



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

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State Deputy's Message

By John Huttenhoff

IT IS HARD to believe that summer is coming to an end already. Hopefully, all of you found time to spend time with family and friends to recharge and be ready for the busy fall season.

One question that the State Officers often hear "What do the State Officers do?" This is a great question. My short answer is that the State Officers are focused on the success of each of the Councils in the State. We do this by sharing information on new programs and initiatives, helping Councils to develop plans for Success, then coaching and mentoring Council and District Leaders.

August was a typical busy month for our State Officer Team. We started the month with the Supreme Convention in Orlando. Wisconsin sent 10 delegates including our State Deputy, Immediate Past State Deputy and State Treasurer who were joined by our State Chaplain, State Warden, and Fraternal Trainer.

In August we also celebrated the Feast Day for our Founder (August 13) as well as Marian Feast Days for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) and Queenship of Mary (August 22). The Silver Rose was in Wisconsin until August 12, when a Delegation from Illinois came to Twin Lakes, meeting up with our State Deputy and State Warden to attend a prayer service with the Twin Lakes Council, prior to transporting the Silver Rose to Illinois, escorted by a Knights on Bikes.

The State Deputy, State Secretary, and State Treasurer participated in Family of the Year presentations. The State Warden called Councils to find volunteers to put on a Pancake Breakfast for the Special Olympics Fall Games, where the Knights have been asked to feed over 500 Athletes, Coaches, and

Parents. This past weekend, our State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director Andy Orgovan was in New Haven for training on launching the Cor initiative in Wisconsin, and State Officers met to in Madison review Culture of Life Grants, review progress against our State Goals, and adjust plans for the next few months.

In addition to this, State Officers reviewed Charity Grant Applications, chased down missing forms and missing directory inputs, answered questions from Council Officers and District Deputies and attended several Funerals, Exemplifications, DD Huddles, Officer Installations, and Council meetings over the course of the past month.

In addition to the State Council activities, most of the State Officers still have full-time jobs. We also try to find time to spend with our families, grandchildren, and occasionally a few days of vacation. You may ask why the team does all this. The answer is simple. We all joined the Knights of Columbus to Grow in our Faith and to Serve Others. We are United in Purpose and believe in Fr. McGivney's vision and mission. When everyone does their part, we succeed as Councils, Districts, and as a State Council.

As we work to build our State and Diocesan Teams, we are also looking for ways to ensure that they are actively engaged in helping Councils succeed. As part of this effort, we asked Council Leaders to provide dates for Exemplifications, Church Drives, and Programs for the fraternal year. If your Council has not yet responded to this request, I am asking that you take time this week to submit what you have so that our State and Diocesan Teams can plan for the months ahead.

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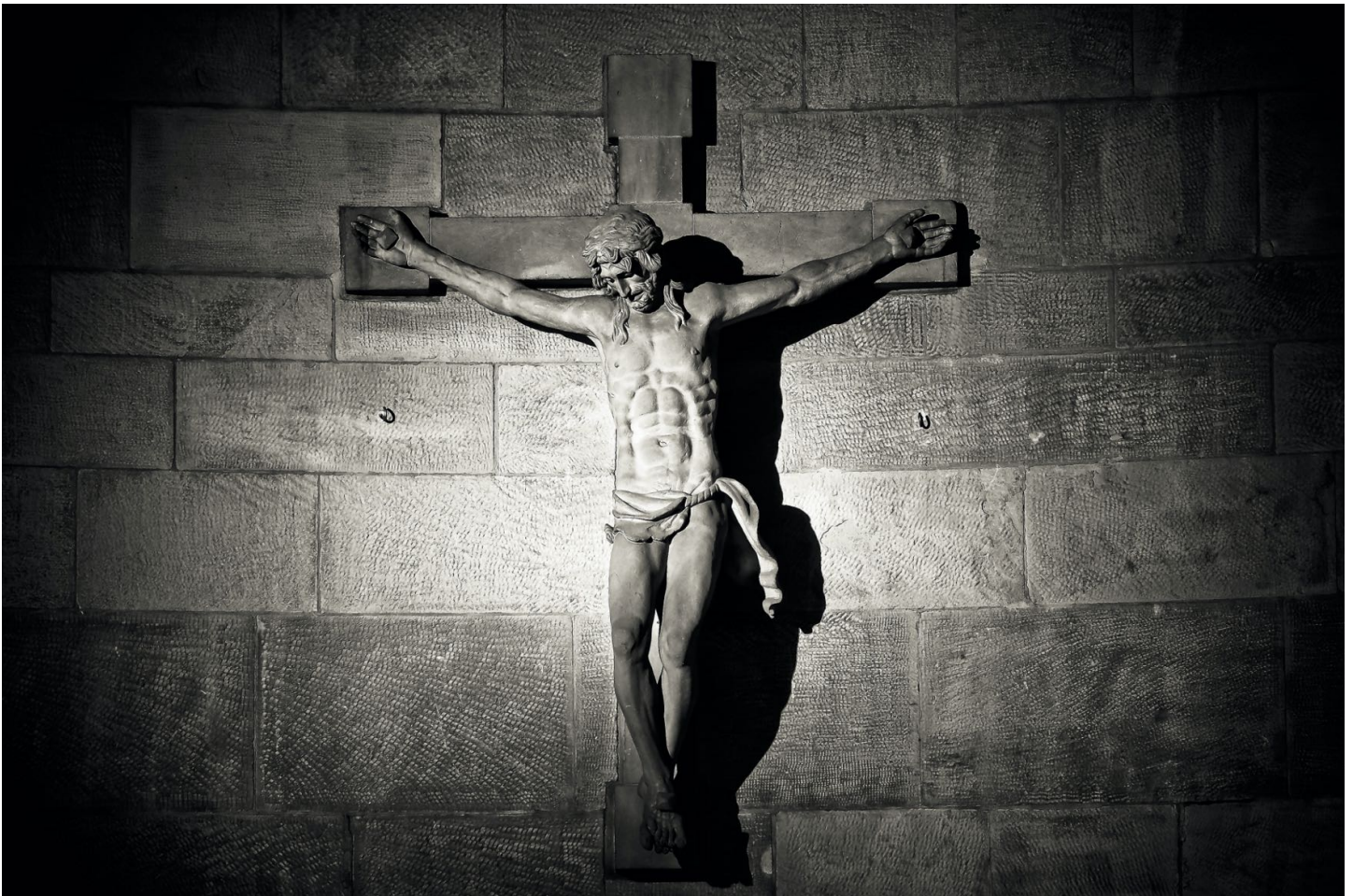


