



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Wisconsin



KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

OCTOBER 2023





BROTHERS, IT IS hard to believe that it is Fall already. Summer seems to fly by every year. September was a tremendously busy month as our Councils got back into a more regular schedule.

A goal for the State Council this year is Growth in Programs, Fraternal Benefits, and Membership. We are starting to see growth in Programs. Two examples this past month are Special Olympics and Coats for Kids.

Th ank You to WSW Ernie Reinhart, WSA Dr Jim Froh, Diocesan Director Rick Raulin, Special Olympics Chair John Benisch and the Knights from Councils 746, 973, 1478, 2487, 3099, 3450, 4392, 4586, 10522, and 10893 for serving a Pancake Breakfast to over 700 Special Olympians, Parents and Coaches at the Wisconsin Special Olympics Fall Games in Wisconsin Dells on September 10. It is truly amazing to see what can happen when 10 Councils work in Unity on a project. A special Th ank you to Council 746 for taking the lead in procuring the food, and Council 4586 for bringing their Pancake wheel to the event.

IPSD Corey Coonen led the charge on Coats for Kids this year. Corey worked with Supreme to submit a proposal for a Supreme match to our purchase, coordinating with Councils to purchase just short of \$75K of Coats, with Supreme providing matching coats allowing Councils to double their buying power. All told, over 6800 coats will be distributed by Wisconsin Councils to kids in need this fall. Th ank You IPSD Corey for all your efforts to organize this order. Again, it is truly amazing to see what we can accomplish when we work in Unity on a project.

District Deputies participated in DD Huddles in each Diocese in Sept. At these meetings, District Deputies shared success stories from the Councils in their Districts,

shared some challenges, and made plans to assist Councils as we work to grow Programs, Fraternal Benefits, and Membership in Wisconsin. A major topic at these meetings was the launch of the Cor initiative in Wisconsin over the next few months. District Deputies also picked up Charity Raffle Tickets and State Directories to deliver to their Councils when they meet with them. Please thank your District Deputy when you see them for giving up a Saturday to attend this meeting to be able to better support your Council.

The State Officers continue to make progress in filling open District Deputy and Diocesan Coordinator positions. Knights filling these roles have responsibility for mentoring Council Leadership as we continue to grow the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin.

As I visit with Council Leaders, there seem to be a lot of questions and concerns about the Cor initiative. In particular, the question of Why are we doing this, and why now? The short answer, we are all called to evangelize, but many of us do not know how. It is through evangelization that we can help to get our friends and neighbors back

to their faith, and back to church.

Through the Cor initiative, we will become better at our mission to evangelize. Below are a few quotes that should help to shed some light on the need for this initiative.

“Faith Leads to Charity, and the witness of Charity leads to Faith.” (Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori)

“As Knights and lay leaders, we must model the call of all the baptized to participate in the Church’s mission of evangelization.” (Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight)

“As the Family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world.” (St John Paul II)

It is my hope that all Council Leaders will take time to learn more about the Cor initiative kocf.org/cor, and then pray on whether to start Cor in your parish.

Vivat Jesus!

Viva Cristo Rey!



**DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS,**

October is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated as a feast on Saturday, October 7. That happens to also be First Saturday. We can consider two beautiful devotions to Mary, Our Mother: the Rosary and the Five First Saturdays.

Every Knight needs to be devoted to the Rosary, which is Mary's gift to the Church. Knights are expected to carry the Rosary on their person. Don't be caught without it! But how is your devotion to this prayer? Challenge yourself to pray the Rosary every day. Whether you pray the Rosary in Church before Mass, with the family at home, by yourself, or when you drive the car, the Rosary will help you to grow closer to Jesus Christ. St. Alphonsus Liguori used to say, "if I have not prayed the Rosary each day, I fear for my salvation." If you are exceptionally busy, even praying part of the Rosary is still of great value. Even a single decade of the Rosary will merit an increase of grace.

How many of our councils are praying the Rosary before each meeting? How many of our brother Knights actually go early to pray the Rosary? Not enough. By the way, invite your chaplains to pray the Rosary with the men. For those who are looking to start Cor, you could build your Cor meeting on the Rosary. As long as your priest is there and some other teaching is included, that would count as a Cor meeting.

