





September 2022 Wisconsin State Website



### **Put Out into the Deep...**

Brothers,

Let me start by welcoming PSD Tim Guski back to the State Team as our State Faith Director. With the addition of the State Faith Director, we now have a full set of Faith in Action Directors for the State Council. We do still have several District Deputy and Diocesan Positions that we need to fill. State Officers will be reaching out in the next few weeks to ask men to step Into the Breach and fill these open positions.

The Wisconsin State Council sent 10 Delegates to the Supreme Convention the first week of August. Delegates were elected at the State Convention in May. Delegates were SD John Huttenhoff (Madison), IPSD Corey Coonen (Green Bay), PSD Ron Faust (Cross Plains – Alternate), DD Andrew Orgovan (Brookfield), DD William Hitt (Sturgeon Bay), FDD Dennis Koranda (Tomah), DD Henry "Tre" Waldren III (Kiel), Robert Kordus (Lake Geneva), FDD Michael Stoeberl (Turtle Lake), Chris Kachur (Kenosha). In Addition to our Delegates, General Agent Tim Nowak attended the Convention, with PSD Tim Guski joining the delegation for most of the Convention Masses. It was great to be able to meet in person again. One of the highlights of the week was seeing IPSD Corey Coonen recognized for achieving Circle of Honor.

As of September 1, we are 18% of the way through the Fraternal Year but have only brought in 9% of the 1300 new members that we will need to grow this year. As a state, we have brought in 100 new members, but lost about 130 members to death. As we continue to see our membership decline, I am often troubled thinking about a question that I have heard asked a number of times. *If your Council were gone tomorrow, would you Parish notice?* If not, what are we doing to change that.

Most of us joined the Knights of Columbus to make something happen. Many of you have commented to your District Deputies and State Officers that you are tired of constantly hearing about Church Drives, Exemplification Schedules, and the need to be constantly inviting men and their families to join the Knights of Columbus. Many of these same Councils and Leaders complain that nobody will step up and help lead. Perhaps, the frustration is that we are recruiting rather than inviting. Reality is that we are called to fulfill the Mission left by our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney and to make something happen. We need young men and their families to join us in this Mission to really make the difference that is needed in our Church, communities, councils, and families.

As we move forward, let's not focus on asking men to join an organization. Instead, focus on inviting men and their families to join us in making a difference. Invite men to help with implementing programs that make a difference. Invite men to get together in small groups to grow in their Faith. Invite men and their families to participate in Eucharistic Processions, Holy Hours, and Eucharistic Adoration. Invite men and their families to help with projects supporting Pregnancy Support Centers, 40 Days for Life, March for Life events, Support for Families in Ukraine, projects to feed those in need, put Coats on Kids,

promote Adoption, help the disabled. We need to be meeting with our Pastors to determine what the needs are in our Parishes, and then inviting men to help meet those needs. In short, we need to invite men and their families to Grow in their Faith, and then put that Faith into Action making a difference in their parishes and communities.

When men join the Knights to make a difference, Councils need to be ready to invite them to participate in programs that make a real difference. As men begin to work programs, Councils also need to invite them to take on a leadership role in the Programs. Grand Knights need to ensure that Council Programs are delegated to members to lead so that we can train future Council and District Leaders. If we are going to continue to make things happen, we need to constantly be inviting men and their families to join us in our Mission, and then invite them to help lead programs in support of that Mission.

Now, as summer ends, is a great time to be inviting men and their families to join in the Mission to make a difference. Our Parishes and Communities are depending on the Knights of Columbus to be there in times of need, and to make a difference.

John Huttenhoff

State Deputy

## STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Fraternally Yours,

Fr. Brian Dulli

State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

September is almost here. This may be a time for you or your family to make a new start of things. Parishes and other organizations look at the end of summer as the time to begin doing things differently this year.

We are seasonal people. That doesn't mean life is purely a cycle. Our life has a real direction to it. Life if Jesus Christ orients is always on towards the goal of eternal life. Each of our changes and seasons in life are moments to discern the work of Jesus Christ. He never stops working for his people. God is always pouring out graces and blessings.

So Jesus is our energy and our life, inspiring us to see what he's doing so we can act and respond in union with the Lord.

Let's think about the steps we can take in our relationships with family members, friends, fellow parishioners, and current or potential Knights of Columbus. Are we getting complacent? Do we settle into routines, spending the time more or less in the same way and with the same people?

I would challenge every worthy Knight to focus on two relationships that you need to work on. One is in the family and another a fellow parish member. Pray about it. Ask Jesus to show you who he wants you

to get closer to. It might be that squeaky wheel in your mind, a connection that isn't quite right or settled, that needs the grease. Or it could be a person you've never tried to befriend before. Start praying and interceding with Jesus for those two people. Jesus, how do you want me to develop this relationship and make it an opportunity to share the Gospel? Basically, we are asking Jesus to help us solidify a friendship or start a new one for his glory.

We make many efforts at recruitment. Perhaps our work to recruit new members - and retain current ones as more active members - could benefit from a freshening up. Let's take the time to share a bit more of ourselves personally with one another. Let's show our fellow men how our Catholic faith and our fellowship as Knights helps us to be more like Jesus for one another.

Yours in Christ, Fr Brian



#### STATE SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Brother Knights,

So, in some of our talks with members, we hear the statement regarding that they are too long, or not productive. People don't attend because they don't feel they are included or engaged.

Did you know that recently Supreme has changed protocols for the meetings? If so, have you enacted them in your council? Well, lets highlight a few items that can make your meeting more productive.