In September, the District Deputies will meet in each Diocese to review progress and update plans. We are growing our relationship with Special Olympics by engaging more volunteers directly with the games and will be serving a Pancake Breakfast to the Athletes, Coaches, and Parents at the Special Olympics Fall games in Wisconsin Dells. This fall we will be ordering more YouCat Bibles and Coats for Kids as we continue to grow those programs. We will continue to ask Councils to make phone calls to invite men to participate in programs. Once we have men involved in programs, we can then identify more men to invite to take on Leadership roles as we work to Build a Bench of leaders.

This fall, we will also begin rolling out Cor across the State of Wisconsin. You will be hearing a great deal about Cor in the coming months as the order

refocuses on the Mission of helping men to grow in their faith.

As you can see, we have ambitious plans for the fall season, but as we watch the news each day, it is very apparent that our communities are in need, and that as Knights of Columbus it is time to Step Up, put our Faith into Action and share the love of Jesus with others through our actions. Our time to grow our Programs, Fraternal Benefits, and Membership is NOW! We need every Council to be part of our Growth.





State Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Brian Dulli

BROTHERS IN CHRIST, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus!" The Catholic Church needs new life today. That's a new life that can only come from God. We sometimes get frozen when we think about all the new life we need. Knights of Columbus are steeped in history. The value of our organization are dynamic. Our legacy as Knights has given us all that we need to meet modern challenges.

And they are challenges. It may not appear that we are winning in every way. Times are hard for so many. Don't turn a blind eye. We all feel it. But remember that even Mary and Joseph had to flee to the deserts of Egypt with the infant Jesus. From the desert, Mary was still Full of Grace." God was still working perfectly in the desert. God is still working perfectly, constantly. He's doing more than we realize. The Knights of Columbus helps us to be attentive to God's plan. The Knights prepare us to enter into a work much greater than ourselves.

We are still just a few weeks past this year's Supreme Convention in Orlando. I'm grateful to the Supreme Council and our State Council for giving me the opportunity to attend my first Supreme Convention. I'm also excited for next year's Supreme Convention in Quebec. There's so much to unpack from every convention as you take in all the goodness of our order. We keep growing

even in the midst of the challenges of our times.

The highest point of the convention without question was the awarding of the Gaudium et Spes Award to Mother Agnes Mary Donovan. Mother Agnes is the foundress of the Sisters of Life. She responded to Cardinal O'Connor's call for sisters to build the culture of life. The recent victories of the pro-life movement and the overturning of Roe were the fruit of decades of toil. Pro-life believers and the Sisters of Life knew that for us to win this struggle for life, our Church needs a culture that meets women with compassion. Care for mother and baby together make it possible for us to be truly pro-life in word and deed.

There are other challenges still that need a similar approach. A change of culture begins in the heart. People are disoriented. Therefore, let's reorient people to Jesus Christ. His love is everlasting. We have the faith. We have the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Let's take a real interest in people who are struggling and disoriented. Let them know that Jesus Christ loves them so very much. These are our people. They do not need to be afraid. God is working and doing new things. Let's love people in Christ so that they will know they have nothing to fear from saying yes to God, as Mary did. *Vivat Jesus!*





Wake Me Up When September Ends

By Corey Coonen, IPSD

It seems fitting to write this month's article for September focused on the above song with the month in their title. The song 'Wake Me Up When September Ends' was a hit song by the band 'Green Day.' Although a very iconic and catchy song that has grown into internet memes over the years, if you listen to the lyrics of this 2004 song, you will find that there seems to be more hidden than just on the surface of someone wanting 'Summer' to end.

