



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Wisconsin



KC STATE NEWSLETTER

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

APRIL 2024



**St. James Catholic Church**

Michael James Feider Council #7048  
Mukwonago, WI



**HE IS RISEN** – He is Truly Risen! Happy Easter!

**State Convention**

In just a few short weeks, we will be gathering in our State Convention. I find it fitting that our State Convention falls during the Easter Season each year, as we celebrate success, but also look forward to a sense or renewal as we elect new State Officers and prepare for the new Fraternal year. We also take time during our State Convention to remember those brothers who have gone on to their eternal reward. If you have not yet registered to attend, please do so today. The convention is open to any member of the Knights of Columbus, you do not need to be an Officer to attend.

**Build a Bench – Next Man Up**

This time of year, many of us enjoy watching a bit of March Madness. Teams that have the most success have a strong bench and rely on the Next Man Up! The same holds true for our Knights of Columbus Councils. The Councils that experience the most success have deep benches and can always rely on the Next Man Up! Councils need to always be looking to grow future leaders by ensuring that all their members are asked to participate in the planning and execution of Council programs and events. Relying on the same few members puts your Council at risk of failure if someone moves away, passes away or has health issues. As you prepare for this years Council elections, ask your Nominating Committee to focus on inviting new men to your Council Leadership Team.

Thank you to those that took time over the past month to attend huddle/town hall discussions. Your feedback is useful as we continue to evolve the Knights of Columbus to meet the growing needs of our Families, Parishes, and Communities. I encourage all

Council Leaders to participate in these sessions when they are offered in your area.

**Fraternal Benefit Events**

One thing that became very clear during several of our discussions with Council leaders over the past few months is that Fraternal Benefit Events are largely misunderstood. Fraternal Benefit Events are not a hard sell on Financial Products and Insurance. Presented topics are useful information regardless of where you invest or purchase your insurance. On the Fraternal Benefit Events provided by General Agent Tim Nowak, presenters have included Bishops, Attorneys, and Financial Planners. Supreme recently added an On-Demand FBE – Work with your Field Agent to make arrangements for your Fraternal Benefit Events.

**Councils Awards**

People want to belong to organizations that make a difference. Council Awards are designed to recognize Councils that are making a difference. The Star Council Award recognizes the best Councils in the order each year. Latest Awards Tracker shows that as of March 23, 2024:

- ▶ 3 Councils have completed all requirements for Star Council,
- ▶ 21 Councils have completed the requirements for the McGivney Award,
- ▶ 17 Councils the Founders Award, and
- ▶ 8 Councils have completed the requirements for the Columbian Award.

The **Founders Award** recognizes Councils that have attended Fraternal Benefit Events. Following a Fraternal Benefit Event, the GK must submit form 11077 with the list of who attended and their contact information. In checking records from the State Council Virtual Fraternal Benefit Events, we have noticed a significant number of

Councils have participated in our Virtual Events but not yet submitted the paperwork.

Every Council should be able to host a couple of events and meet the requirements for the Founders Award.

**The Columbian Award**

recognizes Councils for their Programs. To earn this award, councils must have 4 programs in each of the Faith in Action areas (Faith, Family, Community and Life), and then submit form SP-7 to document these programs. Councils are encouraged to submit Form SP-7 as early as possible so that any issues can be resolved prior to the June 30 deadline. There is no reason that every active Council should not meet the requirements for the Columbian Award.

The **McGivney Award** recognizes Councils for Membership Growth. Councils that meet or exceed their membership goal are awarded the McGivney Award.

To earn the **Star Council Award**, Councils must be current in Per Capita payments to Supreme, Safe Environment Compliant, submit forms 365 and 1728, and meeting the requirements for the Founders, McGivney, and Columbian Awards.

**Finish Strong**

We have less than 3 months left in our Fraternal Year. The time is now to make a difference in our Parishes and Communities. The time is now to finish the last few requirements to get Councils recognized for all the hard work they have done this Fraternal Year. Now is the time to grow the order to continue to help those in need. Now is the time to Put out into the Deep.

*Vivat Jesus! Viva Christo Rey!*



**HAPPY EASTER!** Christ is truly Risen! He is Risen Indeed! In this Easter season, let us remember how Jesus leads in the new life of resurrection. Leadership is a critical feature of Easter. Jesus goes first in dying and in rising. That's what leaders do. They go into what is difficult first on behalf of all. When the leader goes first, whom we love, we all want to follow Him. This is why Peter wept so bitterly after he denied Jesus. He really wanted to go die with Jesus. Already before the resurrection Jesus inspired his disciples.