Did you know that your council should host 2 meetings a month? Yes, councils are supposed to have 2 meetings a month! An officers meeting, and a business meeting. A properly ran officers meeting can improve your business meeting!

We also recommend a third business meeting. This can be a casual and informal, as you'd like it to be. Or be more structured. A lot of councils will do something as simple as a potluck with their families and a prayer session. Or perhaps s rosary and a meal. Either way, the focus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is build the Unity and Fraternity between members **and** your families.

Also, did you know that non-members are permitted at the meetings? These guests need to be approved by the council and be sure that guests should not be invited meetings where there may be contentious items on the agenda. As mentioned there should be a vote prior to the admittance of guests.

Our Chaplains are very busy men. Did you know that you can always request his report prior to the meeting, and have it read by that Grand Knight? Thus, sending a message to the council on his potential requests and needs in the parish and community.

Are you using your lecturer correctly? The Supreme Council offers many resources that can be used for the Lecturer's Reflection, including: The Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (published monthly in Columbia) and The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History by Andrew and Maureen Walther. If the Lecturer's Reflection occurs during the meeting, he should speak for about five minutes on a topic related to Catholic virtues or the principles of the Order. If the reflection is during social time his remarks can be longer.

Be sure that if your Field Agent and/or District Deputy are attending, they are afforded 3-5 minutes. If more time is needed, they should make prior arrangements with the Grand Knight in respect to them maintaining an hour-long meeting.

To get the new official guidelines follow this link (FORM 10318-E):

https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/method-conducting-council-meetings10318.pdf

Some more Frequently Asked Questions are here:

https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for-members/new-guidelines-for-council-meetings-qa.pdf

Hopefully these changes will help you create better, more productive meetings, and draw in more help to do better acts of charity in your parish and community!

Vivat Jesus!

Miles Casey State Secretary

**District Deputies Information** 

In September, all Dioceses will be hosting District Deputy Huddles. This is for District Deputies only. At this meeting, we will be discussing progress, wins, challenges, as well as handing out materials to distribute to the councils. The schedule is as follows:

La Crosse Diocese: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, Knights of Columbus Hall in Tomah.

**Superior Diocese:** September 10<sup>th</sup>, Knights of Columbus Hall in Rice Lake **Madison Diocese:** September 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM, 531 Clubhouse (Madison) **Milwaukee Diocese:** September17th, 9:00 AM, 4648 (Brookfield) Clubhouse

**Green Bay Diocese:** September 17<sup>Tt</sup> 9:00 AM, De Pere

We still have a few Districts in Need of a District Deputy. This truly is one of the most rewarding positions within the Knights of Columbus. District Deputies visit each of the Councils within their District Quarterly, Attend District Deputy Meetings in June and December, attend the State Convention, and Diocesan Huddle, and host District Meetings in July and December. Training and support are provided.

If you are interested in being a District Deputy, please reach out to State Deputy John Huttenhoff or any of the State Officers for more information.

Districts currently in need of a District Deputy for the upcoming fraternal year are: 6, 9, 12, 20, 22, 40, 51, 85 and 87.



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**MEMBERSHIP CORNER** 

#### **FAST START INCENTIVE:**

• Councils who meet 50-99% of their Supreme quota by September 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 25% off of their October per-capita billing from the State.

Congratulations to Councils 12269 (Appleton), 1471 (Monroe), 973 (Kenosha) and 4520 (Cedarburg) who achieved this goal!

• Councils who achieve 100% or greater of their membership quota by September 1<sup>st</sup> will receive 75% off their October per-capita billing from the State.

Congratulations to Councils 2770 (Mauston), Council 13480 (Oregon), 17889 (Madison) and 499 (Superior) who achieved this goal!

This month I wanted to share in my submission the Gospel reading from the August 28<sup>th</sup> weekend mass that I thought was apropos with respect to 'Membership Growth' and inviting men to join the Knights:

'On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who have been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

As we have been working diligently across the state to schedule Church Drives and recruitment activities for the next six months, I ask that you reflect on Luke's Gospel, as Knights, we are called to humble ourselves and become servant leaders to grow the order.

As an outsider from a Parish, I have attended Drives in the past wherein some council members have told me something along the lines of: 'we have asked that person before—he is too busy' or 'we have asked him many times before and he has never join...' or 'I don't know who he is—I'm not sure that he goes to this Parish, maybe just visiting (or any other number of reasons as to why they don't approach the individual and make the ask)'

Sometimes—we refuse to invite men that are DIFFERENT. Men that are either TOO YOUNG or TOO OLD as we don't think that they would be interested—or that we can't relate to them!

Why would we ever DEPRIVE a man of all the good that the Knights can offer to him? Are we an organization that only wants men that think the same way that we do and that look the same way that we do? Are we following the message of Jesus to invite 'the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind?'

EVERYONE can benefit from what the Knights has to offer! MEN ARE SEEKING to belong; and a man's simple presence at weekend Mass shows me that he wants to BELONG TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH and would be a prime candidate for us to INVITE him to join our Fraternity! (What's the worst that could happen—he says no?)

Ironically—the readings from the prior weekend's Mass (August 21<sup>st</sup>) brought about a similar message from my Priest, Father James Baraniak during his homily. What stood out to every parishioner that weekend were the spoken words (that were then sung) that shared the Gospel message. This time—it was from the hit sitcom 'CHEERS':

...Making your way in the world today
Takes everything you've got
Taking a break from all your worries
Sure, would help a lot
Wouldn't you like to get away?...