'Summer has come and passed / The innocent can never last / Wake me up when September ends'

'Like my fathers come to pass / Seven years has gone so fast / Wake me up when September ends' ...

'Ring out the bells again / Like we did when Spring began / Wake me up when September ends'

The lead singer of the band, frontman Billie Joe Armstrong wrote this song about his father, who died from cancer when he was 10 years old. This song served as a bit of a therapeutic release for him to write about—as following his father's untimely death, he struggled to even leave his room, constantly saddened. When his mother, concerned about her son's isolation would encourage him to leave his room—his response would simply be: 'Wake me up when September ends.' Now this is a bit of a somber tone to start this month's article, but it illustrates it seems what has been a concerning trend in our State. When Summer comes for some, we take time off and effectively 'close' operations in some councils. Inviting new members wanes and councils though focused on growing their membership for the upcoming year, do not do so in

the months of June-August and for some, even September.

This current year we are off to a much slower pace than in this prior year—where we had started slower than the year prior. Last year—in the 2nd quarter of the year from October-December, our State Council had our BEST quarter of the year! We brought in 334 men (roughly 33% of the intake for the year) in these 3 months. For our State to get back on 'TRACK' towards our goal of achieving Circle of Honor for the 3rd consecutive year, we will need to bring in at least 120 men each of these next 4 months.

Now—this may seem like a 'lofty' number, when we simply break this down it is not too difficult. What we are asking simply is for every council to conduct 2 Exemplifications these next 4 months! In doing so, that would mean that we would have 600 exemplifications and we could easily hit this goal. This comes back to what can be referred to as the 'Blocking and Tackling.' Every year—NFL Football teams go through a training camp—a series of practices on their playbook as well as getting their team prepared for the upcoming season. Some of these practices are simply focused on players 'honing' their skills at their positions. Rudimentary exercises that they have performed as a child, that they still are working on to perfect and improve. The 'Blocking and Tackling' of the Knights is simply focusing on our Programs and 'inviting' men to join the Knights to grow our councils and our charitable impact. We asked every council to compile a list of Membership Events and various programs that they were doing this calendar year—not because we are wanting to 'check the box' as an exercise, *Continued on page 6.*





but rather because we are trying to encourage a ‘BEST PRACTICE’ for every council so that you can communicate to your membership and others the various good works and opportunities you will have to join the Knights. Further, it allows the State leadership team the opportunity to coordinate and organize assistance when needed, to further HELP and ASSIST councils to achieve the best possible outcomes for their council—to potentially become a ‘STAR COUNCIL.’

In the coming month, your District Deputy will be receiving a calendar of events for the various councils in the Diocese that responded to our request. Your council can see all of the various councils that are conducting multiple drives, exemplifications as well as their programs that is helping them achieve SUCCESS. I implore all of you Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries if you have yet to respond to me with information for your council that you do so in the coming days so that we can also share your information on this calendar! WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND TOGETHER—WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL! To help incentivize membership growth and a ‘FAST START’ the State Council and Supreme have a few incentives to offer:

State Incentives

- ▶ If a Council achieves 100% of their Membership Goal set by Supreme by September 30th: 75% off of October 1st State Per Capita Invoice
- ▶ If a Council achieves 50% or greater (but less than 100%) of their Membership Goal set by Supreme by September 30th: 25% off of October 1st State Per Capita Invoice

I want to congratulate those District Deputies and councils that have been active in the first 2 months of this year in bringing in a new member. Next month we will be listing all of the councils that have achieved this 1st quarter incentive as well as disclosing the incentive chosen for the upcoming quarter! I hope that your council can be one of those recognized for outstanding growth!

In closing—as the song states—‘Summer has come and passed’, as for many Labor Day marks the official end of Summer.

We have the month of September to get back on track before the ‘official’ seasonal end of Summer. We can’t wait for September to end for us to get back on track—we need to WAKE UP NOW and get our Councils active in inviting and exemplifying new members into our Order! These will be men who can be greatly utilized in the many council activities that your councils will be conducting this Fall from Youth events such as Punt, Pass and Kick or the Free Throw Contests, to Life Events during October such as the 40 Days for Life, to Faith focused events during Advent. What a great opportunity for them and for your council to get a JUMP START on achieving your membership goals in the early part of the Fraternal Year. With Football about to begin—the first quarter is about to end and we are down 14-0. It is still early in the year, and we have time to catch up to get back on track, but we can’t go down further in this second quarter as then the deficit may be even too insurmountable to recover from. All of us play a part in our state’s success—and EVERY COUNCIL ACTIVE in these next 4 months will go a long way for us to get back to where we need before the calendar turns to 2024! *Vivat Jesus!*



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General Agent's Message

By Tim Nowak

Bishops, Priest & Deacons, State Family and membership,

My brothers and sisters in Christ greetings and Blessing from the Nowak Agency.

