

Alabama State Council

2023 District Deputy Meeting

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
511 N. Memorial Dr.
Prattville, AL**

July 22, 2023



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Opening Prayer

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Pledge of Allegiance

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**Brother Bill Mores,
SS
Roll Call**

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Supreme Remarks

Brother Dave Tebo, TGD



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General Agent's Remarks

Brother John Stice



Knights of Columbus
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State Deputy DD Primer & Expectations

Brother Danny Garcia



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The Alabama Jurisdiction

- Alabama is one of 75 state council organizations that helps guide activities consistent with the principles of the Order.
- AL is divided into 19 districts
- 83 councils of which 6 have been closed for a total of 77 active councils. (Closed: 931-Bham, 2738-Selma, 3859-Lanette, 10331-Talladega, 15715-Mobile, and 16555-Foley)
 - 2 college councils (UA-16400 and Spring Hill-3038)
- Approx. 6824 members
- District 4 (AL, MS, AR, OK, OR, NV, NH, ND, SD, RI, Manitoba)
- Assigned COH Goals



Alabama had a stellar year!

*thank
you!*

**It Always Seems Impossible
Until It Is Done!**



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Goals Start of the FY 7/1/2022		End of the FY 7/1/2023	% Of Goal
Membership Intake	364 (Reduced to 332)	481	144.87%
Recruitment Under 50	92	232	252.17%
Star Councils	16	20	125.00%
Faith Formation	3 Holy Hours	3	100%
New Councils	2	1	50%
Membership Drives	59	67	113.55%
Membership Active Councils	71	60	84.50%
Round Tables	27	32	118.51%
Safe Environment	32	35	109.38%
Fraternal Benefit Nights	40 councils	31 councils	78%
1728 Reporting	71	72	101.41%

8th in
the
Order

Goals for Fraternal Year 2023 - 2024

Roadmap To Pinnacle

- **COH Intake: 395**
- **Star Council: 13**
- **Faith Formation Goal: 3 Holy Hours**
- **Pinnacle Intake: 474 (+20%)**



Each Star Council will need 2 FBNs and meet Safe Environment requirements



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What is your role?