The passion shows us that inspiration in leadership is not enough to get the job done. When I was a younger priest, I used to be amazed at how some of our older priests could command such respect. It isn't just their personal qualities, which can often fade with age. Jesus' leadership of the Church goes well beyond sentiment or ability. Jesus gives his disciples trust. He lets them know that they are each important to Him. He believes

in each of them. Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants but friends." His friendship with the apostles helped them to understand that they had it in them. Jesus was not going to lead them into things that they would not be able to handle or understand as human beings. We are not a religion of esoteric mystics, disconnected from our humanity.

Jesus elevated His friends. He also gave himself away. The ultimate expression of this self-gift is the Eucharist. Jesus gives the Eucharist to the Church to save us and build us into his body. He also does this to live in each of His disciples. The apostles were energized to live the mission and the values of Jesus. Jesus sent them the Holy Spirit so that they could live in the same relationship between the Father and Son.

Good leaders, good men, give themselves to others. Live your life in such a way that others want to share in it. Share your masculine heart like Jesus did. This is not extra. It is not optional. If you want to lead

others to Jesus, you have to consider how you live in them and they in you. What memories are you forming with others day to day? Kindness and goodness to others makes all of the difference. In a word, fraternity, embodies the character of a man who considers the effects that he has on others above all else. The man who cares for his brothers is like Jesus, of whom no man had greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

As we reflect on the core values of the K of C, we realize so clearly that they are all interconnected. All of these values are embodied perfectly by Jesus. Let us humbly ask for the grace to embody the Risen Jesus in our actions, words, and intentions for one another.

*Vivat Jesus!*

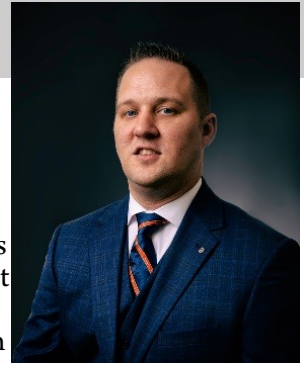


## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Each month in our 2024 newsletter for will feature one of our council's churches throughout Wisconsin. If you would like your council's church featured in future issues of the newsletter, please send me your parish's name, city, council #, and a high-quality image. Submissions may be sent to [jjhoppermusic@gmail.com](mailto:jjhoppermusic@gmail.com).

*On the cover...*

St. James Catholic Church  
Michael James Feider Council #7048  
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AS I WROTE in last month's article, Wisconsin has underperformed this year to date in our Membership Intake. We are tracking 10% behind where we were last year while at the same time seeing an over 10% increase in our Goal to achieve Circle of Honor. As such, we are in need of roughly 400 men this last quarter to achieve the Circle of Honor success for a third consecutive year.

This is very much an achievable goal! With over 300 councils in our State, each Council would only need to bring in at least one new member this quarter or if each council that is three new members away from reaching their Star Council goal were to do one or maybe two more exemplifications to try and achieve their goal, then we should reach our goal!

In recent memory, Wisconsin has never achieved three consecutive years of receiving the Circle of Honor recognition—an achievement that is bestowed upon all in the state for their hard work in growing programs and membership! We all play a vital role in our State's success, so if each of our councils do their part in bringing in at least one new member, we all will be successful!

To help spur focus for all councils to achieve success, we will be offering

some unique incentives once again this quarter. An e-mail will be sent out in the coming days, if not already received, to those councils that are eligible to receive an incentive. I hope all of you take advantage of another great opportunity for your council to grow your charitable efforts while also growing your membership!

Of note: Tom Brady is the NFL quarterback leader with an astounding 46 4th quarter comebacks. None is more memorable than the comeback from down 28-3 in the 4th quarter to the Atlanta Falcons on the biggest stage of them all, the Super Bowl. People in Atlanta may have already been popping champagne, making plans for the Super Bowl Parade, only for it to all come crashing down in a matter of less than hour. In baseball, one of the most famous "curses" was that of the Great Bambino, Babe Ruth. After trading the 'pitcher' in 1920 to the New York Yankees, the Boston Red Sox faced a curse of some 86 years without a World Series win. Although they made it back to the World Series following his trade, they lost each time. Down 3-0 in the American League Championship Series to their fated rival the Yankees, the Red Sox overcame unsurmountable odds to win the

series 4-3 and go onto win the World Series, thus ending this almost century long curse. Recently, in the NBA, the

Cleveland Cavaliers, another "cursed" city in professional sports nicknamed "the Mistake on the Lake" overcame a 3-1 NBA Finals deficit—a first in NBA history—to win the NBA Finals and bring a championship back to their city and fans.