...Sometimes you want to go
Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You want to be where you can see
Our troubles are all the same
You want to be where everybody knows your name

Again—this struck me as relevant in many ways to the Knights of Columbus and our local councils.

We should strive to be INVITING of every man we encounter at Church. At this same time—WE SHOULD CONTINUALLY INVITE AND WELCOME all of our members to our council meetings and council functions and programs. OUR SANCTUARY (whether at a Council Meeting or at Sunday Mass) should be a place where they know they are in the presence of BROTHERS—sharing the same struggles of life and all working to the same end goal and.... May we be reminded of the Combined Ceremonial: Let them challenge you to live your life from this day forward holding fast to our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, so that on the last day your souls, filled with happiness, may enjoy the reward of a life well spent — an eternity in the presence of God Himself

### **State Advocate Updates**

Brother Knights,

I hope your summer is going well. As we approach the end of month 2 of the fraternal year, and we are still in need of getting some paperwork completed. There are many councils who have still not submitted Form 185. This form is essentially the roster for your council's team, please work on this. Supreme is having some difficulties as the last posted Form 185 Missing Report only included the Green Bay Diocese.

As of today, according to Supreme, 67 councils still have not submitted Form 365. As you know this is a list of your directors who will help your council succeed. It is instrumental in providing Supreme with a list of individuals who need to be Safe Environment Compliant. Let's work on this, please. The following is a breakdown by Diocese on councils, missing Form 365:

Green Bay – 29 Lacrosse -25 Madison – 20 Milwaukee – 18 Superior – 19

The next topic of concern is our Safe Environment Status. Needless to say, without Form 365 and 185 Supreme cannot issue training invitations or track how a council is doing in becoming Safe Environment Compliant. It is critical that all councils become compliant for many reasons. We need to ensure that we provide a proper environment for those we deal with as well as ensuring that we do not allow situations to occur that can hurt others as well as ourselves. Detailed District Status of Safe Environment will be going out as soon as the latest report arrives.

If your council has not completed Form 990 for the IRS, you need to do so as soon as possible. Depending on the finances of your council you may need to submit one of many different forms.

Many of you will be able to use the EZ version of the form, here are links for this.

https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i990.pdf

https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i990ez.pdf

https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exemptorganizations-form-990-n-e-postcard

Do not forget to file this report! Failure to report can lead to serious trouble for your council as well as the Knights of Columbus.

Next month we will begin to pursue home corporations.

State Advocate

Don Schoenherr

#### **Public Relations Corner**

## Social Media Love, Hate Relationship

While Facebook is one of the most popular social media platforms, it also attracts plenty of hate, mistrust, and controversy. This can be true of any and all social media platforms. Facebook is perhaps considered one of the largest social media platforms and continues to come under fire. The social media giant has been accused of everything from selling user data to playing a role in influencing elections. While Facebook has denied many of these claims, some remain skeptical of the company.

So, why do so many people hate Facebook? Here's a look at some of the most common gripes people have with the company and platform.

- The Platform's Overabundance of Features. Making it difficult to navigate and utilize.
- Privacy Concerns
- Data Breaches
- Its Addictive Potential
- Fake News
- Its Impact on Mental Health
- Perceived Inaction on Hate Speech

Many of the reasons people hate Facebook are valid. The platform has serious problems with privacy, fake news, and hate speech. It's also addictive and can be detrimental to your mental health. However, it's important to remember that Facebook as well as any other social media platform is just a tool. It's how we use social media that matters.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops notes, "social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community, although social media interaction should not be viewed as a substitute for face-to-face gatherings. Social media can support communities in a myriad of ways: connecting people with similar interests, sharing information about in-person events, providing ways for people to engage in dialogue, etc." To that end, we encourage our members to employ social media tools in a prudent and effective manner that advances the goals and Catholic identity of the Knights of Columbus.

Social Communications should be used by subordinate units and members of the Knights of Columbus to organize good works in the community and to promote the charitable mission of the Knights of Columbus. Social communications should be leveraged to facilitate personal interactions in the community. Social communications should not be seen as a replacement for in-person human interaction. When using social communications be sure to observe the principles of the Knights of Columbus:

#### Charity

- Organize good works and promote the charitable mission of the Knights of Columbus in the community through social communications.
- Social communications should not replace in-person human interaction, but should aim to facilitate in-person charitable action in the local community
- Do not post hateful, defamatory, racist, or pornographic content, which is offensive to human dignity and Christian charity.

#### Unity

- Resolve disputes and controversies privately and offline.
- Promote the teachings of the Catholic Church and the principles of the Knights of Columbus.
- Promote the Faith by including links from sites like The Vatican, http://www.news.va/en, and http://www.vatican.va, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, http://usccb.org, and websites maintained by the Knights of Columbus, including http://www.kofc.org, https://cruxnow.com/, and http://www.fathersforgood.org.

#### Fraternity

- Observe the Laws and official policies of the Knights of Columbus when using social communications.
- Post petitions for prayer or request for help in assisting brother Knights or their families.
- Promote the Knights of Columbus by posting notices of regular meetings and events.

Jack Wrbanich, PSD
State Council Public Relations





The establishment of the Father McGivney Guild was certainly a milestone marking the path to our founder's canonization. It operates out of the Supreme Council office in New Haven CT. The guild serves as a clearinghouse for information regarding Father McGivney, promotes devotion to his memory, develops and distributes materials about his life and virtue, receives reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession, and receives news of possible miracles. Membership in the guild is open to anyone interested in Father McGivney and his cause, including members of the Knights of Columbus and their families. A guild newsletter is sent to members several times a year. All materials produced to promote information and devotion to Father McGivney are automatically distributed to members of the guild

and, once a month, a mass is offered at St. Mary's Church in New Haven.