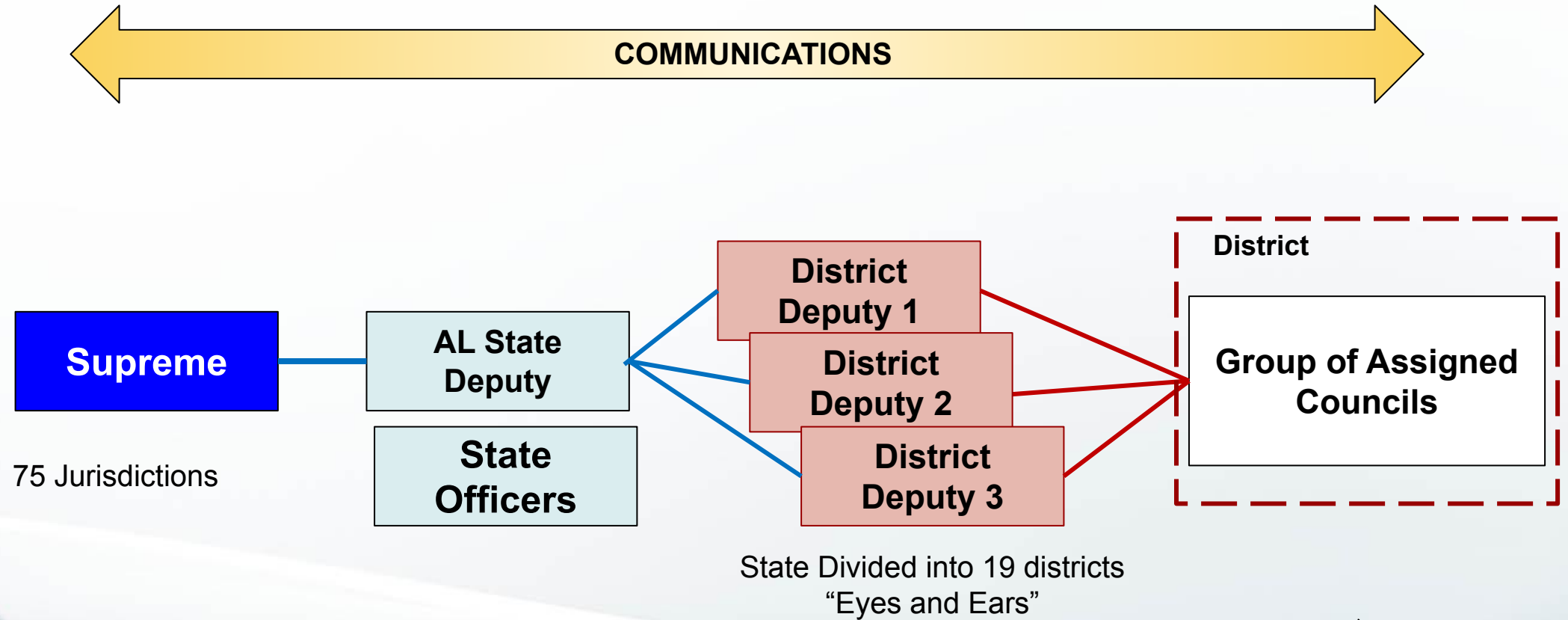
❑ SERVICE

- Help your assigned councils to be more effective in completing the mission of the KofC
- Provide the model and example for council officers and members in your district to emulate
- Set a tone that is open and engaging, to ensure your district's growth in charitable outreach and membership.



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Simplified Organizational Structure



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What Is Our Mission?

**TO ENGAGE IN CHARITABLE WORKS, TO
SERVE THE CHURCH, TO SUPPORT
BROTHER KNIGHTS, TO ACT FOR THE GOOD
OF OUR COUNTRY, AND TO GIVE AID TO
THOSE IN NEED.**

- **OUR MISSION IS CRITICAL** - Empower men to live their faith at home, in the parish, at work, and in their community.
- **I NEED YOUR HELP. THE STATE NEEDS YOU.**
- **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



IF NOT US, THEN WHO?

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DD Expectations for Fraternal Year

How do we do this?



DD responsibilities can be grouped into 4 areas:

- Lead
- Teach
- Mentor
- Encourage



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Lead by Example

- **By Being Present and Accessible**
 - **Don't be just a Phone Number or Email address**
 - **Go to meetings**
 - **Attend programs & functions**
 - **Conduct district meetings**
 - **Build relationships**
 - **Head off issues before they become problems**



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Teach By Sharing

- You have unique experiences to share.
 - Answer questions or find answers.
 - Share best practices and lessons learned.
 - Communicate frequently, early and often.
 - Follow your heart.



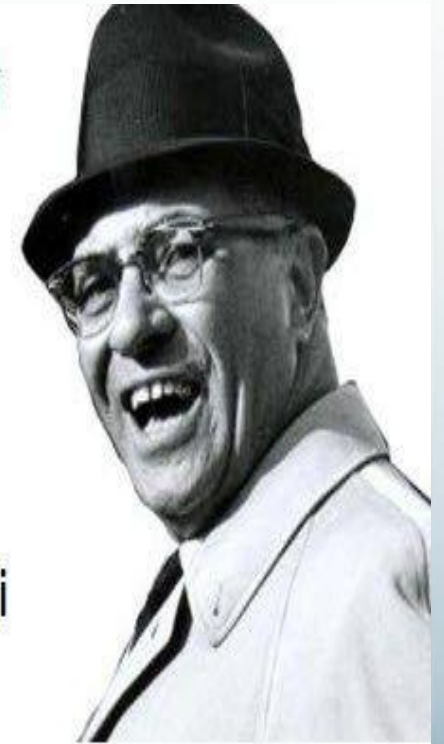
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Mentor By Coaching

- Help council leaders and members achieve excellence.
 - There is **NO** excuse for **NO** growth or **NO** activity.
 - Instill pride, dignity, and honor in being a member of the Order.

Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

- Vince Lombardi



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Encourage

- Give your councils courage
 - Support
 - Confidence
 - Hope



***The man on top of the mountain
didn't just happen to fall there!***



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Required Meetings

State Level

- Organizational Meeting (July 22nd)
- Mid-Year (January 6th or 13th)
- State Convention (April 19-21, 2024)
- Webinars as posted

District Meetings (Your Meetings)

- Assigned councils to pass on information, discuss ideas, recruitment strategies, get acquainted with each other
- After the Organizational Meeting, Mid-Year, and Regionals



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Expense Account of District Deputy or Conferring Officer

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Expenses: What's Covered

Items Covered: (Receipts Needed for all Expenses)

- Miles or Kilometers traveled in your district)
- Parking and tolls on official business (with receipt)
- Meals while attending council meetings
- Long distance phone calls
- Hotel, meals, mileage to attend Organizational and Midyear Meetings

Not Covered:

- Guest meals
- Clerical assistance
- Printing and copying expenses
- Postage or stationery
- Travel expenses outside of district



Form 944 DD Annual Report

- Due annually by 9/15
- DD required to complete
- Access Online, KofC Website
<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/district-forms.html>
- Report on each council assigned, even if council is inactive.



Council Forms

Form No.	Title	Due	Online (Preferred) / PDF
185	Officer Chosen for the Term	June 30th	Online
365	Service Program Personnel	June 30th	Online (preferred)
1295	Semiannual Council Audit	Aug 15 and Feb 15	PDF only / online not available
1728	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	Jan 31	Online (preferred)
SP-7	Columbian Award	June 30th	Online (preferred)

***Encourage Councils to Establish A Plan
For Timely Submittal of Reports***



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We Had a Great Year! One For The Books!

However,

- **Councils missed Star recognition because of missing 1728, SP-7, FBNs, or **SE noncompliance (background checks)**.**
 - Simple checks to assure that members do not appear on sex offender lists.
 - **No Financial or Credit Checks.**
 - Safe Environment **COMPLETE** within the first 2 months.



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Common Question: I Can't Access Member Management?

How do I do this?

- ❑ **Grand knights and financial secretaries** who do not have an account registered to access Member Management can create their account in a matter of minutes after receiving their Invitation Code.
- ❑ To get your Invitation Code, have your **membership number** in hand, and contact **Customer Service Department at (800) 380-9995**.
- ❑ Customer Service can also assist officers who have forgotten their username and/or password.



Form 11077, Fraternal Benefit Night Reporting Changes For This Year

Use Form 11077 same as last year, except

- 11077 will be submitted directly to Supreme by councils
- The new required sum total attendance for 2 required FBNs:
 - **Councils under 100:** A combined total of 10 participants
 - **Councils over 100:** A combined total of 14 participants
 - **Submit** 11077 within seven (7) days of the Fraternal Benefits event.



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Fraternal Leader Advisory

- Breaking News, Reminders, Resources, Recommendations
- Fraternal Leader Advisory – **1st & 3rd Thursday of the month**
- Open it and Read through it!
- For Members (kofc.org/formembers)



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June Webinar on Demand

Get the Fraternal Year off to a great start! View the June Webinar on demand to learn about essential tips, tools, techniques, and resources to help you lead your district or council to new heights this year. Topics include:

- How to keep strong momentum during the transition from last year to next
- How to train your team
- Available resources
- Safe environment requirements
- Communication Tips
- Changes to council award criteria
- DD reports on council health
- Summer program suggestions
- Faith formation initiatives
- Online joining
- and much more.

[Register Now](#) to watch on demand at your convenience.