During each month of the year, I am blessed to spend time in prayer and time in reading spiritual writings each day. This month I would like to share a writing from:

Saint Alphonsus Liguori- Ready to Enter the Father's Kingdom.

From a strictly materialistic, this-worldly point of view, the thought of death can cause anxiety and fear, sometimes even panic. But viewed from the perspective of Faith, death is consoling and at times even desirable. Saint Bernard wrote: "Death is precious insofar as it marks the end of struggle; it is victory attained, it is the gate to eternal life."... In the Scriptures, God calls those who die in his grace happy. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this; Blessed are the dead who from heaven saying, 'Yes,' says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them" (Rv 14:13). And in the Book of Wisdom, we read: But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

The call to leave this world, which is so full of terror for those who love it, does not alarm good people. Those who love God are not afflicted at the thought world's goods. They have never been attached to these so-called attractions. Neither do they fear giving up worldly

honors or fame, for they have always avoided them, or consider them to be what they truly are, vanity and smoke... And at the same time, as they await their merited crown in heaven, they foresee that in heaven they will be able to assist their loved ones more while still on earth. Thus, good people are able to die in peace and happiness, saying with the Psalmist: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord make me lie down in safety. In a word, those who during life have constantly said ' My God and my All' will continue to repeat this prayer with greater consolation and tenderness at the hour of death....

O my God, I ask only to love you for all eternity. Mary, my Mother, obtain for me the grace to love God ardently in this life, that I may love him ardently forever in the next.

The reason for sharing this writing is it is beautifully simple, as Knights we live knowing that life is short and that we should remember death. Not to be dreaded, but a reward for a good life well spent and what Our team of field agents do is help prepare for this truth. Our good deeds will follow us, we can plan to assist those we love even when we are gone. Building upon St. Alphonsus Liguori writing, planning will stop all panic and fear and the anxiety. Please look for a time to meet with us so we can make sure your ready when you're called heavenward.

Vivat Jesus!





Charity Raffle Committee

Know of a family with a sudden life crisis? First, bring it to your local council for consideration, then print off a copy of the “Individual Charity Request” from the state website, use that form to interview the family to hear their story. Based on the reports I have heard, no matter how large the payout of the grant to the family, you will receive the greatest satisfaction.

Your raffle charity committee members have already started this year’s raffle. All the tickets and posters have been printed and divided into packets for each council. These packets will be delivered to the district deputies in September ready for your members, be on the lookout. Meet your committee members:

- ▶ From the Superior Diocese - Dennis & Doris Berends
- ▶ From the La Crosse Diocese – Michael Haight
- ▶ From the Green Bay Diocese - Jeff Janssen
- ▶ From the Madison Diocese - Robert & Colleen Pizur
- ▶ From the Milwaukee Diocese - Jim & Beth Ten Pas

Vivat Jesus!
Bernie Heit



September Supreme Trainings

SEPTEMBER 5 @ 9:00 pm
Member Experience ~ Ken White

SEPTEMBER 12 @ 9:00 pm
Council Growth ~ Wayne Fink

SEPTEMBER 13 @ 9:00 pm
State Disaster Relief ~ Jon Olson

SEPTEMBER 25 @ 9:00 pm
Church Recruitment Drive ~ Shawn Veters

[REGISTER FOR THESE SEMINARS HERE!](#)

Remember, you can register for these, and if you are not available, you will get a link to watch the webinar at a more convenient time.





BROTHER KNIGHTS, AS of August 17, 2023, we are still waiting for confirmation as to when Praesidium Academy will be available. The thinking right now is the end of August/early September. We will be sending out information as we receive it from Supreme and Praesidium Academy. Please keep talking with your councils and those that 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!

Home Corp resolution info:

[Home Corp Handbook](#)

At the 132nd Supreme Convention in 2014, the Supreme Council unanimously adopted a resolution establishing a policy requiring councils using home corporation facilities to enter into written agreements governing (1) a council's use of home corporation facilities (the "Terms of Use Agreement") and (2)

how matters will be settled between the council and the home corporation in the event that the home corporation chooses to wind up its affairs (the "Charitable Distribution Agreement"). These agreements empower councils to identify, address, and resolve issues that may arise in connection with home corporations. In establishing this policy, the Supreme Council expects councils and home corporations to work together in their distinct but complementary roles, namely, that of tenant and landlord. The Supreme Council expects that officers of councils and representatives of home corporations will act in good faith to clarify the relationship between their respective organizations in order to promote the mission of the Knights of Columbus. In addition, it is expected that councils will become better stewards of the good name of the Knights of Columbus and better guardians of the Order's valuable trademarks.

The following are the specific resolutions in full detail: [Resolution 340 & Resolution 341](#).