In each of these instances, these teams rallied together to come out on top, in victory. **They had a common goal** and together they achieved success. No one person is stronger than the team. We have a team of great leaders at the Council level, and together your leadership in motivating your council members to invite new members to your council will breed success to the mass, the **team** that is the State Council.

I thank you all for everything that you have done thus far this year and hope that you will make one final push this last quarter to come from behind for a victory once again. On Wisconsin!

*Vivat Jesus!*

## UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at [kofc.org/training](http://kofc.org/training).

### English Training:

April 17, 2024, 7:00 PM.....Advertising Council Events

April 25, 2024, 7:00 PM.....Completing the SP-7 for the Columbian Award

April 29, 2024, 7:00 PM.....Financial Officer Training

April 30, 2024, 7:00 PM.....State Council Officer Succession Planning



**BISHOPS, PRIEST, DEACONS,** State Families and Membership, my brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings and blessings from the Nowak Agency.

Hello, to all of you! I am writing this newsletter during lent but before Easter, Palm Sunday to be exact. Some would say “Oh you’re working on Sunday? Shame on you.” However, writing to you is anything but work, as a matter of fact it is Evangelization and what a better day to do that then on Sunday.

Why do I call my newsletter or article Evangelization? Well as you know by now it is because I will tell you a story as a way to get you to think about what we do with the Knights a little differently. Two things I did this Lent was one, 33 days to Eucharistic GLORY, a dynamic catholic book that was a journey toward consecration to the Eucharist. As I walk this journey through this book, I realized many times how I take this wonderful sacrament for granted. It saddens me to say it but most of my adult life and part of my youth, I accepted the Eucharist into my body with near to none of the proper preparations. Thankfully my walk with the Knights and the challenges the Knights have put in front of me, showed me that many people who knew how to prepare and what it was to put myself in the proper state of grace. Knowing what I do now about the consecration today, I know what I am signing up for and why I believe it is important to share it with all of you.

I would be lying if I told you that no one I speak with is concerned

about the crisis of Faith that we are seeing in the great country today. A Crisis in vocations, and Marriage as a vocation, and Holy Orders. Each of us has an incredible story to tell others as to why our Faith and the sacraments mean so much to us. As I was listening to a Monsignor talk a few months back on the radio with Drew Mariany, he was talking about Drew being mad at God for his Father dying. Monsignor said, “You know why you’re mad?” Drew said, “Yes I lost my father.” Monsignor said, “No it is because you are an atheist. You want your will instead of God’s will.”

I believe you can tie in this crisis to all these wonderful sports kids and the situations they are in these days. They’re traveling every week and becoming mini “demigods” themselves and when they lose, they blame it on God. God wants to build habits into your lives so when suffering happens you can give it to him to be added to his suffering and it can be used for good. Most people don’t want to suffer at all anymore and the culture says get rid of suffering any way you can. As I was traveling this week to speak with a bunch of college students getting ready to graduate. I went through a town in Michigan where I notice a drive through two lanes wrapped around the building on a Friday night. I thought to myself, that must be a good fish fry. However, when coming back through on Saturday at 2:00pm in the afternoon the same place was even busier, so I decided to find out what was so good about this place. Well, it was a dispensary for Marijuana. People were waiting

and getting in line for a drive through of an “I don’t want to suffer” solution. It struck me that I should open a counselling center next door. The sad reality is that some people have so much pain that they’d rather continue masking the pain with drugs which will only make them, as a person, less whole.

Here’s my second story for you. I decided to pick up a new habit during lent. Most of you already know but I go to daily mass, confession monthly, I say the rosary daily as well as St. Bridget prayers and the way of the cross. So, this Lent, I pick up daily adoration. I just take 15 minutes each day during lent, but I was not expecting to find that I needed so much time away from the world’s problems. Most problems become an emergency when we don’t deal with them right away. Have you ever prayed for God to explain the problem to you more and for him to show you the best way to handle that problem? Yeah, me neither. But I started doing the short way of the cross at adoration, and every time, when I come out of Adoration the problems are smaller and my God is Bigger. I would encourage all of you to take two things to adoration, vocations, and suffering.

*Vivat Jesus!*





**HAVE YOU TAKEN** the Badger Bulletin survey? Remember to do so now by clicking on the link provided. Your feedback is valuable to us! Click here to take our survey: [BB Survey](#).