NEW: Officer Training Webinars

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No Man Walks Alone

If you need help, advice or just want to talk...

- State Officers, Other DDs, IPSD
- Reports Director
 - Brother Michael E. “Mike” Weist
 - Cell: 256-684-1214
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- State Training Director / Financial Secretary Training
 - Brother Alan Cannon
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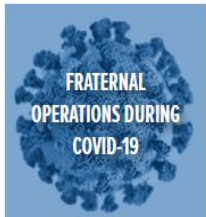
District Deputy Resources

Available Through
Supreme Website
KofC.org

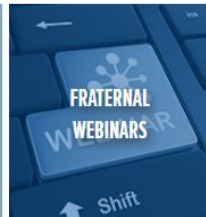
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resources/district-deputies/index.html
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DISTRICT DEPUTY RESOURCES




FRATERNAL
OPERATIONS DURING
COVID-19




FRATERNAL
WEBINARS




COUNCIL RESOURCES
FOR BEATIFICATION




FORMS




FAITH IN ACTION



HOW TO BE A DISTRICT DEPUTY



HOW TO WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS



FRATERNAL LEADER ADVISORY

Alabama State Convention

Wind Creek Hotel and Casino

April 19-21, 2024

Atmore, AL

- **Casino Spa, Pool, Fitness Studio**
- **RV Park**
- **Multiple Dining options**
- **Bowling Alley**
- **Movie Theater and Arcade**



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State Advocate

Brother Brian Lagasse

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- **Safe Environment Training**

- Required for Star Council
- Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors
- Only personal email address allowed for registration
- **30 days to complete training**
- kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program

- **Lessons Learned**

- Do not leave it to the end to meet Safe Environment requirements, if you do, you may hear those chilling words - **TOO LATE!**
- **Complete SE Training in first 30-60 days of the Fraternal Year.**



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Joe Flaherty, PSD, State Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW



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Thank You !!

Thank You !!

Thank You !!

Alabama State Councils

We Made Membership Goal of 144.88%

8th in the Order

2nd in the Division #4



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Race to the Finish

Membership Challenge – Results

We Made Race to the Finish Goal with **101.92%**

To Share \$25,000



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Top Districts

1) DD #07	JOHN HUDAK	505.8%
2) DD #20	RICK HYCOOP	266.6%
3) DD #11	TONY COYLE	186.3%
4) DD #01	ANDRE PATTERSON	176.9%
5) DD #19	ALAN RUEGEMER	127.2%
6) DD #04	RANDY JAUDON	114.2%
7) DD #03	GERALD BUFORD	107.1%
8) DD #02	BRUCE LARGE	104.7%
9) DD #17	JOHN MCBRIDE	100.0%



2023 Projected Star Councils

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) 10731 Prattville – 900.0% | 11) 13415 Phenix City – 120.0% |
| 2) 4080 Huntsville – 316.6% | 12) 7584 Birmingham – 116.6% |
| 3) 3568 Gadsden – 212.5% | 13) 11537 Hoover – 109.0% |
| 4) 11672 Huntsville – 200.0% | 14) 8551 Jasper – 100.0% |
| 5) 17519 Madison – 180.0% | 15) 8740 Mobile – 100.0% |
| 6) 764 Huntsville – 150.0% | 16) 11480 Enterprise – 100.0% |
| 7) 11215 Trussville – 180.0% | 17) 12011 Wetumpka – 100.0% |
| 8) 8696 Auburn – 133.3% | 18) 13152 Fort Payne – 100.0% |
| 9) 10232 Madison – 133.3% | 19) 17040 Theodore – 100.0% |
| 10) 2737 Daphne – 122.2% | 20) 17202 Foley – 100.0% |



Congratulations! to all that made it!

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2023 MEMBERSHIP ONLY

What Could Have Been...