Guild membership is now more than 178,000. The Roman process of investigation into Father McGivney's life and holiness is nearing completion, and the investigation into the reported miracle is progressing. Don't be fooled. The growth of the Guild is but one step along the way. There are over 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus. Why are so many so hesitant to join the Guild? We have over 35,000 members alone in Wisconsin but as of 4/1/2022 there are only 1,239 Guild member in our State. The Guild depends on us to further the message of Father McGivney. Membership in the Guild is FREE! Please consider joining today! Scan this QR code to learn more or visit <a href="https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html">https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html</a> today!



#### **Mother Teresa:**

#### **No Greater Love**

Mother Teresa of Calcutta is one of the most widely revered saints in the world, and one of the greatest spiritual giants of the 20th century. In 2022, as part of efforts to commemorate the 25th anniversary of her passing, Supreme Council produced a feature length documentary film, *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*, which offers an inspiring account of her life and legacy, as well as the work of her religious community, the Missionaries of Charity.

On October 3-4, the film premieres in theaters across the U.S. This is a film you will not want to miss on the big screen. To help Knights promote the film, and extend an invitation to families, friends and neighbors, Supreme has developed resources including posters, social media posts, digital graphics and bulletin announcements. We urge you to participate in this release and, once available online or on DVD, to continue to promote this film well into the future.

Be sure to visit our Online Supply Store, Mother Teresa folder, for the full assortment of promotional materials. We will be sure to keep these resources updated.

Thank you for your support of this important film. Mother Theresa: No Greater Love



To learn more about Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, visit motherteresamovie.com or scan this QR code with your smart phone



Upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> degree events:

#### **Eastern District:**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022,** at Holy Family Catholic School 1204 S Fisk Street, Green Bay. **Cost:** \$70 for Candidates, \$35 for Priests, \$15 for non-candidates. Contact Master James TenPas with questions, 920-207-6007

#### **Western District:**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022,** at St. Olaf's Catholic Church in DeForest WI. **Cost:** \$70 fee for candidates, \$35 for Priests. Questions, contact Master Dan Hull, 715-773-2640.

Registration Forms attached

## Eastern District Fourth Degree Registration Form



St. Agnes Catholic Church 1484 9th Street Green Bay, WI 54304

\*Includes One Banquet Ticket, Social Baldric, 4th Degree and American Flag Pin

<b>Mail all forms No Later than</b>	<mark>i September 21. 2022</mark> To D	istrict Master
James TenPas		
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**Questions: Call James TenPas** 920 207-6007

## Fourth Degree Registration Form St. Olaf's Church, DeForest, WI

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Bishops, Priests, State Members, and Ladies

Not a lot is known about Saint Bartholomew, whose Feast Day is August 24<sup>th</sup>. He died for the sake of the faith, he was brought to the Savior by St. Philip, and he was called a true Israelite by Jesus. There is no duplicity in him.

My wish is that Jesus may say that there is no duplicity in you or me as well. How will that come about in our lives? We should choose to focus on the narrow road that leads to Christ Jesus only. This last month, I heard a Deacon ask the question, "Do you want to get to Heaven?" He asked his listeners to raise their hand if that was their wish? He then asked, "So if you go to church every Sunday and if you go to confession twice a year and overall are a good person, will you get to Heaven? Raise your hand again." Most raised their hand. The Deacon replied, "No, that is not the case. That is heresy." Then he encouraged people to come and find out the truth about how to get to Heaven.

I was sad that I was traveling and could not go to the Deacon's three-night retreat. It sounded so good and would have been beneficial to hear again.

The answer to the question asked by the Deacon can be found in Luke 13:22-30.

Will only a few people be saved? Jesus did not answer them directly because the truth might have been too much for them. He said, "Stive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

Jesus is the <u>Narrow Gate</u>, we must let him into our hearts and do his will, that is the truth, we must look to his life in living our own. That is what is so great about the Knights of Columbus and the work that you do each day, week, and month within your councils, and that is why we must invite the next Generation to the mission Blessed Fr. McGivney started.

A great way to engage your parish family is to invite them to join a Benefits Night with us either virtually or in person when available. Engagement allows them to learn more of the great works we do as an order as well as the benefits available to the family through our highest rated insurance products.

We will have two in September one on the 15<sup>th</sup> and one on the 28<sup>th</sup> as well. Go to <a href="https://kofcwi.org/Live-Events">https://kofcwi.org/Live-Events</a> Please get it in your bulletin and in your newsletters.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Nowak, GA

# Knights of Columbus all over the world stand in solidarity, ready to support the 1,889 Knights and their families, the Church, and all in need in Ukraine.

To date, members and friends have donated over \$19,046,382! The situation in Ukraine continues to be volatile and the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will continue to work with local councils in Poland and Ukraine, the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches and partner NGOs to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, religious supplies, and any other humanitarian needs necessary as the situation continues to change on a daily basis.

Remember 100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFECTED BY THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE.



#### **Winter Diocesan Meetings**

Your State Officer in charge will be hosting your diocesan meetings in December. Please see the list for your dioceses. Your council should have at least one representative at this meeting as critical information will be shared to help in your success. It is encouraged your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Membership and Program Directors should be there! Plan accordingly!