We have some exciting news to share! Badger Bulletin has recently undergone some improvements and includes two new sections: "In The Spotlight" for exclusive council/assembly events and "Back Page Challenge" for community engagement. We value your feedback and would appreciate any input you have to offer. Your contributions will make these sections even more impactful. We kindly request all Councils/Assemblies to consider submitting their most recent successful activities for potential inclusion. Thank you!

Here are some tips to help you take incredible photos. An ordinary photo may lack branding, storytelling, and action, whereas a better photo would include elements of all three. However, the best photos capture three key elements: being candid, telling a story, and capturing emotional moments between subjects. Great photos combine both context and content, meaning they have multiple aspects that together tell a story. These photos create an emotional and authentic connection with the viewer. Be sure to check out this month's Badger Bulletin to see which photos you think fit into these categories.

The efforts of our councils are commendable and should be shared. A potential benefit of the Badger Bulletin could be to develop into a platform for sharing innovative ideas. The main objective would be to provide insights into the strategies used to achieve success. Instead of sharing photos and the amount of money raised, councils should elaborate more on the unique steps to raise those funds. This could provide a pathway for other councils to improve their results. Additionally, councils could share events or activities that they have created that are unique and have the potential to be replicated. This approach can foster a collaborative learning culture, where councils can learn from each other's experiences and successes.

It is recommended that you email digital photos at their original highest resolution. Images received via text or social media are usually of reduced size. The JPG format is the most familiar and universal file type. If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance in your PR efforts, please get in touch with us at [pr@wikofc.com](mailto:pr@wikofc.com).

***A few responses from our survey:***

- ▶ Continue to promote and get Councils to have links from their newsletters to BB. Have BB list councils that have active web pages and online newsletters. Make the BB a go-to place for all State Councils to leverage and advertise good works.
  - ▷ What a great idea! We are not sure who submitted this recommendation, but we will work on including this information in future newsletters. Thank you.
- ▶ Due to the numerous commitments of the Knights, extend the deadline for picture/article submission to 60 days instead of 30. Thank you.
  - ▷ We removed any reference to deadlines; however, we would like to keep the material as relevant and current as possible.
- ▶ Are back issues available to reread?
  - ▷ Yes, back issues are accessible on the state website 'NEWSLETTERS' link to back issues. You can also access them through the link provided on the BB guideline page of each issue.

*Vivat Jesus!*



A MOST CORDIAL invitation is extended to every third-degree member of our order to advance to the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus.

The Fourth Degree is very proud of its many accomplishments since its founding in 1900. The ceremonials of the Fourth Degree were orchestrated on the theme of Patriotism and Catholic Citizenship and remain so today.

Patriotism is the principle of this prestigious degree. Its ceremonials are orchestrated to exemplify our love of our country and church. The Fourth Degree's primary purpose is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in its members and the community.

To qualify, a candidate must be a Third-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing.

The Eastern Wisconsin District Exemplification will be May 11, 2024, at Divine Mercy Catholic School, 695 College Ave, South Milwaukee. Honoree is Fr. Alejandro (Alex) Rodriguez.

The Western Wisconsin District Exemplification will be May 18, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 151 S. Washington Ave. New Richmond. Honoree is Sir Knight James Michaelson.

Contact your Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator or District Master for more information and registration forms.

Please support Honor Flights by making donations to support a veteran or by being in attendance to greet them when their flight returns from Washington D.C. or by writing letters to be given to the veterans at Mail Call on the flight. Here is the current schedule of flights for the spring of 2024:

- ▶ [Appleton/Green Bay](#)  
April 17, 2024
- ▶ [La Crosse](#)
- ▶ [Madison](#)  
April 6, 2024  
May 11, 2024  
June 1, 2024
- ▶ [Milwaukee](#): Knights contact SK Dale Kordylas Area 2  
Coordinator for lower level access (Star and Stripes Honor Flights only)  
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April 20, 2024  
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- ▶ [Mosinee](#)  
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May 20, 2024
- ▶ [Superior](#)

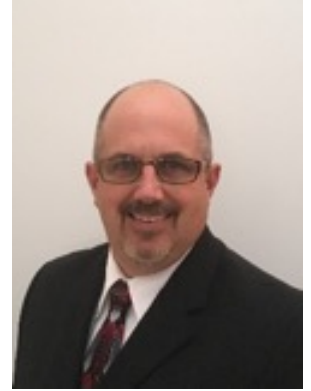
Come Join the Fourth Degree. Sir Knight is not just a title. It's an Honor.  
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# Knights of Columbus®



# Wisconsin Faith in Action



## FAITH & ACTION: SUPPORTING THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**AS KNIGHTS OUR** goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. The Supreme Council provide several resources on its website.