Thank you for your great support and looking forward to serving you. *Vivat Jesus!*



THE BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

Are you a member?

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

As of July 1, 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 below to register today! It's **FREE!**



Why Public Relations Matter

Nonprofit organizations such as ours heavily rely on the power of positive opinions to establish and cultivate relationships, as well as to obtain support from your community. To effectively share their story, they make use of various channels including media outlets, and create impactful content that highlights their achievements.

A strong and well-planned public relations (PR) strategy is crucial in establishing trust, building a client base, boosting brand recognition, and ultimately leading to greater success. Neglecting to prioritize PR efforts can have detrimental effects, such as spreading false rumors or losing credibility. Therefore, investing in effective PR is essential.

While PR is important, social media and in-person communications can also be effective in drawing attention to your council. However, it is important to remain authentic in these interactions, such that individuals can truly identify with the mission and feel that their involvement truly matters.

Tell us your story, send photos and articles of your accomplishments and events to pr@wikofc.com!

Vivat Jesus!
Jack Wrbanich



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Join the Fourth Degree

By James TenPas
Eastern District Manager



WE ARE 3 months into the new Fraternal year. The time is now to talk to your Third Degree Brothers about joining the Fourth Degree. The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight". The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. They are men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen. There are two very important dates coming in October. October 14th is the 4th Degree Eastern District Exemplification in Appleton. October 21st is the 4th Degree Western Exemplification in Medford. Invitations to these

Exemplifications are being sent to your Councils so please consider joining us.

Other important dates that you are encouraged to participate in are at the Honor Flights in Milwaukee. September 9th, October 7th and November 4th. [Contact Eastern District Area II Coordinator Dale Kordylas](#) for more information on how to be a part of welcoming our veterans home from their life changing trip to Washington DC in the secured section of the airport.

Below are from the various Honor Flight websites and may be subject to change.

Vivat Jesus!



“Faith is something that sustains us.”

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





Honor Flight 2023

HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK is a national nonprofit organization comprised of independent hubs working together to achieve the Honor Flight mission. In furtherance of this common goal, we have the enormous privilege of showing our nation's veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve.

Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, remember the fallen, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans. Honored veterans always travel free of charge, thanks to generous donations to our organization.

Honor Flight Network currently honors those who served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and veterans of any service era who are critically ill.

Over 125 hubs across the country form our Honor Flight Network. These hubs and their volunteers truly make our mission a success. They freely donate their time and talents to coordinate flights, bus trips, welcome home ceremonies, thousands of phone calls and so much more – all with the common goal to honor our nation's heroes with the trip of a lifetime.

Through Honor Flight Network's Lone Eagle program, we are able to serve those veterans who live in areas with no local hub, furthering the reach of our impact.

OTHER HONOR FLIGHT DATES

- ▶ 09/09/23 – Madison
- ▶ 09/16/23 – La Crosse
- ▶ 09/25/23 – CWA Mosinee
- ▶ 10/07/23 – Madison
- ▶ 10/16/23 – CWA Mosinee
- ▶ 10/18/23 – Appleton
- ▶ 11/04/23 – Madison

Vivat Jesus!

2023 Wisconsin Honor Flight Schedule

Fox Valley	Old Glory Honor Flight	Oct 18
North Central	Never Forgotten Honor Flight	Sept 25 & Oct 16
Please support the Honor Flight whenever you are able.		



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State Online Membership

By Pat Reiff

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Membership Directors, our Supreme Online Assigned e-members being converted to Council members are off to a very slow start.

In the past we have averaged approx. 200 e-members per year, or 16 per month actually transferred to council rosters.

As of today's date, only 9 of the 35 e-members, or 26% that I received from Supreme for this fraternal year have been officially transferred by the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary to their council rosters. **By this time, we should have approx. 32 e-members transferred to council rosters.**

Of the above remaining 26 e-members that are still pending transfers to councils, 14 of the 17 councils that have these members already assigned to them, have not yet recruited a member. Our Supreme & State Council needs Every Council Active, and their opportunity to be an active council is already waiting for them in their Online Prospect Tab of Officer's Online!

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

I just emailed all the District Deputies of these 17 councils to help me research why these e-members are still in a pending status in their assigned councils.

Also, 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.

Only 3 of the 9 e-members converted to council membership have their council's roster showing them as 3rd. Degree Knights. **Thank you to those 3 WFS's that have fulfilled this part of their official responsibilities.**

That leaves 6 or 67% of those now in council's not yet updated to 3rd. degree by their Financial Secretaries.

As we together, address the above current fraternal year's assigned members, I will also be preparing a review and course of action of the 70 e-members that are still assigned to councils from last fraternal year dating from **July 18, 2022, to June 30/2023**, and have not yet been received by their assigned council's.

Until then, Let's get it done!
Vivat Jesus!