- 1) 13446 Birmingham – 333.3%
- 2) 3986 Decatur – 212.5%
- 3) 3565 Mobile – 200.0%
- 4) 3227 Anniston – 100.0%



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AL Quick Start

- Coming off a lot of momentum!
- July 1st – August 31st
- Every new (transfers do not count) online member recruited or form 100 is worth \$5.
- Form 100's need to be sent to the State Membership Director and copy State Deputy.



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Alabama Quick Start!

July 1st - August 31st

"Don't get left in the dust!"

\$5 for each new member! *



FREE MEMBERSHIP*

For new online membership applications
submitted before August 31, 2023.

*for 1-year, regular dues are \$30/year thereafter.

Visit kofc.org/joinus

Enter code

"BlessedMcGivney"



Extra!! Extra!! Read All About It!!

Hot off the Press!!! Free Online Membership Extended!

Promo code: “BlessedMcGivney”

For Seminarian’s Promo Code: “Seminarian”

Let's spread the word to everyone you know!!!

Please get to information out to your Councils



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Supreme Membership Intake Goal Reduction

Supreme MAJOR Membership Reduction of 5%

**if the State is able to obtain 50% of intake goals
($395/2 = 198$ members) by December 31, 2023.**



“Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart.” — Pope Francis

- As district deputy, you have been appointed to provide leadership to the councils in your assigned district.
- Through your example of faith, charity and good judgment, you provide the model for council officers in your district to follow.
- When you set a tone that is open and engaging, you help ensure your district's growth in charitable outreach and membership.



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Every Council Active One is better then none

- Make personal contact with every Council that hasn't recruited one new member.
- Encourage them to strive for one new member before the end of the fraternal year.
- Be a positive contributor to the solution. Don't commiserate with them.
- One is better then none



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Monthly Goal's 2023 - 2024

Month		Membership Quota per Month
July	Goal 395	22— 21
August		34—
September		28—
October		33—
November		28—
December		28—
January		37
February		37
March		37
April		37
May		37
June		37
Total		395 Pinnacle (20% increase) 474



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***I personally want to see the State of Alabama
kick butt all over the place!***



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Incentives

MEMBER INCENTIVE

- Fast Start Incentive that will consist of members receiving \$5/member recruited in Q1 & Q2.
- In Q3, the incentive is 5 new members for a bottle of cheer.
- In Q4, the incentive is 5 new members for \$50.
- The Bama Bunny makes periodic appearances throughout the state.

COUNCIL INCENTIVE

- **Council Fast Start Incentive – by October 31, 2023**
 - Achieve or exceed 50% of the council membership goal and submit all required forms (185, 365, 1295), and the council is Safe Environment compliant,
 - Council will receive \$50.00.

AND,

- If council qualified for Council Fast Start Incentive, the council becomes eligible for the additional membership incentives.
- Must be at or above the below listed percentage goals by December 31, 2023.
(The below are not cumulative)

At 100% of goal - \$100 cash

At 150% of goal - \$150 cash

At 200% of goal - \$200 cash

At 250+% of goal - \$250 cash



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Incentives

DISTRICT DEPUTY

DD FAST START INCENTIVE – by October 31, 2023

- Form 944 must be submitted no later than September 15, 2023,
AND,
- All Active Councils in District must be current on forms (185, 365, 1295) and Safe Environment compliant,
AND,
- 50% of the District Membership Goal achieved. Awarded to the DD at the 2024 DD Mid-Year Meeting a Bottle of Cheer

STATE CONVENTION INCENTIVE (for District Deputies) – by April 1, 2024

- District Deputy Fast Start Incentive achieved,
AND,
- 75% of District Membership Goal is achieved,
- Extra room night will be awarded to the DD for the 2024 State Convention.

DD Year End Incentive - by June 30, 2024



- Achieve "Star District" as set by Supreme, all Active Councils in District must be current on forms(185, 365, 1295, 1728) and Safe Environment compliant.
- Awarded at 2024 Kick-off Meeting: Bottle of Cheer and \$50.