Green Bay: December 10th, Our Lady of Lourdes in De Pere. Start with 8:15 mass. Meeting following

Milwaukee: December 17<sup>th</sup>, Archdiocese of Milwaukee Pastoral Center, Start with 900 Mass.

La Crosse: December 10<sup>th</sup>, St Joseph's Church Black River Falls. Start at Noon. Mass at 4:00PM

Madison: December 10<sup>th</sup>, St Dennis Parish. Registration at 11:30 starts at Noon. Mass at 4:00PM

Superior: December 10th, Holy Rosary Church in Medford. Meeting Starts at 10AM.



## **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.

	Role Description										
Applications by Roles	Officers Online	Officers Desk Reference	Office of Youth Protection	Home Corporations	Member Management	Member Billing	By Laws Online	Knights Gear	Supplies Online	Prospect Tab	Candidate Tab
Jurisdiction/ State											
State Deputy	Х	X	X	Х				X	X	Х	
State Secretary	Х	X	X	Х				X	X		
State Treasurer	Х	Х	X	Х				Х	Х		
State Advocate	Х	Х	X	Х				X	Х		
State Warden	X	Х	X	Х				X	Х		
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Executive Secretary	Х	Х	X	Х				Х	х		
State Membership Director	Х	Х	X	Х				Х	х	Х	
State Program Director	Х	Х	X	Х				Х	X		
State Round Table Chairman	Х		X	Х				X	X		
Council Reactivation Chairman	X		X	Х				X	X		
Council Retention Chairman	Х		X	Х				X	X		
Member Retention Chairman	Х		X	Х				Х	Х		
Insurance Promo Chairman	Х		X	х				Х	х		
NCD Chairman	Х		X	X				X	X		
Ceremonial Chairman	Х		X	X				X	X		
Hispanic Council Growth Coord.	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Chairman	X	x	X	X				X	X	х	
Additional Membership Roles	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Coordinator	X	х	X	X				X	X	х	
State Trainer	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
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Vice Supreme Master	Х	х	Х	х				Х	х		
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Grand Knight	х	x	X	х	X		х	Х	х	x	x
Financial Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	х	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		
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Faithful Comptroller	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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## **Online Membership**

Current e-membership in the state stands at:

CLASS / TYPE – as of date	07-27-2022	08-24-2022	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	167	176	+ 9
INSURANCE	41	41	No change
INACTIVE	11	11	No change
Does Not Want to Transfer	39	39	No change
HONORARY	0	0	No change
HONORARY LIFE	1	1	No change
AFFILIATE in 97048	1967	1966	- 1
EXEMPT	3	3	No change
ASSIGNED	113	116	+ 3
UNASSIGNED	3	5	+ 2
TOTAL	219	228	+ 9
Goals for Assigned and unassigned e-me	mber prospect	s are ZERO	
New e-members YTD #	20	46	+ 26
New e-members YTD % of target (422)	6%	14%	+ 8%
Conversion into a council YTD #	9	22	+ 13
Conversion into a council YTD %	45%	48%	+ 3%
All time intake #	1067	1067	+ 20
All time conversion into a council #	789	805	+ 16
All time conversion into a council %	74%	74%	No change

Note: 08-24-2022 is 15% of the fraternal year passed. We are close to target.



## **Blessed McGivney**



What is this? It is the new code for **free** online membership. No spaces and is <u>not</u> case sensitive.

#### **HISTORICAL DATA:**

Year	Target	Intake	%
2017-18	Trial	30	NA
2018-19	214	134	60%
2019-20	214	139	65%
2020-21	324	377	116%
2021-22	422	365	86%
2022-23	325 reduced from 465	20	6%

<u>Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries</u>, please check your Prospect lists in Officers Online at least once a week. If you have men showing there, **CONTACT** them. **INVITE** them to your Council meetings and activities. While you are together,

invite them to attend an in-person or online **DEGREE** ceremony. <u>After completing</u> 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, please follow up with your councils.

Please review the **RESOURCES** available to you so you may understand how better to perform your duties:

#### **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES:**

Please watch the short videos on the Supreme website <u>Membership Training</u>. Click on Membership in the left menu and you will see the available videos. Here are direct links to each.

- An Introduction to Online Membership 5:36
- Online Join Process 6:22 This video will be updated 'soon' (so I was told on Oct. 27, 2021) to reflect the new join email verification process. See the sign-up process description in the August 2022 newsletter.
- Prospect Tab 3:55
- Candidate tab 4:00

#### **REMINDERS:**

When joining online, the requirement is that each new member must sign up himself.

Online membership is a way for men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus to do so online, it is <u>not</u> to be used as a data entry system to enter new members from form 100s, prospect cards or parish lists. Use the Candidate tab for that. Online membership requires a member to join with full knowledge, consent, and active participation in the process. As a reminder, if an individual does not truthfully answer all application declarations, his membership in the Knights of Columbus is void.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Every man who joins online needs to access kofc.org/joinus from a compatible device, **personally** complete the online application testifying to all the attestations and submit the online application **himself**.
- When possible, the member should use his own compatible device.
- The member must use their own valid email address when completing the online application.
- There is a new (as of 11-04-21) process in joining online. Instead of having to enter a verification code (a source of error), after the member completes and submits the first page of the online join process, which includes his email address, he is sent an email to verify the email address. That email will contain a clickable link (available for only 24-hours) to complete the join process. Should he fail to act within the 24-hour window, he will see an error message and must restart the join process.