For more information visit:
kofc.org/join





Officers Online Access

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

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

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

Applications by Roles	Role Description										
	Officers Online	Officers Desk Reference	Office of Youth Protection	Home Corporations	Member Management	Member Billing	By Laws Online	Knights Gear	Supplies Online	Prospect Tab	Candidate Tab
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		
District											
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		

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Why the Church Needs Her Knights

By Ernie Reinhart

I had the privilege to attend the 141st Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida. It was a very moving experience. Many aspects of the event moved me. There were two that will guide my actions in the coming year. One was the address by our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. The other was the address by Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori. One provided guidance as to what we should do in the coming year. The other why we should do it.

The theme of Supreme Knight Kelly's address was "First in Faith and Charity." I think we can all agree Mass attendance has decreased in the last two decades. However, in recent years there has been an uptick in men looking for something more. The Knights of Columbus it well positioned to help these men to reengage with the faith. To this end you will be receiving more information about Cor and a new Into the Breach video series. Please determine how best to implement them in your council.

He also acknowledged all the great charity work we do every year. Programs like Coats for Kids, ASAP, Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics are but a few of the programs we support. Our local councils support thousand of parish and community-based charities annually.

In the coming year he urged us to be "First in Faith and Charity"

Supreme Knight Kelley shared his vision of "What" we need to do in the coming year. Archbishop Lori in his address provided the "Why." During his address he shared something that put it all together for me. He shared the following statement:

"Faith leads to charity and the witness of charity leads to faith."

This simple statement sums up why as Knights we need to support both charity and faith formation. Our charitable works will bring men to the Faith. Once they join us, we need to strengthen the bond by inviting men to participate in faith formation programs. Men with that have strong faith are more likely to participate in charitable program.

We can take this one step further. That is the impact of that having faithful man in the household has on a family. It has been said many times that if we get the man right, we will get the family right. We need men to lead their families to the faith. The Church needs her Knights to be "First in Faith and Charity." Can she count on you help??

Vivat Jesus!



WISC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAMPING ASSOCIATION NEWS

Hello Fellow Campers. The 33rd Annual Wisconsin K C Camping Association had another very successful campout. Thirty K C Members and their families enjoyed the weekend of June 23rd thru 25th at the Stoney Creek Campground, located in Ossc, Wisconsin. Next year's campout is planned for the Door County KOA Campground, near Brussels, Wisconsin. The date of the 2024 Camp Out is June 21st thru 23rd. For a family fun filled weekend, make your reservations now.

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





AS I HAVE reminded you before, there are a myriad of ways you can leverage a great drive in terms of finalizing ideas, ways to secure coats beyond those available from Supreme, branching out to securing and distributing other items beyond coats alone, finding assistance in giving out those coats, developing this into a major PR event for your Council, District, the Order; attracting more young men to join the ranks to provide more hands for our charitable programs, etc.

There are too many ideas to print here. Feel free to pick the minds of your DD, DPC, State Officers and Directors Team, etc. All you need to do is ask!

Here in September, it's the perfect time to be connecting with your local or nearest Habitat for Humanity chapter or project and arrange to get Knights and others to help on their ongoing or next project(s) before winter sets in. It's also a good time for a fundraiser to help or donations to that worthy cause. Since we're good at pancake breakfasts or brat fries, why not offer to prepare a hearty breakfast, lunch or dinner for the on-site volunteers?

September and October also offer the opportunities to hold a Global Wheelchairs fundraiser at the parish, in the community or District. It's a good time to get together with the parish or community leaders/organizers to review and revise Disaster Preparedness plans and supplies. (Given the wildfires in Maui and Canada, storms in the South and Southwest, etc., it's also a good time for a Disaster Relief donation to KC Charities!) And, of course, now is when you should be finishing up your fall or planning your winter major Helping Hands project in the parish or community.

In regard to youth programs, you should've already connected with schools, parish religious ed programs, homeschool networks, etc. to run the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest in October and November. You can get all the information you need and order supplies from the Supreme website and Supplies Online. Essays are due to Councils by December 15 and to me by early January. Direct questions to your DD, DPC or me as needed.

Councils have through September 30 to run their local Punt, Pass, kick Contests. Diocesan (Regional) Contests will be set up and announced by your DPCs. The State Finals will be held in De Pere on October 28 or November 4. More information will be announced soon. Instructions and supplies for PPK are available on the State website.

Councils can also run local Soccer Challenge Contests through September 30. Needed information and supplies can be obtained from the Supreme website and Supplies Online. Diocesan (Regional) and State Contests will be held as needed – TBA. Hockey Challenge Contests can be held anytime September-April. Information and supplies can be ordered or downloaded from the Supreme website and Supplies Online.

Finally, begin arranging with schools now to be operating the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in November-December. There will be a major change this year as the old State "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest will be dropped and merged with the Supreme Contest. Thus, students Kindergarten-age 14 will be eligible to compete in the contest. The posters will be judged at grade levels Kindergarten-grade 9. This will necessitate some changes in our judging, award structures. More on that next month.