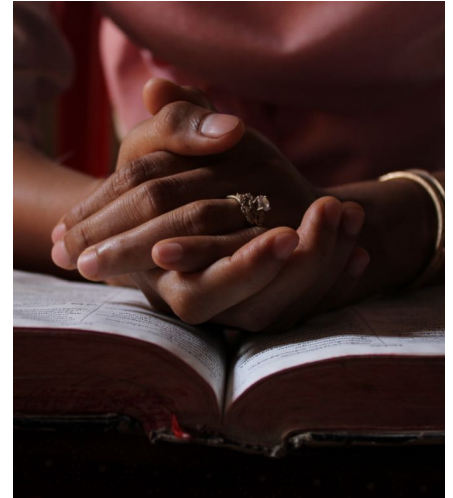
We cannot do the work of Knights for our Church and our Councils without the assistance of the Mother of God. Pray the Rosary to grow closer to your family and be a better father. Pray the Rosary for Vocations! Pray the Rosary to end abortion!

I highly recommend the devotion of the Five First Saturdays. Pray the Rosary, go to Confession, and go to

Mass and receive Communion for five First Saturdays in a row. Our lady promises powerful graces to those who keep the five first Saturdays. You can learn more [here](#).

Congratulations to Bishop Ricken and the Diocese of Green Bay! On October 9, the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help will be rededicated as Our Lady of Champion. I encourage you all to celebrate this by joining and also by making pilgrimages to Champion with your families. Our State is now covered with the prayers of Mary on every side. Our Lady Help of Christians at Holy Hill, Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, and Our Lady of Champion are the titles of Mary that inspire us to greater trust in God, bringing us ever closer to Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!



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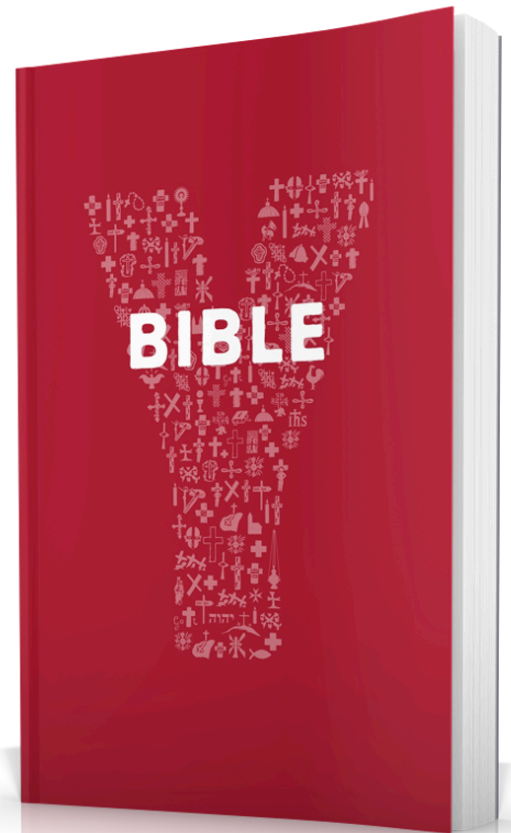
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State Incentives 1st Quarter Incentive

Congratulations to Council 973 (Kenosha) who brought in 12 new members in the 1st quarter to reach over 100% of their council goal; to Council 3562 (Pewaukee) who brought in 10 new members in the 1st quarter to reach 100% of their council goal; and Council 13480 (Oregon) who brought in 5 new members in the 1st quarter to reach 100% of their goal; and lastly Council 17889 (Madison) who brought in 5 new members as well. These 4 councils will receive 75% off of their October 1st State Per Capita Invoice.

State Incentives 2nd Quarter Incentive

For the 2nd Quarter incentive, the State Council is offering a unique 'Diocese' incentive.

The goals set by Diocese are based off of the year-end goals for each Diocese.

If a Diocese achieves their monthly intake goal, then their Bishop will receive \$1,000 for each month that

the goal is reached. These checks will be delivered to the Bishop personally at the Diocesan meetings in December—so that all the councils attending can share in this presentation.

Milwaukee ArchDiocese Goal: 50 new members each month

Green Bay, Madison and LaCrosse Diocese Goal: 35 new members each month

Superior Diocese: 20 new members each month

If a Diocese achieves the goal in only 1 of the months, then their Bishop will receive \$1,000 total. If a Diocese can achieve the goal in October as well as in November, then their Bishop will receive \$2,000 total.

If each of your Diocese can achieve this goal, then this means that in the months of October and November our State Council will have brought in more than 350 new members during this time period—getting us back on track after a slower start this 1st quarter than we had expected.

Congratulations to the following Councils who achieved 50% or greater (but less than 100%) of their Membership Goal in the 1st Quarter

Council 10552: 3 new members
Council 6228: 3 new members
Council 2689: 3 new members
Council 15090: 3 new members
Council 16900: 4 new members
Council 746: 4 new members
Council 1478: 4 new members
Council 1647: 4 new members

These 8 councils will receive 25% off of their October 1st State Per Capita Invoice.