I want to bring your attention to the Eucharistic Revival section. As you are probably aware the goal of the Eucharistic Revival is “Renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.”

I ask each council during its next meeting to watch the video “The Eucharist: Source of Our Healing” (<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/eucharist.html>). Then begin planning how your council will support this important endeavor in the coming year.

## TIME TO SUPPORT THE COLUMBIAN AWARD (SP-7)

**THE COLUMBIAN AWARD** recognizes excellence in your council’s programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award your council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. A completed Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) must be received by the Supreme Council office by June 30 in order to earn this award. There are no required programs.

The Supreme Council has designated certain programs as featured programs in each of the program categories. When your council conducts a featured program and satisfies the associated requirements it will receive two credits towards that program category on their Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). The featured programs for each category are listed below.

- ▶ **Faith** - Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP), Holy Hour, Spiritual Reflection, Into the Breach
- ▶ **Family** - Food for Families, Family of the Month, Family Prayer Night, Family Fully Alive
- ▶ **Community** - Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Global Wheelchair Mission
- ▶ **Life** - March for Life, Special Olympics, Ultrasound, Pregnancy Center Support (includes Aid and Support After Pregnancy – ASAP)

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**THE BLESSED  
MICHAEL J.  
MCGIVNEY GUILD**

*Are you a member?*

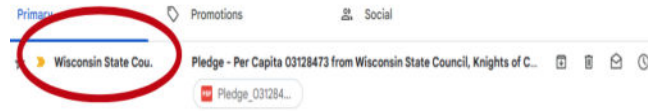
The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members 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, 2024 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!**



**IT IS THAT** time of year, I have completed the Spring per capita assessment. All Financial Secretaries on record received an email statement on 04/01/2024. There are no mailed statements, only the electronic copies. The per capita invoice will not come direct from the Knights of Columbus, but from our software provider QuickBooks. If you don't think you have received your copy, please check your junk/spam folder for the notice. Below you will find a few examples of what they may look like.

**EMAIL BY COMPUTER**



**EMAIL BY PHONE**



**HOW TO REVIEW** your per capita:

- ▶ Your total Supreme membership record as of 03/01/2024
- ▶ Your Council's total of Honorary Life members as of 03/01/2024
- ▶ Your Council's total of exempted members as of 03/01/2024
- ▶ Any reduction made for achieving incentive goal by 03/31/2024



**Congratulations to all the Councils that worked so hard to reach your membership goal and saving your Council the expense. More Knights = More Charity. I hope you all had a Blessed Easter and I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention.**

**INVOICE**

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Invoice no.: 03128473  
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#	Date	Product or service	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Total Membership	50	\$5.00	\$250.00
2.		Honorary Life	10	-\$5.00	-\$50.00
3.		Exemption	1	-\$5.00	-\$5.00
4.		Rebate Incentive Rebate	1	-\$75.00	-\$75.00

**Total \$120.00**



**WORTHY BROTHERS, AS** your State Advocate, I want to wish all of you a great finish to this year and I hope your council brings in many new members!

The following is a follow up on filing of taxes. **We are all required to complete this!**

**FROM: Knights of Columbus Legal Department**

**DATE: February 2024**

**RE: 2023 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters**

This notice is to remind councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an **IRS Form 990** (informational tax return) for the 2023 tax year,

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters

(collectively referred to as councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal

Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue

Code. This tax-exempt status requires each council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

**Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less with less than \$200,000 in assets may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the ePostcard). Councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 with total assets of less than \$500,000 must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with gross receipts of \$200,000 or more and total assets of \$500,000 or more must file the Form 990.**

**REMINDER**

The IRS 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.

**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 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.

**DEADLINE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURN (ALL FORMS)**

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council’s

annual accounting period. For example, if a council’s accounting period ends December 31, it

must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if a council’s accounting period ends June

30, it must file a tax return by November 15. Please note that the IRS assigns the accounting

period to each council based on its Employer Identification Number (EIN). The IRS will

not notify the council of the accounting period. To determine the accounting period assigned to your council’s EIN, sign into the IRS system with your user ID and password. For most councils,

the assigned accounting period corresponds to the calendar year.