Have a great September and enjoy the summer-to-fall transition.

Bill Frayer
State Community/Youth Programs Director





SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Our next opportunity is a chance to volunteer at a state game. The Special Olympics **FALL GAMES** have been scheduled at Wisconsin Dells from **September 8-10, 2023**. We will again be asking 4th Degree Honor Guard to attend the opening. There will be many opportunities to volunteer for this event and other events listed below.

TEAM WISCONSIN 2026 DRIVE: I am very happy to announce that we have received \$53,087.18 as of July 23, 2023. Thank you! Now, let's see if we can reach \$200,000.00 before the 2026 convention. **WHAT A CHALLENGE.** PLEASE remember Special Olympics. Monies can come from anywhere, whether it be a Fund Raiser, Council Donation, Charity Account, etc. Thank You to Reedsburg Council #3805 for the proceeds over \$1400.00 from a Brat Fry.

We are asking for more member participation with Special Olympics at events. The days of just writing a check are no longer the only support that we as Knights are asked to do. As a matter of fact Supreme looks at involvement, more than money donated to award the Supreme grant each year. I list events on this article months prior in order to give Councils and members sufficient time to plan ahead. Click on the **BECOME A VOLUNTEER** below to sign up for an event.

NOTICE FROM SUPREME: As part of the Order's ongoing support of Special Olympics, each jurisdiction in the United States and Canada receives a check to present to the Special Olympics organization in its state, province, or territory every year. The check amount is based on council participation in Special Olympics programming in your jurisdiction compared to other jurisdictions within your membership division. To earn a larger check for your state deputy to present to Special Olympics, encourage councils to report their participation in Special Olympics programs through the online [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784). Thus far, only 14 councils have reported participation in Wisconsin for the 2023 calendar year." We can do better than this.

Please remember to file on line form #10784 **each and every time** you make a contribution to the drive or a local agency or do a project. Please **Report Man Hours and Members** involved as well as money. If using Tootsie Roll drive monies for Special Olympics, those Man Hours and Members from that project, can be reported as well.

All participation taking place in calendar year 2023 must be reported through the online #10784 by January 31, 2024 to be considered in the rankings. Rankings will be determined, and checks will be issued, by April 2024. Rankings are based on categories such as number of volunteers, volunteer hours, and donations.

BECOME A
VOL♥
UNTEER

Special Olympics
Wisconsin



Volunteers are needed at all events.

Click on above link or go to Wisconsin Special Olympics web page or phone Nicole Christensen, 608-442-5670

UPCOMING EVENTS, where Councils or members can volunteer to help.

Sept 2nd ~ Buckshot Run, *Eau Claire*

Sept 8th to 10th ~ Fall Games, *Wis Dells*

November 4th ~ State Volleyball tournament, *Menomonee Falls*

December 2nd-3rd ~ State Bowling Tournament, *Weston* (another Pancake Opportunity)

John Benisch

Wis KofC Special Olympics Coordinator

**HELLO, BROTHER KNIGHTS!**

As we spool up into the new school year, we also need to start planning for the programs we need to support in the upcoming months.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Casting our gaze forward, planning should be starting now for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. To put a family and community spin on the program this year, I encourage you to consider holding an art gallery, prominently showcasing each entry received, and holding a community vote on council-sponsored categories such as: best use of iconography, best use of crayon, or most unique work. Displaying the artwork of our children allows our kids to demonstrate their own faith, and simultaneously evangelize all those who would view their art. Of course, there are many ways to do this, an art gallery is just one suggestion.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Unfortunately, as we have proceeded through this period of inflation, more of our brothers, sisters, and children from our local communities have faced challenges getting enough to eat. As we send our kids back to school, consider ways to incorporate food or money collections for your local food banks or pantries into your regular schedule of events. Remember, the Supreme requirement to get credit for this program requires BOTH food or money donations, AND service in distribution of food to those in need of it. Keep in mind that this program can be one large event, or a combination of multiple events; but the important part is serving the families around us that are in need.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Thank you again for an **amazing** month!

Supreme

The Supreme family of the month is the **Curt Nichols** family St. Croix Council 7030 in District 81 of the Superior Diocese. The family should be receiving a nice plaque and letter from Supreme.

Form Accuracy

Supreme reported that there were **nine** families that were NOT included in the Wisconsin Family of the Month drawing because the council did not fill out the yellow fields (see image). Councils, to make sure your family is considered for Supreme's Wisconsin Family of the Month drawing, be sure to fill out **ALL** the fields completely on the form.

Diocesan Families of the Month

Green Bay	David & Julie Hietpas
Madison	Mark Hebgen & Jackie Benish-Hebgen
Superior	Christopher & Hollie Jarman
La Crosse	Bryce & Mary Lisowski
Milwaukee	James & Sandi Jazak

District

62% of the districts submitted at least one family.

Districts on Fire: Three districts submitted three or more families and eleven districts submitted two families.