We fully hope that each of your councils will engage in this opportunity and host 1-2 exemplifications during October and November in honor of your diocesan bishop. Please help us reach this goal so we can hand out checks in the sum of \$10,000 to our bishops this December!

Historically, the Fall months of October, November and December have been some of our better months in our State for membership growth. Many councils plan to be conducting Church Drives and Exemplifications in some cases, for the first time in this Fraternal Year.

If you are in need of help for a Drive, please reach out to me or your Diocesan Membership Coordinator and we will do our best to find assistance.

If you are planning to conduct a 'DELTA CHURCH DRIVE' please keep in mind that each of your Councils can order these materials directly from Supreme online. Please plan accordingly for this so that you ensure having your materials in ample time. Please ensure that you are 'PROMOTING' these Drives in your Parish Bulletins in advance of these events, along with having your membership attend these Masses wearing Knights gear so that Parishioners can see all those members present.

Finally—one great resource to continue to take advantage of at these Membership Drives is the 'E-MEMBERSHIP' tool. It's easy to use, and gets members signed up right away to the State Council! Further, you can easily transfer these men into your council afterwards via the 'PROSPECT' tab online after they complete their exemplification.

Fraternally, Corey
Coonen, IPSD/SMD



BISHOPS, PRIEST & Deacons, State Family and membership, my brothers and sisters in Christ greetings and Blessing from the Nowak Agency.

Hello again, and it is a blessing to be able to write and speak with you and your family. I have been trying to describe to people what is so special about the Knights of Columbus. Why? Because sometime the things we do and say seems to be less clear to us as we can only see from the point of view and lenses that we are given now in History.

Given the gifts we all have been given we can share the true purity it is to belong to the Knights of Columbus. Yes Purity, of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Where else is that given to people in our world today? We can share our lives with everyone and support them in the troubling world most are experiencing. I have been blessed to work through this discussion of why now it is important to offer to invite new members into the Order. Today Hope is the thing I see missing in most people lives, not in their favorite NFL team, not in their favorite College Football team unless you a Husker of course. Hope in finding a job that supports your belief system or Hope in a place to put you hard earned savings, that will give you a decent rate of return.

Hope in finding the place to worship that will provide you with a welcoming sense of belonging. The Knights can do all that and more, by first finding a group of Men to support you in your longing for belonging, or your suffering, with open arms and cheerful smiles and a warm meal.

When we invite the next generation of men to pray with us and stay with us, for hours of worship and adoration. Leading the way to prayer, leading the way to charity through service and giving from the heart words of hope to your fellow Man and his family you, can offer them something both new and old and a place to belong. To attract others, you must believe in your mission, and perform your calling so well that others will seek you out for they will want what you have.

Tomorrow is your first chance to make that your mission is clear, to live our Founders ideals of being a Co-Fraternity with the Church in renunciation of all with the Eucharistic Lord. We can and should wake up each day with an attitude of Mercy and thankfulness for the infinite Merits carefully crafted gifts of God we received ready to give them away knowing he has an untold storeroom waiting for us tomorrow.

Vivat Jesus!



“Faith is something that sustains us.”

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





ON MISSION

According to recent research, the average person is bombarded with 4,000-10,000 advertisements daily, and this number has only increased over time. As a result, people have developed a resistance to advertising, making marketing more challenging. However, this is no excuse to give up on marketing altogether. Instead, we should think outside the box and create content that doesn't feel like advertising. This doesn't mean tricking our audience; it means producing helpful, educational, inspiring, and entertaining content that resonates with them.

Supreme Council provides various resources to help councils achieve this goal, including the 'Cor' Reference guide, which offers bulletin announcements, parish scripts, flyers and more. You can access these resources on the 'Officers On Line' section of kofc.org by clicking the 'Supply Online' tab

and navigating to the 'Convention Toolkit'. Additionally, you will find resources such as 'Fraternal Benefit Events', 'Young Fathers', and a 'Post Convention Toolkit Guidebook'.

It's crucial to keep in mind that marketing doesn't have to be prideful. Jesus was the most humble person who ever lived, and yet he talked a lot about Himself. However, he talked about Himself in relation to how he could help people, not in a proud, arrogant way. Similarly, we should lead with how we can change someone's life, whether it's in small or big ways. By doing so, we will stand out from the crowd and make a genuine impact.

Check out our new Badger Bulletin Submission Guidelines on the Resource Page of the State Website.

Vivat Jesus!