#### **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 <u>Guidelines for Online Voting Motions</u> if holding virtual meetings
- Degree Member must take the degree prior to being transferred into a council.
- Process the new 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
  - <u>REMEMBER:</u> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees in Member Management. This is not an automatic process

WI Online Membership Coordinator

William G. Hitt

www.kofc.org/joinus

Join Us

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### **Charity Raffle**

Dear Brother Knights,

The Charity Raffle tickets will be distributed to your district deputy at the district huddles, either the second or third weekend in September. Be sure to ask your DD for your raffle tickets at your next meeting and get an early start on sales.

To date the following councils sold tickets last year, but I have not seen their "Council Grant Form":

499, 531, 614, 664, 697, 719, 832, 839, 1080, 1170, 1386, 1471, 1475, 1547, 1558, 1578, 1637, 1647, 1654, 1669, 1690, 1709, 1762, 1789, 1797, 1799, 1838, 1840, 1922, 1964, 2032, 2137, 2481, 2770, 2787, 2820, 2836, 2854, 2984, 3432, 3450, 3464, 3492, 3702, 4106, 4295, 4489, 4520, 4579, 4586, 4614, 4628, 4646, 4648, 4706, 4807, 4869, 4877, 4897, 4948, 4954, 4963, 5008, 5488, 5514, 5539, 5844, 6151, 6228, 6279, 6370, 6371, 6436, 6444, 6460, 6463, 6464, 6487, 6508, 6547, 6554, 6560, 6567, 6587, 6599, 6646, 6690, 6718, 6719, 6759, 6764, 6997, 7048, 7106, 7342, 7498, 7848, 7894, 8108, 8172, 8946, 9082, 9360, 9608, 9685, 10363, 10552, 10559, 10714, 10774, 10893, 10914, 11155, 11832, 11884, 12183, 12185, 12468, 12491, 12596, 12609, 12621, 12644, 12662, 12673, 12677, 13083, 13702, 13733, 15229, 16217, 16298, 16333, 16582, 16710, 16863, 16937, 17021, 17149, 17348

The state office will soon be sending out checks to councils to replenish their charity accounts for last year's raffle sales. The previous listed council will **NOT** receive a check unless a "Council Grant Form" is turned in to the state office. The form can be found on the state website. This form is critical to the raffle program in the event of our next audit. Double check the list and if your council is listed do whatever you can to get the "Council Grant Form" to the state office as soon as possible.

God Bless,

Bernie Heit

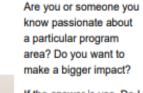
State Charity Director

# Wisconsin Faith In Action

September 2022



#### A Few Good Men



If the answer is yes, Do I have an opportunity for you.

Knights of Columbus State Council is expanding State Programming leadership opportunities.

Ernie Reinhart

We are introducing the Faith in Action (FIA) Program Coordinator position. The men selected for these positions will have the opportunity to coordinate a focused set for FIA programs across the state. The programs will be aligned to one of the broader FIA areas: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

The coordinator will Advise, Advocate, Coordinate and Field Questions regarding their programs.

What is the expected commitment?

We anticipate the commitment to average 1-2 hours per week. Most meetings and interactions will be either Zoom or phone calls.

Most of the correspondence will be via e-mail or the state web site.

These positions can be done in conjunction with other council and district responsibilities.

If interested please give me call or drop me a note.

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majernie@sbcglobal.net

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#### Should we care what our Ladies think?

Knight's of Columbus is a Fraternal organization dedicate to our Holy Mother. Fr. McGivney founded KofC as a mutual benefit society to support widows and children.

At our core we are a group of Catholic Gentlemen who support women.

Let me ask this, do you always know what your wives, mothers and daughters are thinking? Have you ever had a lady in your life get upset with you but not know why?

The only way to know what people are thinking is to ask.

Do we know what our ladies think of our programs? I suspect the answer is no. Have we asked? Again, I suspect the answer is no.

We will find that ladies have some pretty good ideas and suggestions. Ideas may include how to make current programs better or for new programs. They might also share how a current program is missing the mark.

We don't have to follow through on all of their ideas. But they will be happy we asked.

More importantly they will become advocates of us with other ladies in our parishes and communities At our core we Catholic Gentlemen who support women



## **Getting Ready for Christmas**

As I write this we are exactly 4 months from Christmas. Has your council started Christmas preparations?

What programs do you traditionally run? Are there programs that you put on hold due to COVID? Should you reintroduce them this year? What new innovations are you considering for Christmas 2023?

Christmas is most often

associated with children opening gifts.

But what about our elderly friends and family? Are we supporting them, too?

I am challenging every council in Wisconsin to sponsor at least one program in 2022 that supports the elderly. Focus should be for shut-ins who have little family support. The programs should be multi-generational, meaning invite members of your parish youth group and their parents to participate.

Here are some ideas:

- Visit your local assisted living facility
- Visit parish shut-in's
- Go caroling at the senior center
- Host a Christmas Dinner for Seniors

What new innovations are you considering for Christmas 2023

## The Necessity of Program Reporting

As all of us are aware program reporting was consolidated a few years back to Fraternal Program Report Form (#10784).

This new form replaced 24 individual report forms which streamlined the number of forms council officers need to use.

Is it necessary to submit the a form for each program? Let me share with you how the information is used and let you decide....

On a monthly basis the State Council receives a database that summarizes the submitted forms.

From the database, analysis is done to determine program progress at the state, diocese, district and council level. The analysis informs decisions that are made regarding state program prioritization and support.

Additionally, the state leadership monitors council progress toward the Columbian award.

The information helps the state identify councils that require programming assistance. The analysis
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## Coats For Kids - Winter is on our Doorstep

This program Provides warmth for children in need during cold winter months.