*Vivat Jesus!*



**FINANCIAL SECRETARIES, GRAND Knights, District Deputies, Brother Knights All:**

As you review my State Newsletter article:

- ▶ We are **nine months** into the Fraternal Year.
- ▶ Supreme's Fraternal Year E-member Target Goal for Wisconsin is 423 new E-members.
- ▶ As of Mar 26th, We have assigned a total of 305 new E-members, and we should be at 317 to be on target.
- ▶ Our Online activity is improving! 305 puts us only 12 men short of our YTD Goal through March.
- ▶ As you are doing your programs & church drives, be sure to include the E-membership online invitation app. in your invitation process to potential members. Bottom line = 305 new members have already utilized the online process. **IT WORKS!**

WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils **PROSPECT** tab and if you are having difficulty in making contact, or any other issue, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members

and I will gladly assist you with reaching a remedy.

Remember:

The **PROSPECT** tab shows you e-members that have joined your council online via the Supreme app. and the date field is used when they have completed their exemplification.

The **CANDIDATE** tab is what you use when you recruit a member locally or are handling a member transfer request or a reinstatement of a prior member.

Again, the date field is the date they were exemplified by your council. Once you enter those dates in either tab, the members will be automatically transferred to your council's roster within the next week.

- ▶ Do not send Form 100's to Supreme for new members, keep them for your councils records.
- ▶ If you have any questions or concerns, contact me, I am in your State Directory.
- ▶ A final note: Our State Convention is quickly approaching and on Sunday April 28th will be the election for the new slate of state officers for the next fraternal year.

I am running for State Deputy, and if elected, I will need someone to replace me as Online Membership Chairman.

This is a key role in the State and if you have a possible interest in this position, let me know, and I can provide you with

further information regarding the requirements of the position of the Online Membership Chairman.

**Together, Let's get it done!**

*Vivat Jesus!*

**“Faith is something that sustains us.”**

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





# Officers Online Access

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

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

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

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



**BROTHERS, AS I** type this note, immersed in the tradition and liturgy of Easter, I can't help being utterly overwhelmed at the magnanimity of our Lord, and his sacrifice for each of us and our families. I am again reflecting on how I am imparting the love of Christ on those around me, but especially to my family.

In April, in addition to celebrating the first Eucharist with two of my kids, I will be building a small family shrine as a reminder for my family to pray together and pray often. I intend to have my family help to select some of the decoration and icons that we will display, it is how I will keep Christ leading my family.



**FAMILY FULLY ALIVE**

At the conclusion of Easter and onset of summer, exists an opportunity to bring families together to grow in community and holiness. The Family Fully Alive program gives councils monthly themes, scripture verses and activities for families to participate in as a group. Please review the guide sheet #10605, and the booklet #10162 for details on how this program can work.



**SUPREME FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

The February Supreme family of the month is the Pat Lennon family from the Abbot Pennings Council 3955 De Pere in District 8 of the Green Bay Diocese. Congratulations!

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!



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**HAVE YOU HELPED** with a Special Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI) event? Be sure to report your hours to your GK so Wisconsin can get credit (and the funds from Supreme Council) – go here to submit your Form #10784!

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have agreed to have boots on the ground for all Special Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI) statewide events. If they need us to flip pancakes, that’s what we will do! If they want us to man a table for sign-ups, that’s what we will do! We are there to HELP with MANPOWER! There are five events (Fall Games, Bowling, Winter Games, Spring Games, Summer Games). 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:

**Spring Wisconsin Special Olympics  
April 12-14, 2024**

OSHKOSH and BEYOND! You are on deck for the next statewide Wisconsin Special Olympics event, coming up on April 12-14!! To volunteer for this event, please reach out to John Benisch and/or James Vosters. We are looking for about 30 volunteers.

**ASAP Grants**

Here is where we are currently. Keep up the good work! Total Wisconsin Council ASAP donations: \$95,310 - which resulted in a Supreme Council Match in the the combined amount of \$8,800!!

***This means we are #3 in the nation! Give more!!***

Hopefully the month of March left your council’s checking account empty after giving away all your money to pregnancy centers in your area! For every \$500 (up to \$2,00) you gave to a maternity home or pregnancy center, Supreme Council will give that non-profit entity another \$100! But, you have to apply for it! Always best to apply online! I am hearing stories of money left on the table with applications that either got emailed or worse yet, mailed to Supreme Council. Please don’t do that! Give me the information and I will apply for you online and your PRC will get those funds in a timely manner!

If you’d like to see where each District stands with Form 10784 submissions, click here! As you look at the document, you’ll see that the highest use of man hours is in the Community programs, with 55,414 hours volunteered, then the Life programs at 53,951 hours volunteered and so on. Keep up the great work! It all adds up!