Jack Wrbanich, PSD

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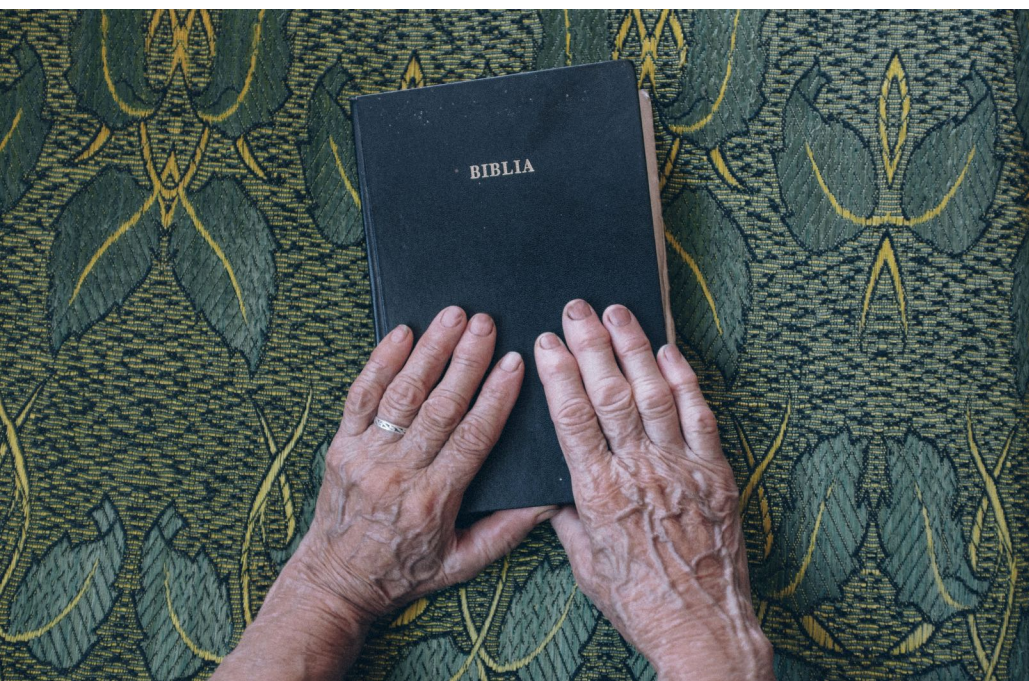
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**Greetings to all Brother Knights and families!**

The Fourth Degree of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus is having 2 exemplifications this October. The first will be held in Appleton on October 14th – contact Master James TenPas or your local Faithful Navigator or your local Grand Knight. The second will be held in Medford, WI on October 21st. Again, reach out to Master Duane Zaborowski or your local Faithful Navigator or your local Grand Knights. Supreme has requested that the Eastern and Western Wisconsin District bring in over 350 new Sir Knight between today and June 30, 2024. Please help us attain that number by signing up to become a 4th degree candidate for either the fall exemplifications or the ones that are scheduled in May 2024. The Master's of Eastern and Western Wisconsin invite all 3rd degree members to join the Patriotic Degree!



The Honor Guard is a big part of the 4th degree but there are many ways to participate as a 4th degree member without becoming part of the Honor Guard. Less than 10% of 4th degree Sir Knights are in the Honor Guard. The Sir Knights can become visible in many ways. Hold a fundraiser with signs showing that the event is sponsored by the Local Assembly. Participate in the local parades and wear your KC shirts or attire. Many Assemblies have their own branded shirts, hats or jackets. Host a breakfast or other event for a group like the Special Olympics and wear your 4th degree attire, take pictures and try to get them published to gain recognition for your Assembly. Some Assemblies work food booths at county or local fairs, others do programs with area veteran groups. All of these and many more great activities allow you to be an active 4th degree member without the uniform. And when you participate in these activities, get photographs and send them to Master James TenPas (Dioceses of Green Bay and Milwaukee) or Master Duane Zaborowski (Dioceses of Madison, La Crosse and Superior) so that we can share them with state and Supreme.

Our new Supreme Master is Michael McCuster and he is working to build membership in the 4th degree. He has many new ideas about recruiting new members into the 4th degree. His first question is this – why are only 14% of the 3rd degree knights taking the final step and becoming 4th degree members? This is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights. He wants everyone to understand that the 3rd and 4th degree members are to work towards common goals and not against each other. If done properly, both the Council and Assembly will get recognized. And we will build a stronger Knights of Columbus as a result.

Finally, remember that to be in the Honor Guard you must have the official uniform. The official uniform per the by-laws of Supreme are the official blazer which is Navy Blue with a 4th Degree Emblem Crest and official buttons, Official 4th Degree Gray Trousers, Official 4th degree Necktie and the official 4th degree Beret with a 4th degree metal badge. No facsimiles are allowed. You can purchase the shirts, gloves and baldrics from the English Company or another supplier. You should never wear the social baldric with the new uniform.