The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season.

Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since program inception.

Councils across North America can purchase new winter coats at a discount to be distributed to the children in need in their local communities.

A featured program, Coats

for Kids counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

More information is available at on the FAQ page.

https://www.kofc.org/en/ resources/faith-in-actionprograms/community/coatsfor-kids/coats-for-kidsfag.pdf





#### **Programs-Community Bill Frayer**

As we head into September, our Fall Programming for the Community and Youth areas should be in full swing. Your PPK and fall Soccer Programs should be held this month (if not already). Reports for them should be going to your DPCs to facilitate planning for Diocesan (Regional) Contests in October.

NOTE: We have run into a problem with the State Finals which were scheduled for Eau Claire Regis High School on October 29. The field is <u>not</u> available on that date, so we are presently working on alternate dates or another site. More information on this as soon as this has been resolved. Green travel cards are being sent to DPCs and should be available from them and at the September DD Huddles.

You should also be ordering your Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest materials from Supreme for the students to use in writing their essays in October and November. See

the State and Supreme websites for topic listing and more information.

Reminder that we have moved the Culture of Life Essay Contest to January-February 2023 in order to avoid conflicts with the Supreme Contest. More information on this next month.

In line with our State Program Director's initiative, if you have ideas for new contests that Councils can run (parent-child, youth or adult competitors, parish or Council or District competitions, etc.), please get them to your DPCs, me or any of your State FIA Area Directors.

As to Community Programs, once again I urge all Councils to begin planning now for Coats for Kids programs, especially those that can be held on or around Black Friday (Nov. 25-30, 2022). If you have proposals for areas (parishes, schools, community centers, etc. in great need, especially minority areas and areas that can involve evangelization, community outreach, member involvement and possible new member development) where State and Supreme can be of help to you with additional resources, please outline those program proposals and get them to me, your DPCs or your State Officer in Charge of your Diocese this month.

Continue to develop your Helping Hands and Leave No Neighbor Behind programs. There are so many areas where we can be of assistance and service in our parishes and communities. One new program that's been brought to my attention by Brother Al Arndt is one called "Green Lite" which distributes LED lightbulbs to "nonprofits" working through Wisconsin utilities companies to donate the bulbs to help reduce energy use on the power grid. The bulbs must be delivered to a nonprofit and stay in Wisconsin. There are 60 cases to a skid with 24 bulbs per case. They can be given out to parishioners, homeowners and renters, vets. Council 6718 (Adams-Friendship) is working with American Legion posts, County veterans service officers and 2 churches in their area. For more information, see the State Facebook page or contact GK Rick Semrow or FS Al Arndt with Council 6718.

Also, work on your Habitat for humanity and Global Wheelchairs projects or start to develop your connections there for the former and fundraising efforts for the latter. Every little effort helps in the big picture.

For Disaster Preparedness, work with your parish, school, and community to review and update their plans. Help update needed supply storerooms and closets. Perhaps most importantly, in this time of constant damage from floods, wildfires, storms, etc., consider a major effort to donate toward KC Disaster Relief Fund efforts in the U.S. as well as the continued efforts to assist with Ukraine.

Finally, remember to file those Form 10784s with Supreme and the State Forms address whenever programs are completed. Have a great September.

Fraternally,

Bill Frayer

State Community/Youth Director

## **Culture of Life – Ultrasound Projects**

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction for an ultrasound project, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they **MUST** include the council number in the memo portion of the check (eg: #2035 or #9070 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund. If you wish to help these councils raise funds for their initiative, please see the information below:

**Ozaukee Council #2035,** Port Washington, has taken on the most recent ultrasound initiative for Care Net, 4957 N Fond Du Lac Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53217. If interested, please send to:

SK George Ploof 1140 Auburn Road West Bend, WI 53090 (262) 388-8806 Cell ploofgr@gmail.com

**Father Cyril J. Smetana Council #9070,** Hillsboro is taking the lead on the new ultrasound for the Women's Care Center, 3711 Orin Rd, Madison, WI 53704 Madison. If you'd like to help them raise funds for this project, please send your council check(s) to:

FS Larry Anderson E 16697 Grim Rd Hillsboro, WI 54634 (608) 479-1629 (GK Richard Urban) dick.urban@hotmail.com We also have a sponsoring opportunity for any council that would like to get involved with

2 portable ultrasound units going to Padibe, Uganda, once again! It will be handled through the Women's Support Center of Milwaukee, with Dr. Cindy Jones-Nosaceck. The quote for TWO ultrasounds is ONLY \$40,614.36! Contact Dan Miller for more info: Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc Memo: (#2035 or #9070 ultrasound) 4297 W Beltline Highway Madison, WI 53711-3859

Pro-Life Wisconsin is proud to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wisconsin March for Life on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the State Street Steps at the State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin at 1:30pm. It would be great to see our brother Knights, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights and your families!

We have been given a great gift from our forefathers, in that the only thing keeping abortion illegal in Wisconsin right now is State Statute 940.04. Our Governor and Attorney General have already filed suit looking to overturn this statute.

As of September 1, 2022, abortion will have been illegal for 69 days. As of the latest statistics available on abortion in Wisconsin, we killed an average of 17.6 babies per day. We know it is unrealistic to think that none of these women traveled out of state to procure an abortion, but if they didn't, this law will have saved 1,214 babies from abortion in this short time span! Compare this to sidewalk counseling, where we've been able to save over 1,900 in twelve years.