**March for Life – Wisconsin**

Mark your calendars – Saturday, June 15, 2024 - for the March for Life – Wisconsin – taking place in Madison at the State Street steps of the Wisconsin Capitol Building @ 1:30pm!

*Vivat Jesus!*





**TEAM WISCONSIN 2026**

DRIVE: I am pleased to report that we have received \$84,435.41 as of March 27, 2024, Thank you; hopefully we can reach \$200,000.00 before the 2026 convention. **WHAT A CHALLENGE!** Keep up the good work.

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER!**

There are many opportunities coming up in the next few months. See list below. If your Council is in the area, please volunteer. If you cannot help, stop in at event and cheer on the athletes. We are asking for **more member participation** with Special Olympics at events. 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** image to sign up for an event.

Thank You to the Councils that filed the on line Form #10784 by Jan 31st. Councils should report after each and **every time** you make a contribution to or volunteer to the drive or a local agency or do a project. Report Man Hours and Members involved as well as money. Only 67 Councils filed this Form last year, Very disappointing.

**PLEASE** remember Special Olympics Monies can come from a Fund Raiser, Council Donation, Charity Account or any other ideas.

Volunteers are needed at all events listed below. We are looking to have at least 200 volunteers for the Summer Games June 6-8 at Whitewater. This is a great opportunity for Councils in Southern Wisconsin to become involved.



BECOME A  
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**Special Olympics**  
*Wisconsin*

**Volunteers are needed at all events.**

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
May 4, 2024	Region 2 Athletics	Merril
May 4, 2024	Region 6 Athletics	Oregon
May 4, 2024	Region 8 Athletics	Muskego
May 11, 2024	Region 7 Athletics	Burlington
May 18, 2024	Region 3 Athletics	Chippewa Falls
May 18, 2024	Region 4/5 Athletics & Cornhole	Green Bay
June 6-8, 2024	Summer Games	Whitewater
Sep 6-8, 2024	State Fall Games	Wisconsin Dells



# DRAWING AT THE END OF THE MONTH

# \$50,000

Let's finish strong Wisconsin families are counting on **YOU!!!** Get those tickets sold. Get your "Council Charity Grant Fund Request Form" sent to the state office prior to the state convention. The form is needed for our next state gaming commission audit and due by May 1. If your council sold any raffle tickets this fiscal year the form is required, your reimbursement check will not be sent until form is received and processed at the state office.

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# *"Buy Raffle Tickets!"*





**BY THE TIME** you're reading this, Lent will have passed, and we will be in the Easter Season. What does the Easter season mean to us as Knights of Columbus and Catholics? This is the season where our Youth will be receiving their First Holy Communion, and our Young Adults will be receiving the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. But it is so much more! It is when most Marriages joining a man and woman to each other for the rest of their lives. It is also a time when men are ordained as deacons or priests in our Dioceses. This is also the season where I review all the form #10784's that I expect to be flooded with as hopefully most of the over 300 councils partake in the Sacramental Gifts program.

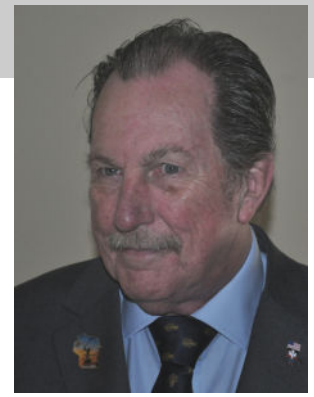
Sacramental gifts do not have to cost hundreds of dollars. For First Communicants, consider a scapular, or a Rosary along with a book on how to pray it correctly. Or perhaps a book on the saints to help them contemplate who they wish to pick when they are Confirmed. For the those receiving the Holy Spirit remember we have the YouCat Bibles still available for \$12.50 each or you can present them with a copy of the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." For the newly ordained Priests who are dedicating their lives to Christ consider a Stole, Chasuble, or Chalice. Don't forget a remembrance gift to our newly baptized, especially their fathers. A gift from the Knights can help them be good Christian man and a great example for the next generation of Christians. There is nothing wrong if you also provide a pamphlet from the Knights with the gift encouraging who we are and how we support strong faith and fatherhood, and how joining us would enhance that!