Vivat Jesus!



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



WORTHY BROTHERS, WE have some who are now getting the informational email to complete the training. This is a step forward. Remember that they will not receive the email if your council did not send in forms 185 and 365, each one has to have a unique email address. Supreme is working hard to get the information updated as quickly as possible. Please keep talking with your councils and those who need to complete their training (GK, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director) and any others who wish to take it. Also, remember the Community Director and Family Director will get a second email about background checks from Praesidium Academy.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

TAX INFO - What's New

The IRS now requires electronic filing for all tax-exempt organizations, regardless of which form they use. The online filing system, also known as "E-Services", requires all new users to register or sign in with LOGIN.GOV or ID.me, the current IRS credential service providers. All must have their 2022 taxes in using the electronic filing.

There are two ways to access the Form 990-N Electronic Filing system: (1) Sign in with your active IRS username; or (2) Sign in/create an account with [LOGIN.GOV](https://www.login.gov) or ID.me. Form 990-N filers who have an existing IRS username and register for a new Login.gov or ID.me account must use the email address associated with their IRS account. Refer to User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System. Instructions are available on the IRS website, links to which are in the Where to File section, below.

Thank you for your great support and I look forward to serving you.





FINANCIAL SECRETARIES & Grand Knights, to date I have assigned 78 members to councils throughout the State, and yet only 29 or 37% have actually been officially assigned to council rosters as of Sept. 25th. 2023 by either the Financial Secretary or the Grand Knight.

That leaves 49 e-members or 63% waiting for either a council to contact them, or for a council exemplification to be scheduled and completed.

If you are holding off exemplifying these men until it's convenient for your council's calendar, **that's not fair to the new member.**

We should be scheduling the exemplifications when it's convenient for the potential new member. I personally have held exemplifications on an evening, a Saturday or Sunday by myself, and

later had them attend a formal group installation ceremony.

Let's give these men the chance for an opportunity of a lifetime. Don't delay, Invite Today!

When I assign an e-member to your council, I also copy your District Deputy, Diocesan Director, State Deputy, State Membership Director, as well as our Supreme Regional Growth Director.

We are all wondering what the delay is in bringing in these new 1st Degree Knights?

If you are having difficulty in making contact, or any other issue, please email me regarding the e-member and I will gladly assist you with reaching a remedy

Also, again as a side note to Financial Secretaries, when an e-member gets assigned to your council's roster remember he is only listed as 1st. Degree member. It is up

to you to update his profile to 3rd Degree member status.

Otherwise, when you do your billing for council dues, and issue their membership cards they won't be happy to see their card showing them only as 1st. Degree Knight.

As we together address the above current fraternal year's assigned members, please keep me abreast of any issues you may be experiencing. I check the weekly Supreme's rosters every Tuesday to see who has been officially transferred.

Let's get it done!

Vivat Jesus!





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.

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



Happy Autumn

Wisconsin is beautiful in every season, but Fall is best with the splendid colors, Packers, and the return to hunting. Enjoy it, Brothers. I have a special message to the Financial Secretaries. Fall also means that the State Per Capita is assessed. These are no longer sent by snail mail, but electronically to your inbox directly. Please look for them on Monday, October 2, 2023. Remember, that, unlike other bills, an assessment does not require Council approval, in fact, you should get it paid on time. Please review the email and work with your Worthy Treasurer on getting the payment in as soon as possible. If you cannot open or read your statement, please call, text, or email me directly. *Vivat Jesus!*

ST Ross

October Webinar: Faith & Fraternity: Foundations for Success

Join us on Thursday, October 19 at 8:00 PM EDT, for an informative fraternal webinar entitled **Faith & Fraternity: Foundations for Success**.

Energize your council members and bring vitality to the men of your parish with a renewed focus on faith-based initiatives. In this webinar, you will learn about powerful new resources like *Cor*, the Men of the Word Bible Study, and the brand new *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* video series. These tools can be the foundation for your council to build a true brotherhood of men committed to strengthening Catholic families and building up the Church. Register today and take your council to the next level of success.

And remember, if you can't join us live, it will be available on-demand afterwards. Be sure to sign-up to ensure you get the link for this important webinar.