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Incentives

GA/FA Incentive:

- Q1: \$5 for each new member recruited.
- Q2: 5 new members for a bottle of cheer.
- Q3: 5 new members for a bottle of cheer.
- Q4: 5 new members brought in for \$50.



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New Council Development

Alabama State Council Membership Team has 2 New Council in works for 2023-2024

- 1) Invited By Fr. Vincent Bresowar To Establish a Council at Good Shepherd in Russellville, AL. In work.
- 2) Working To Establish a Council at St Martin in Troy, AL. With Fr. Chris Butin
- 3) Need Your Help!!!!



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McGivney Guild

- Good News Guild Membership is now more than 179,00 members
- As of May 2nd, 1226 Guild Members in Alabama out of 9000 Men

“Free” Sign up Today at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>

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Priesthood Scholarship Fund

- Priesthood Scholarship Fund
 - Help Support our Bishops, Give Today!
 - Your prayer and dollars help support the spiritual and financial needs of our future priests.
 - Think about donating your mileage money to this worthy cause.

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Thank You !!

Thank You !!

Thank You !!

My Brothers Knights, I leave you with this,

There are no accidents.

God chose us to lead at this time.

We can't do this alone and we don't have to do this alone.

**From my lips to your ears – I love you and I will always do my very best
to be of service.**

Vivat Jesus!!!



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Online Membership
Pete Parrish, Chairman
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Online Membership Program

<http://kofc.org/joinus>

Promo code: **“BlessedMcGivney”**



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- I offer my congratulations to each of you on having been chosen to serve as District Deputy.
- You were chosen for this position because the State Deputy and the Supreme Knight felt like you have something to offer.
- I know that you will not disappoint them with your performance of your duties.



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- I challenge you to be proactive in your role as District Deputy.
- Lead by showing the council leadership the proper direction. Do not drag them but lead them.
- Mentor both current and future leaders of the councils. We have to encourage future leaders who may not be convinced that they are ready to lead.



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- Start early and stay late but do not overstay your welcome. No matter how good you are or how much they like you, you can wear them out. Be mindful of that and be respectful of their time.
- Never forget that we are all volunteers.
- Work to build personal relationships. Your return on this effort will be proportionately equal to your investment. Little effort = little gained.



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- Lead
- Teach
- Mentor
- Encourage
- You will be rewarded by their success.



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Online Membership

History

- The Online Membership system was introduced in 2018 in an effort to make joining easier and less time consuming for the candidates for membership in today's fast paced world. I am convinced that it is a valuable and indispensable tool for getting new members to join.



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Online Membership

Statistics

- FY 2018 – 2019 68 new members initiated
- FY 2019 – 2020 53 new members initiated
- FY 2020 – 2021 228 new members initiated
- FY 2021 – 2022 196 new members initiated with 128 members, 65%, transferring to a local council.
- FY 2022 – 6/28/2023 249 new members initiated with 157 members, 63%, transferring to a local council.
- Overall intake of Online Members since inception, 828 with 539, 65%, converted to councils.



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Online Membership

Statistics

- I am concerned with the slight, 2% decline in transfers to local councils.
- We are missing an excellent opportunity to grow our councils, to grow our membership, and provide more resources to increase the performance of the good works that we all do throughout our parishes, our state, our nation, and our world.



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Online Membership

I will get deeper into how the Online Membership process works in our meeting this afternoon so I will not put you through having to listen to that twice.

Do each of you feel like you have a good understanding of the Online Membership process?

Do you think we could benefit by providing training?

Questions or Comments?