As many of you know we will have the St. Joseph icon for another year since Supreme will not have new icon ready at the Supreme

Convention. Watching the reports on the icon has me puzzled especially the last few months when I started receiving copies of #10784 for Faith programs. From the last full rotation 2022-23 only 30 of the over 300 councils reported they had a service with the Icon. For the first 6 months of this year only 24 of the 140 councils that should have had it filled out form #10784. I have heard from District Deputies that the next District scheduled to receive the icon is refusing to take it because they already had it in the past. I can accept this, but when I also get phone calls from Councils who should have had it 2 months ago asking when they can get it, I sense something is drastically wrong. I'll be looking into making changes to this program for the third rotation.

This Summer, the Eucharistic Procession to the first Eucharistic Congress in 87 years pass through Wisconsin. I'm currently gathering information about the route but encourage all Councils and Assemblies consider how they can help their clergy support this amazing Faith opportunity. It is not every day that we get to walk alongside our Lord, as the Disciples did 2,000 years ago. Supreme will be expanding the Eucharistic program and Councils are encouraged to have local processions especially on key feast days. They have released an [informational video](#) to help you plan ahead.

The Silver Rose path for this summer is currently going through some fine tuning now. I will say that it looks like all the all of this year's services will be held in Parishes that did not have it last year. I should be publishing the final route on flock notes prior to the State Convention. I want to thank all the Councils that applied. If your council was not chosen this year, you will be given priority next year. Remember we have over 300 councils and we only have the Silver Rose in only 28 days.



A closing reminder we still have over 700 YouCat Bibles available this year. They were \$12.50 each, half the normal retail price because we purchased them in quantity. They can be ordered by credit or debit cards by pressing the blue icon **STATE COUNCIL STORE** on the first page of the State Website. Or if your council is paying by check,



[email me](#) and send a check made out to "Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus" with a note in the memo section for YouCat Bibles. Send it to the state office at:

**4297 West Beltline Highway,  
Madison WI 53711-3859**

If you inform me several days prior to the State Convention, we can have some for you at the State Convention.

*Vivat Jesus!*





**BROTHERS, HAPPY EASTER** to you all! We're into April now and the final quarter of our '23-'24 Fraternal Year. I hope you've completed or are near to doing so the 4 Community programs you need for your SP-7. If you did Free Throw, Coats for Kids, a Helping Hand programs, and PPK or Knowledge Contest or Essay Contest or Habitat/Global Wheelchair fundraiser or donation, you're already there! If not, there's work to be done but not that hard to yet complete.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming State Convention at Chula Vista on April 26-28. We'll have many of the Youth programs on display there (PPK, Free Throw, Essay, Posters, Knowledge) as well as the Outstanding State Service Program Award entries and History Books. In addition, I hope to have examples of information from the Form 10784's I've seen for top

Community programs in the State as well as associated stats for those programs from Wisconsin Councils.

Remember that now is the time to be planning for such programs as:

- 1) a Spring Jacket Drive or next fall's Coats Drive.
- 2) Disaster Preparedness for tornadoes and floods (homes, parishes, schools, communities).
- 3) PPK, Soccer, Essay Contests next fall.
- 4) Summer and fall fundraisers for Wheelchairs.
- 5) Summer Habitat projects, Helping Hands projects.

Finally, reminder that the State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests will be held at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, April 13. For Free Throw, it's registration and practice 10-11 AM, competition begins at 11:15 AM. For Math and Spelling, its registration 10:15-11:15 AM, contests begin at 11:30 AM. All

contestants need a completely filled out orange travel card for registration. Free Throw contestants should have their score sheet from the Diocesan Contest if not already forwarded to me. Free Throw contestants also need to bring their own practice ball. If you wish to volunteer to assist at the contests, contact La Crosse Diocesan DPC Gary Wolf ~ 715-340-3745 or wolfgary63@gmail.com. Have a great April.

*Vivat Jesus!*  
*Vivat Cristo Rey!*





TRANSFER DATE	ICON 1	ICON 2	ICON 3	ICON 4
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024	28	11	83	69
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024	90	12	81	60
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024	89	9	82	61
FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024	STATE	71	87	66
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024	ALL ICONS RETURNED TO STATE OFFICE			

# ICON UPDATE

As the ICON continues I expect to see at least sixteen form 10784 each month being submitted. To date, I have twelve that were submitted in the last five months of 2023 and two for 2024. Please submit these forms, as Supreme is using these forms as a basis of their assessments on how well a program is doing. As the Fraternal year comes to an end, I will be creating a new schedule for 2024-2025 because Supreme will not be releasing a new icon until sometime after the 2024-2025 fraternal year.

*Vivat Jesus!*  
SK Dennis Bednarek



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