Officer Training Sessions

Register now for officer training sessions to enhance your skills to run a successful council and make a difference in your community. View our [Online Training Schedule](#) or click on the training topics below to register:

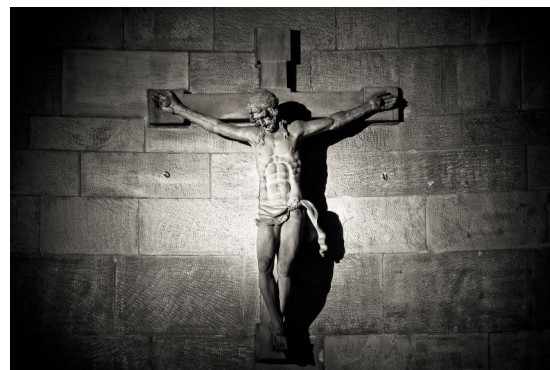
Note: All Times are Eastern

October 11, 2023, 9:00 PM [Conducting In-Person Exemplifications](#)

Training sessions are recorded and made available to view on demand after the live broadcast.

For these and more trainings, copy and paste the link below and ~~and~~ follow it!

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/our-webinars.html>





THE BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

Are you a member?

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

As of July 1, 2023 Wisconsin has only 1,264 out of 179,000 plus members registered in the Guild. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July - August and is sent free to Guild members.

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



Worthy Brother Knights, the Charity Raffle tickets have been distributed to your district deputy at the district huddles in October. Feel free to start distributing and selling the raffle tickets. Below is a list of the charity members for each diocese. Please thank them if you get a chance.

Superior Diocese

Dennis & Doris Berends

La Crosse Diocese

Michael Haight

Green Bay Diocese

Jeff Janssen

Madison Diocese

Robert & Colleen Pizur

Milwaukee Diocese

Jim & Beth Ten Pas

God Bless,
Bernie Heit
State Charity Director

“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 2023 program raised an excess of \$600,000. Local councils have distributed in their immediate area over \$405,000 of these funds to local groups and organizations that assist the intellectually disabled. The State Committee has an additional \$135,000 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 December 15, 2023. 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.

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.

Vivat Jesus!
Bennie Green

BROTHERS, WHILE OUR two major focus programs for Community this year are Coats for Kids and Habitat for Humanity, I'm going to lead off this month with the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This program has grown considerably in the state over the last 5 years but is still only a small fraction of where it could/should be. We should have at least 1 school per district (better 1 per Council) participating, as well as homeschoolers, Religious Ed classes, etc. It's relatively simple to do, requires minimal Council manpower and can generate local, State and even International honors for the winners. With significant growth, we could begin to introduce Diocesan (Regional) competition as well.

The Contest is open to all 8th-12th grade students. The 2023 theme is "How Can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?"

Essays are to be written in October and November; due to Councils by December 15, judged by Councils up to December 31 and due to the State Community/Youth Programs Director (me) by January 15. See the State website and Supreme website for more information and to download or order materials!

Turning to other Youth Programs, the Diocesan (Regional) Punt, Pass, Kick Contests are being held in October (between Oct. 1 and 22). The State Finals will be held on Saturday, October 28 at De Pere High School (1700 Chicago St.) in De Pere (alternate date if bad weather requires a change, November 4). Registration and practice 10-11 AM, competition starts at 11:15 AM. Refreshments will be available, and an awards ceremony will be held when competition is completed.

To date, I have heard of only 3 Councils in the state doing fall Soccer, not enough for a State Contest. So, I'm asking all Councils

holding fall Soccer Contests to report their winners' scores to their DPCs by October 31. We can then decide on Regional and State award recipients based on their scores. If we get enough spring Soccer participants, we can then hold in-person Diocesan and/or State Contests in June and the fall winners will be invited to compete then.

Councils should begin this fall planning for their Knowledge and Free Throw Contests which can be held anytime (November-March). Also, in regard to the Christmas Poster Contest, check the information that James Vosters, our new Family Director, is posting, but be advised that for 203 we are only now running the Supreme "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. The previous State "True Meaning of Christmas" Contest has been discontinued! All poster entries will go into the Supreme Contest which covers ages 5 (Kindergarten) to 14. Students will compete only against other students at their grade level. See the State and Supreme websites for more information, to download and order materials, proper entry forms, etc. More details about this next month.

Congratulations to all those Councils who've taken advantage of the Supreme/State Matching Offer to order their Coats for Kids for 2023-24 FY. IPSD Corey Coonen and Steve Geishirt have done a fantastic job spearheading the operation! This should be a fantastic October-November distribution this year from many sites. I and the DPCs hope to give them all the help we can. Stay tuned for more information on these operations (sites/dates) and plan to help out in your area if you possibly can. Also, for next year, we are looking for a Brother to take over the coordination of the Drive across the State and 1 Brother in each Diocese to assist with the coordination in their area. If interested, contact

Corey or State Program Director Ernie Reinhart or me.