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Online Membership

How it works

- A candidate joins online at www.kofc.org/joinus on a computer or by cell phone or tablet.
- He receives free dues for one year, a limited time offer currently running through 6/30/2022, by using the promo code BlessedMcGivney during the registration process
- Upon joining the Order, the new member counts toward the new member goal of the Alabama State Council
- The new online member can remain an online member for life, if he prefers, or he can transfer to a local council **after** viewing or participating in an in person combined exemplification.
- Once the new online member has viewed the combined ceremonial, he may transfer to a local council, by making application, going through the council's admission committee process and being accepted and transferred into the council. Once he is transferred to a council, he counts as a new member toward the council's new member goal and he can participate in the good works of the council and enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

Potential Setbacks To Be Aware Of

- The verification process requires that the applicant have an active email address and be capable of receiving email on his phone in order to verify that he is who he says he is, etc. It has been suggested that Supreme change to a text message verification in an effort to make this process easier for the candidate.



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Online Membership

Advantages

- The process is quick and easy for the busy young candidates living in today's world.
- It is available on a platform that most potential members are familiar with, phone, tablet, computer.
- It makes them members, with no wait for a degree ceremony to be scheduled, and they begin to receive information from Supreme to help them become more familiar with the Knights of Columbus while they await admission committee approval, view or attend the combined ceremonial, and are transferred, if that is their desire.
- Remember that anyone, including family members of the new member, can view the combined ceremony at any time and it is not necessary to await admission committee approval to get this step done. If they have viewed the ceremony when they are approved by the Committee, they can immediately be transferred to a council.



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Online Membership

Thoughts going forward

- New officers gaining access to Officers Online, check your Prospect Tab for e-members assigned to your council. You may have a great start on your new member goals for the year and one of the hardest goals we have to achieve to qualify for Star Council Status.
- Contact them and see if you can get them transferred into your council.
- If something prevents their being transferred into your council, please reject them. There is nothing wrong with rejecting them, that is the reason for this option in the system, and you will reduce the clutter in the system. When rejecting a candidate, you will be asked to choose a reason from three choices. Choose the one that best fits and go forward. You are not kicking them out of the Knights of Columbus, you are helping to keep the system manageable.

Questions?



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Steve Koach, PSD, FDM, State Program Director

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



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PROGRAMS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!



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What Is Faith In Action

Faith in Action is the umbrella for all Supreme Council recommended programs.

It is not just 32 programs. It is a mindset and program model that exists to support us living and growing in our faith as Catholic men. This is who we are and why we do what we do. Faith, Family, Community and Life are our aimpoints of activity.



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PROGRAM CATEGORIES

FAITH

FAMILY

COMMUNITY

LIFE



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FAITH IN ACTION DIRECTORS

- FAITH – DEACON JOHN COOPER
 - FAMILY– JOHN HUDAK
 - COMMUNITY – JOE CHING
- LIFE - G. V. "SKIP" GENTLE, Jr., PSD, FVSM



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FAITH IN ACTION RESOURCES

Always refer to the website

**www.kofc.org/fiaresources and
www.kofc.org/formembers**



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Key Resources for planning and success:

- 1. Faith in Action Guidebook**
- 2. Faith in Action Minimum Requirements**
- 3. Faith in Action FAQs**
- 4. Faith in Action Remote Planning Supplement**
- 5. 2023-2024 Fraternal Planner**
- 6. Working with your pastor**
- 7. Program Forms Reference Guide**
- 8. Fraternal Webinars**



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FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP	Coats for Kids
Into the Breach	Global Wheelchair Mission
Spiritual Reflection	Habitat for Humanity
Holy Hour	Disaster Preparedness
Pilgrim Icon Program	Free Throw Championship
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Rosary Program	Soccer/Hokey Challenge
Sacramental Gifts	Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families	March for Life
Family of the Month/Year	Special Olympics
Family Fully Alive	Ultrasound Initiative
Family Prayer Night	Pregnancy Center Support
Keep Christ in Christmas	Christian Refugee Relief
Family Week	Silver Rose
Consecration of the Holy Family	Mass for People with Special Needs
Good Friday Family Promotion	Novena for Life

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FEATURED PROGRAMS

FAITH	COMMUNITY
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Changes for the Fraternal Year