Diocese

Green Bay Diocese led with **55%** district participation and also led with the most FOMs by submitting **13** families.

Council

There were two new councils submitting a family of the month:

- ▶ Alma Center Council 6789, no Grand Knight, District 31 – DD Ronald Brownell
- ▶ Msgr John J Sprangers Council 10919, GK James Vosters, District 9 – DD Michael Fraiss

There were 42 families submitted to forms@wikofc.com. Unfortunately, four families were not submitted to the state so these families were not considered for being a diocesan family of the month. Gentlemen, please remember to **FORWARD** your 10784 forms to forms@wikofc.com!

SUPREME NEWS

There is a problem with the online 10784 where the family summary is restricted to 250 characters. Supreme is aware of the problem and there is no estimated time of repair. Here is a [link](#) to the video on how to fill out the new online version of the 10784 form. After you fill out the online 10784, you will receive a PDF file that you can include in your council history books. **Please forward this PDF to forms@wikofc.com** 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 James Vosters

Member (Y/N)	Membership #	Nominee Full Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
YES		Michael Schultz	2613 Dunwoody Dr	Madison	WI	53713
YES		Scott Antonneau	50 Chaffee	Oconomowoc	WI	53066
YES	4720471	Aaron	6326 Devonshire Ln	Sun Prairie	WI	53590
YES	2033035	Glenn	2545 Continental Ct	Green Bay	WI	54311
YES		Chris Miki	194 157th Ave	Houlton	WI	54082
NO	N/A	David Ohls				
NO	N/A	Chad Leider				
NO	N/A	Aaron Schnell				
NO	N/A	Dave	90 Northbreeze Dr	Appleton	WI	54911



CULTURE OF LIFE - ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

I know you guys are VERY MOTIVATED to help stop abortion in its tracks here in Wisconsin. If you have ANY money set aside for LIFE - Please send your ultrasound money to the councils in the boxes below:

1. Msgr Blecha Council #2055 (for Options for Women, 544 Broadway St. S - #404, Menomonie, WI 54751)

Msgr. Blecha Council #2055 - Menomonie
GK Mike Kasten
kc2055gk@gmail.com
910 Wilson Ave.
Menomonie, WI, 54751
715-309-2339 (c)

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

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc
 Memo: (#6630 or #2055 ultrasound)
 4297 W Beltline Highway
 Madison, WI 53711-3859



ANTI-TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

IF YOU HAVEN'T seen [Sound of Freedom](#), you should. The movie resonated with me right away, as the first scene takes place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. My father and I traveled to Trujillo, Honduras in 1996 to help build an orphanage. We lived there for six months to help with the construction of the buildings throughout the Farm of the Child. We drove a donated Ford E-450 van from Burlington, Wisconsin to Trujillo, Honduras, and the orphanage we helped to build has saved hundreds of Honduran children from extreme poverty, starvation, and neglect. But more than that, it protected them from being swept up by child traffickers.

Most of the children who were brought to the orphanage were called “abandonados”—abandoned by their parents. Many were brought in through the Catholic Church or from a Honduran social service agency without even so much as a birth certificate. In the eyes of the government, they didn’t even exist. It would have been very easy for a child trafficker to abduct these children at the city square; instead, many of them were found there by the Catholic Church. I helped retrieve one of the “abandonados” from a far-off pueblo high in the mountain range in the State of Colon, Honduras. His name was Eddy. His stomach was distended from malnutrition and his hair was falling out. He was three years old. At the Farm of the Child, Eddy went to school every day. Eventually, he graduated high school and now has his own family and a good job, thanks to those who made Farm of the Child possible. His story is one of many happy endings. Yet some are not so fortunate.

I walked out of the Sound of Freedom movie angry and sad, but inspired. In recent weeks, so many people have been contacting me, asking what they can do about child-trafficking. You can do something about it. One thing I learned from the movie is that a pregnant sex-slave is completely useless to a sex-trafficker—so abortion is the answer to what they see as a “problem.” You can help those moms who were being trafficked by donating funds to your local pregnancy resource center! And then, you can apply for an ASAP Grant for any donation between \$500 and \$2,000. Anything above \$2,000 is completely appreciated, but Supreme Council will only match funds between these amounts, making their grant limit \$400, essentially (\$100 ASAP funds for every \$500 up to \$2,000).

Thanks for all you do to end abortion! *Vivat Jesus!*
 Dan Miller



TRANSFER DATE	ICON 1	ICON 2	ICON 3	ICON 4
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023	25	51	3	70
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023	23	52	4	68
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023	21	42	6	72
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023	31	40	8	67
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023	32	41	13	73
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023	22	26	2	49
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023	24	46	80	50
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024	30	44	85	48
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024	29	14	91	63
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024	27	10	83	62
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024	28	11	81	69
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024	90	12	82	60
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024	89	9	87	61
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024	STATE	71	STATE	66
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024		STATE		STATE

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 a 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 feel free to email me.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Dennis Bednarek



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In service to all.

