternal Survey, Roundtable reports). Submit those 10784s for the programs you've completed; also complete your Child Safety Training requirement if not already done. Start filling out those SP7s and Outstanding Council checklists now at your officer meetings so they're ready to turn in before June 30.

As I mentioned in my last article, fill out the State Service Program Award applications for the best program you have in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Culture of Life; they're due to State Office or State Program Director Ernie Reinhart by March 1.

Supreme reports that this was a record year for Coats for Kids if you ran a drive this year, well done! If not, plan to do so next year. The highlighted programs for this month are Helping Hands and Global Wheelchairs. Still time to "make a difference" through these programs in your parish, community, and the world. Every little bit helps.

In the youth areas, the Catholic Citizenship Essay winners were posted to the State website and sent on to Supreme. While we had winners in all of the areas (grades 8-12) and the submissions were quite good, the participation rate this year was very low other than 8th grade. We must do a better job state-wide of operating and promoting this program in the September-November time frame.

The Culture of Life Essays are due to Councils by March 15, winners to DPCs by March 31. We hope to have the State winners determined and displayed at the State Convention.

The Knowledge and Free Throw timeline was outlined in my February article along with registration times for the State Contests. All was correct except that I inadvertently said the contests would be on April 19. The correct date is Saturday, April 22 at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High School. We can certainly use more volunteers there to help with either the Free Throw or Math/Spelling. If you can help, please contact Duane Spinler with Council 1558, DD Al Haas, La Crosse DPC Gary Wolf, State Program Director Ernie Reinhart or me.

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster State winners were determined and sent on to Supreme as well as posted to the State website. We had good participation but there's always room for improvement. The "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest State winners are pending the submission of entries from one Diocese yet. They will be determined and announced as soon as possible. We hope to have them displayed at the State Convention as usual.

Supreme also reports that Soccer Contest participation this past year was down throughout the country, mirroring the struggle we've had in Wisconsin in both spring and fall. We will be re-evaluating our operation of the program for 2023-24. Supreme also indicates that revisions to the Faith in Action program will also be announced for next Fraternal Year – stay tuned for more information as it develops. +

*Fraternally,*  
Bill Frayer

## "TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST"

### *Results on page 19*

The contest was open to all students in Wisconsin grades 1-4. Competition was held at the local Council, Diocesan (Regional) and State levels. Awards consist of a combination of gift cards, medals or plaques, ribbons and Certificates of Merit. The awards are sent to the local Councils to present to the students. State winning essays will be on display at the Knights' annual State Convention, held this year in Green Bay, April 28-30, 2023.

While announcing the State winners, KC State Program Director Ernie Reinhart (Kenosha) and KC State Youth Programs Coordinator Bill Frayer (Racine) praised the students for their diligence and dedication to illustrating the "true meaning of Christmas." They also thanked their parents, guardians and teachers for their care and support of the students throughout the year.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Benefits Organization with over 2 million members worldwide and over 35,000 in Wisconsin. The "True Meaning of Christmas" Contest is one of the many youth/family programs, part of our "Faith in Action" Initiative accenting Faith, Family, Community, Culture of Life, and Patriotic activities operated, promoted, coordinated by local and State Councils. There is also a top-rated insurance program available to members and families. For more information on the benefits of becoming a member, see the [Supreme website](#), [State website](#) or contact [Timothy Nowak](#) or [Corey Coonen](#).





#### **GRADE 1**

**1st Place:** Hadley Anderson (Highland: Sts. Anthony & Philip Religious Ed)  
Council 1909, District 52

**2nd Place:** Xavier Egle (Marshfield: St. John Primary School)  
Council 1799, District 30

**3rd Place:** Tessa Sweeney (Johnson Creek: St. John Baptist School, Jefferson)  
Council 1864, District 50

#### **Honorable Mentions:**

*Kieran Berres* (Sheboygan: St. Dominic Faith Formation Class)  
Council 2820, District 40  
*Andi Christensen* (De Pere: Our Lady of Lourdes School)  
Council 3955, District 8