As you can see, the law is a powerful thing. The law is a teacher. It gives a moral compass for those in society who have no compass other than their conscience. This same law saved my dad from being aborted in 1934! Yes, you read that right. She was a young Irish Catholic who found herself pregnant in the middle of the world's worst depression. Her German family doctor suggested she get an abortion and set it up for her in Sheboygan at an associate of his. She went to her abortion appointment and thankfully turned away from it. She was literally in the stirrups, changed her mind and walked out. She told this story to my oldest sister, two years before she died on the condition that she would tell no one until after her death. She was just so ashamed of what she thought of doing, when she considered all the blessings in her long, 96-year life! When my sister asked her what changed her mind, she said, "I was afraid of getting caught." God's law was not enough for her to change her mind, but man's law was. Man's law had immediate consequences, and God's did not, in her mind. Thanks, Nana, for choosing life! If you had not, I would not be here!

Dan Miller
State Director
Culture of Life Committee
State Council – Knights of Columbus
Dan.M@ProLifeWl.org – 262-993-6262

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS UPDATE

Keep the Special Olympics athletes in your prayers. They have had a very busy summer and are looking forward to the fall events coming up. If there is an event in your area, check with them to see if the local KC's can help in any way. Remember to file with Supreme soon after donating, having a fund raiser, or helping at a Special Olympics event. This should be done after every event or donation; this is a change from the yearend report. The Form 4584 is no longer being used. Online report 10784 is to be filed.

Our drive to fund travel expenses for Team Wisconsin athletes to the 2026 National games is well under way. As of 8-23-22 we have received \$16,120.41 towards our goal. Please continue to support this drive and your local groups.

Please make checks to "Wi KofC Charities" with memo Special Olympics and send to me. My address is in the state directory. Any questions please call me, evenings are the best time.

John Benisch Special Olympics Coordinator

#### "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities"

The Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus has released the final figures of their recent Tootsie Roll drive to "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities." The 2022 program raised an excess of \$588,000. Local councils have distributed in their immediate area over \$397,000 of these funds to local groups and organizations that assist the intellectually disabled. The State Committee has an additional \$133,000 available to distribute through their grant application process.

Organizations that assist people with intellectual disabilities are encouraged to submit applications for these funds to the Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus. Grant applications can be directed to: Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus % Bennie Green, State Director, 1100 Valley View Drive, Richland Center, WI 53581. Fifteen (15) copies of the application are necessary and must be submitted by November 20, 2022. Applications must be written on your organization's letterhead and must contain the following information: who do you serve, how many people you serve that will be impacted by the grant, how much money you are seeking, and what the money will purchase or provide.

A list of the approved grants can be found on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website, Forms Page, and Community Heading.

All groups who apply will be notified in mid-January with the decision of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities" committee.

Bennie Green

Intellectual Disabilities Coordinator

## Faith in Action – Family Programs

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.



## Family of the Month

Thank you again for an amazing month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <a href="https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/17824998">https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/17824998</a>. Check it out!

#### Supreme

Wisconsin is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the order and have submitted **9.5%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Steve and Gini Dachel Family** (Fr Goldsmith Council 974, District 24, La Crosse Diocese).

#### Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **69%** district participation with the Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **15** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

<b>Green Bay</b>	Russell Glime	La Crosse	Tim and Jen Engel
Madison	Chad and Melissa Leider	Milwaukee	Ned and Carol Brooks
Superior	Tracy and Jacqueline Pooler		

#### **District**

**53%** of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire**: Four districts submitted three or more families and fourteen districts submitted two families.

#### Council

There was two new council submitting a family of the Month.

- 1257 John F Kennedy Council in Eau Claire, Grand Knight Michael Ryan, DD 22 Open, La Crosse Diocese
- 17889 St Maria Goretti in Madison, Grand Knight Justin Knapp, DD 47 Kevin Boening, Madison Diocese

#### 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. <a href="https://site-842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/forms/video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-">https://site-842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/forms/video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-</a>

#### 10784-training-video?autoStart=true

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 <a href="mailto:forms@wikofc.com">forms@wikofc.com</a> 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 Uchytil

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State Family Coordinator

## **Supreme Training Update**

#### **Council Growth**

Monday 9/5/22 at 7PM CDT (8PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/465087246634234637

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

#### **Enhancing Member Experience**

Sunday 9/18/22 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1402917888568837389

We will cover in this training

Understand what's meant by the term's membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.

Complete the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.

Understand that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.

Learn the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again.

Discover tools that will help address deficiencies in your council's current member engagement as based on your council's engagement score.

Understand 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.

#### You are your programs

Saturday 9/24/22 at 8AM CDT (9AM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/9037359283845383182

We will cover in this training

Understand the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members.

Construct a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. u Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Identify the council's flagship program(s).

Access the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendars.

Develop a calendar for the next 6-12 months that responds to the council's mission statement and addresses some of the council's strengths and weaknesses identified above.

Understand the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

#### **Delta Drive**

Sunday 9/25/22 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8322470017605277196

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.

#### Jon Olson

Associate Regional Growth & Training Director (Midwest Region)

## St. Joseph Icon Program – Schedule

This year's Icon Program is with the St. Joseph Icon. We have the Icons, Books, and Cards and they are traveling with the Icons. For more information, please see the Supreme Resources at:

http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html

Please contact State Coordinator Dennis Bednarek with any questions on this program.

Icon 1	Icon 2	Icon 3	Icon 4
67	8	42	22
73	13	40	24
49	2	41	30
50	1	26	29
48	80	46	27
63	85	44	28
62	91	14	90
69	83	10	89
60	81	25	87
61	82	11	
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