For those Councils not participating in the Matching Program, there's still plenty of time for you to secure coats to give out from Supreme or other sources as well as other items as well (hats, gloves & mittens, scarves, boots, snowpants, etc.). Some Councils work with schools, parish, homeless shelters and community centers, etc. to give out store gift cards or vouchers instead. Let's all strive to have at least 1 Coats for Kids giveaway in each District. For next year, let's go for 1 in each Council or parish cluster! Be sure to fill out Form 10784 on this program and get it in as soon as you complete it. Also, many thanks and praises to PSD Jack Wrbanich for his tireless work in spending hours sending out Council invoices and other important messages. Along with the incredible efforts of Corey and Steve, this huge accomplishment couldn't have been done without their fantastic leadership.

Finally, now's the time to be working with Habitat for Humanity and cooperating organizations in town to plan your winter-spring projects for Habitat and Helping Hands. It's also a great time to hold a Global Wheelchair fundraiser to purchase a few chairs for those in need and to review or establish Disaster Prep plans and supplies for the parish, Council, community, etc. More on these in November.

Have a great October.

Vivat Jesus!

Knights from 10 Councils Support Special Olympics Fall Games

On Sept. 10th, thirty Knights and family members representing 10 Wisconsin councils came together to support the Wisconsin Special Olympics Fall Games in Wisconsin Rapids. The effort was led by Council 746 in Baraboo and Council 4586 Madison East. Council 746 coordinated the menu and purchase of the food. Council 4586 provided the primary pancake griddle. The remaining 8 councils provide the labor required to feed 720 people in two hours.

The original agreement between Special Olympics and KofC was that Special Olympics would pay for the ingredients and Knights would provide the labor. Paying for the ingredients represented a 75% reduction in the cost of hiring a caterer. However, The Baraboo and St Dennis councils decided to pay for the ingredients.

It was apparent from the smiles on the athletes' faces that they truly enjoyed the breakfast. Many of them sought out multiple Knights to say Thank You. One of the Softball teams signed a Thank You card and gave it to us. Lastly, the Special Olympics Executive team was very grateful for the support.

This event was a great example of our founding principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The

charitable aspect of our support is rather obvious in that Knights provide breakfast at no cost to Special Olympics. The Unity aspect is that 30 Knights and Family members from 10 different worked together to support a deserving program that no one person could have done by themselves. The fraternal aspect is that representatives from 10 Councils came together for the event. The councils that were represented included 746, 973, 1478, 2487, 3099, 3450, 4392, 4586, 10522 and 10893.

There are similar opportunities to support the Special Olympics State Winter Games, Bowling Tournament, and Summer Games. If your council is within an hour of the location of one of these events, you will likely be asked to consider providing support. Lastly, if a program presents itself that is more than your council accomplishes by itself don't be afraid to reach out to other Councils for help.

Sentiments for Seminarians 2023

The Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin will be holding their Annual "Sentiments for Seminarians Drive."

It's an easy way to give a show of support to our seminarians/future priests and religious novices with simple gifts of appreciation during the holiday season.

As a parish or Council, you can designate the month of any weekend in November to do this. Knights in your Parish can take care of arranging for a collection of gift cards for the seminarians and religious novices using whatever method of collection works best for your parish (e.g. parishioners purchase the cards and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Sentiments for Seminarians" or parishioners make donations of cash/checks in an envelope marked "Sentiments for Seminarians" and put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office.

Knights can then pick them up from the parish office at your convenience and we'll purchase the cards with the money donated. The gift cards should be pre-paid MasterCard or Visa cards, national brand stores or gas cards, or Amazon cards.

District Deputies will personally be transporting the items collected from area Parishes to our Winter District Deputy meeting on December 2-3 to be distributed to the Bishops of Wisconsin for our seminarians and novices throughout the 5 Dioceses in Wisconsin.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact your District Deputy or Diocesan Program Coordinator.



FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY PROGRAMS

Hello Brother Knights! We are starting Quarter 2 of the fraternal year, and this is a busy quarter for family programs!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

At this point, councils should be ordering materials and have a plan for distribution throughout their communities. Please consider putting a spin on your program this year to get more student participation and family awareness!

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Inflation keeps on ticking, and local families need your support for their next meal. In October, councils, or even districts should be planning food drives, to collect food for those in need. Additionally, plans should be made to help distribute that food, whether it be in a cooked format, or as packaged food for consumption later.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Supreme

The August Supreme family of the month is the **Ron Curio** family from the St. Maria Goretti Council 17889 of Madison in District 47 of the Madison Diocese.

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!