#### **GRADE 2**

**1st Place:** Junah Zimmerman (Green Leaf: Zion Wayside School)  
Council 5798, District 12

**2nd Place:** Olive Nazer (Medford: Holy Rosary Catholic School)  
Council 1744, District 90

**3rd Place:** William Reader (Beaver Dam: St. Katharine Drexel School):  
Council 1837, District 71

#### **Honorable Mentions:**

*James Goetsch* (Wausau: Newman Catholic Schools-St. Anne),  
Council 1069, District 28  
*Lucas Knapp* (Lancaster: St. Clement School)  
Council 2820, District 40

#### **GRADE 3**

**1st Place:** Jace Krueger (Wausau: Newman Catholic Schools-St. Anne)  
Council 1069, District 28

**2nd Place:** Ella Anderson (Rib Lake: Holy Rosary Catholic School)  
Council 1744, District 90

**3rd Place:** Evelyn Burau (Franklin: St. Leonard School)  
Council 6448, District 68

#### **Honorable Mentions:**

*Lea Jensen* (Lancaster: St. Clement School)  
Council 2820, District 40  
*Meraina Lehmann* (De Pere: Our Lady of Lourdes School)  
Council 3955, District 8

#### **GRADE 4**

**1st Place:** Sawyer Bloom (Hartford: St. Kilian School)  
Council 2689, District 60

**2nd Place:** Alexandra Sager (Middleton: St. Francis Xavier School)  
Council 3924, District 45

**3rd Place:** Liam Hack (Green Bay: Zion Lutheran-Wayside School)  
Council 5798, District 12

#### **Honorable Mentions:**

*Blake Heinrichs* (Belmont: Belmont Elementary School)  
Council 1837, District 71  
*Briza Wojchik* (Arcadia: Holy Family Catholic School)  
Council 1654, District 31

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

## Monday 3/6/23 @ 6PM CST (7PM EST) Delta Drive

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

## Monday 3/13/23 @ 6PM CDT (7PM EDT) Experience

We will cover in this training:

- ▶ Understanding what is meant by the terms membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.
- ▶ Completing the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.
- ▶ Understanding that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.
- ▶ Learning the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again.
- ▶ Discovering tools that will help address deficiencies in your council's current member engagement as based on your council's engagement score.
- ▶ Understanding that retention issues result when a council has failed to engage a member and show the value of his membership. These issues can be overcome by discovering where this breakdown occurred.

## Monday 3/20/23 @ 6PM CDT (7PM EDT) Programs

We will cover in this training:

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

## Monday 3/27/23 @ 6PM CDT (7PM EDT) Forms

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.

*Vivat Jesus!*

John Olson



Last year we had 49 Councils that had requested the Silver Rose Between July 17th and August 13th for a total of 25 days that had the Rose in Wisconsin. In my report to the Supreme Council, I requested the Silver Rose for a longer period of time this year. The Supreme schedule came out this year where the Rose will be transferred to us on July 15th or 16th and we will transfer it to Illinois on August 12th or 13th. This gives us the potential of having the Rose for 29 days instead of the prior 25 days. However, in the note the Supreme Chairman wrote to me was that they received only 12 forms #10784 and questioned my request for more time.

Currently I have 14 Councils with Parishes that have requested the Rose for this summer. That gives me at least 14 more openings

for councils desiring the Silver Rose. I'm specifically looking for the Councils that will be able to both Open and Close the Silver Rose in Wisconsin. Through discussion with Chairman from Illinois they would prefer a parish close to the border crossing between Wisconsin Hwy 120 and Wisconsin Hwy 12 with a strong Hispanic heritage. In the past we had a celebration with the event which the council and parish coordinated.

Please send me your ideas on where can have the closing services, as well as some additional Councils which desire to be added to the route. Currently the following Councils are on my list: 605,1762, 1799, 2422, 2487, 2556, 3249, 4125, 5193, 7048, 9360, 9546, 11155, and 14362. Send your requests to me at [DFBednarek48@gmail.com](mailto:DFBednarek48@gmail.com)

*Faithfully Yours!*

SK Dennis Bednarek PGK, PFN, FDD



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

## ICON UPDATE

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

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

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

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

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

*Vivat Jesus!*

SK Dennis Bednarek





# Wisconsin State Council \*Knights of Columbus

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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.