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Changes/New for 2023-2024

- Supreme working to make things easier and more streamlined for Councils
- Supreme Award Reporting
- McGivney Award (Membership Growth) – **No Change**
 - Membership growth quota of 6% intake; **Minimum 5 Maximum 15**
 - *No penalty for withdrawals or suspensions.*
- Founders Award (Insurance) - **New Change**
 - Promote and host 2 FBNs per year
 - **Councils under 100:** must have a combined **10** eligible attendees between both FBNs
 - **Councils Over 100:** must have a combined **14** eligible attendees between both FBNs
- Columbian Award (Programs) - **No Change**
 - 16 program credits



Star Council Award - **No Change**

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- **Membership Cards – No Change**
 - No longer require GK and FS signatures
- **Form 450 - Eliminated**
- **DD Council Reporting Form 944 – No Change. Streamlined in 2022**
 - 20 multiple choice questions, online, one-time per year.
- **Disaster Relief**
 - 500 sleeping bags and 317 roller beds available for disasters
- **Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) – No Change**
 - \$100 donation from Supreme for every \$500 donated to qualifying Women's Resource Center
- **Eucharistic Procession – 1 Procession + 2 Holy Hours = 2 credits**
- **Round Table Form (#2630) – Eliminated the Redundant Form #2630**
- **Disability Exemption (#1831) – No Change**
 - GK and FS attest, (No doctor, member, or annual recertification required.)



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Additional Programs



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Cross Catholic Outreach - Box of Joy

Put your faith into action this fall by blessing children in developing countries with a **Box of Joy!**

This simple and hands-on service project from Cross Catholic Outreach enables councils and their families to engage their parish community or school in packing small gifts for children who may have never received a Christmas gift! Visit the [Cross Catholic Outreach website](#) for further information, and to register your group; review our [program activation steps](#) to guide you in reaching your goal.



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Cor Meeting – New Initiative

New Initiative from Supreme – optional for councils

“Cor ad Cor Loquitur” (Heart Speaks to Heart), Motto of Cardinal Newman

The Cor Meeting is a monthly meeting (optional), hosted and led by members of the council and open to all Knights and men of the parish.

It is comprised of three key elements: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.

Meeting is designed to engage in the formation of the men of the parish, which is properly under the care of the pastor. For this reason, the council must involve the pastor and seek his permission before opening the meeting to the entire parish.

Guidebook and other resources available from Supreme website.



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KofC ASAP Program

- **Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) initiative**
 - Councils encouraged to offer support to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations which give direct assistance to new mothers and/or babies.
 - Launching July 1, the Supreme Council will give an additional \$100 (20%) for every \$500 a council donates to a qualified pregnancy resource center or a maternity home.
 - ASAP Guide Book available through Faith in Action Life Programs
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/life/pregnancy-center-support/11371-aid-and-support-guide-book.pdf>



11371 Aid and Support Guide Book



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Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day

Celebrate with parish community



Feast Day is August 13th!

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State Blessed Michael McGivney Award

Blessed Michael McGivney Medal

Submit your council chaplain for state award

- **State winners are submitted to Supreme**
- **Application Form - SBMMA - Supreme Website**



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AWARDS

STATE DEPUTIES AWARD / RUNNER-UP

- OVERALL BODY OF WORK (TOTAL PROGRAM AREA)

SUPREME AWARD

- BEST INDIVIDUAL / SINGLE EFFORT/ACTIVITY WITHIN A PROGRAM AREA

KNIGHT, FAMILY, YOUTH, AND COUNCIL OF THE YEAR



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Award Submission Timelines

ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED
BY **10 MARCH 2024**

TIMEFRAME FOR AWARD CONSIDERATION IS:
1 MARCH 2023 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2024

FORMS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ALONG WITH
INSTRUCTIONS AFTER 1 JANUARY 2024



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Your Role as District Deputy

GUIDE

MENTOR

COMMUNICATOR

CHEER LEADER!

YOU SET THE STANDARD!



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VIVAT JESUS!



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DD Installation



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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