WISC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAMPING ASSOCIATION NEWS

Fellow Campers; Now is the time to join our Association and receive a camp site discount at our next camp out. A family fun filled couple of days at the Door County KOA Campground near Brussels, Wisconsin is scheduled for June 21st to the 23rd. Reservations are required by January 1st, to assure a site with our group.

For a family fun filled weekend, make your reservations now.

Contact Joe Huser, State Camping Coordinator
(joeuser@charter.net) 715 572-4531 or Mike Geisler, Sec/Treas.
(mvgeisler@aol.com) 715 536-2203 for details





Ultrasound Projects

Msgr. Blecha Council – #2055

Menomonie

GK Mike Kasten

kc2055gk@gmail.com

910 Wilson Ave.

Menomonie, WI, 54751

C 715-309-2339

KofC #1386 Platteville

Ultrasound Fund

tim.dreger@kofc.com

130 W. Cedar St.

Platteville, WI, 53818

C 608-778-6841

If you would like to donate to either fund, but wanted a personal tax deduction, please write your check out to and mail to:

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc
Memo: #2055 or #1386 ultrasound
4297 W Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53711-3859

Special Olympics Update:

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have agreed to cater breakfast for all their statewide events. There are five events (Fall Games, Bowling, Winter Games, Spring Games, Summer Games). Special Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI) will pay for the food. We save them money by cooking and serving the food. We look forward to seeing your council at one of their statewide events! **WE NEED YOUR HELP** in this excellent and worthy pro-life endeavor!

The next SOWI statewide event is their Bowling Tournament! December 2-3. Saturday-Sunday. SOWI State Bowling Tournament. 10am-4pm both days. Dale's Weston Lanes, 5902 Schofield Ave, Weston, WI. KofC caters food for

all athletes and their families. If you are from the Weston area – let's begin planning this event NOW! Contact: Worthy State Warden Ernie Reinhart majernie@sbcglobal.net or me Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org for details.

40 Days for Life & Life Chain!

You can make a difference by protesting abortion in the public forum! With 40 Days for Life, we go pray at abortion centers and abortion referral centers. To find one near you, follow this [link](#).

Life Chain is happening all across the United States. Happening on October 1, 2023! [Click here for details!](#)

October is pro-life month in the Catholic Church. Please support your pastor's initiatives at your church! If there aren't any, get something going! Maybe do a Novena for Life – or a Pro-Life Rosary at your parish after Mass or on a Saturday afternoon? Get the families to join you in prayer!

Through Christ,
Dan Miller
State Director
Culture of Life Committee
KofC State Council

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TRANSFER DATE	ICON 1	ICON 2	ICON 3	ICON 4
SUNDAY, September 24, 2023	21	42	6	72
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023	31	40	8	67
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023	32	41	13	73
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023	22	53	2	49
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023	24	26	80	50
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024	30	46	85	48
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024	29	44	91	63
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024	27	14	83	62
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024	33	54	81	69
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024	28	10	82	60
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024	90	11	87	61
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024	89	12	STATE	71
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2024	STATE	9	STATE	66
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024	ALL ICONS RETURNED TO STATE OFFICE			

ICON UPDATE

I have been informed that the St. Joseph Icons will remain with us in Wisconsin through at least the end of the 2023-24 Fraternal year. This gives us time for each Council to be able to share the St. Joseph Icon as second time with their parishes. While this second rotation will be over only 12 months instead of 18 months as in the first rotation I trust that the District Deputies can depend upon their prior experience to see that each of their Councils have an opportunity to share the Icon with their parishes. Please note that each district will have the ICON for roughly 3 weeks which still should allow each council to have it for at least 3 days. Below is the revised schedule. If you have any questions, please free to email me.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Dennis Bednarek



Wisconsin Honor Flight

Wisconsin's resource to find your local Honor Flight Hub for scheduling your Honor Flight to the Memorials in Washington DC.

<https://www.wisconsinhonorflight.org/>

Northeast (Fox Valley/Green Bay Area)

Old Glory Honor Flight

serves Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Green Lake, Iron, Jefferson (partial), Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Price, Sawyer, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties.



Northwest/Central (La Crosse Area)

Freedom Honor Flight

serves Adams, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Crawford, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Saint Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon counties.



South Central (Madison Area)

Badger Honor Flight

serves Columbia, Dane, Dodge (partial), Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson (partial), Lafayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk counties.



Southeast Wisconsin (Milwaukee Area)

Stars and Stripes Honor Flight

serves Dodge (partial), Jefferson (partial), Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties.



Northwest (Superior Area)

Honor Flight Northland

serves Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron (partial), Polk, Price (partial) and Washburn counties.



North Central (Wausau Area)

Never Forgotten Honor Flight

serves Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Rusk (partial), Taylor, Vilas and Wood counties.



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

