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Fraternal Operations Update

Tom McCaffrey

**Vice President
Fraternal Operations
December 9, 2023**

Agenda

- **Ceremonials & Council Experience**
- **Training & Communication**
- **Programs & Member Engagement**



Ceremonials & Council Experience

John Moulder, Director



2022 – 2023 Council and District Awards



McGivney Award

- **Membership growth quota of 6% intake; minimum 5, maximum 15**
 - *Change:* quota increased from 5% to 6%
 - *Change:* quota based on intake only
 - no penalty for withdrawals or suspensions
 - *Change:* minimum increased from 3 to 5
 - *Change:* maximum reduced from 20 to 15



Founders' Award

- **Promote and host TWO Fraternal Benefit Seminars (virtual or in person)**
 - *Change:* no longer based only on promotion of event
 - *Change:* Each must have at least 7 member or member eligible attendees



Columbian Award

- **16 Program credits – 4 in each of the FIA categories**
 - *No changes*



Award Certificates



Star Council Award

- Earn the McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards
- Submit #365 (program personnel) and #1728 (survey)
- Safe Environment compliant (US / CAN)
- Good standing with Supreme Council
- Plaque and lapel pins awarded
- *No Changes*



Star District Award

- **Attain 70% of combined council quotas**
- **Founders' Award earned by every council**
- **At least one Star Council in district**
- **Submit one Annual Report on Council Status (#944)**
 - **Change:** reduced from two #944 submissions
- **Plaque awarded**

**Star District
Checklist**



2022 – 2023 Form Updates



Annual Report on Council Status (#944)

Form 944 - District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status (alchemer.com)

- 20 Yes / No questions in survey format
- Online submission required
- September 15 due date
- Timely results for state leaders to take actions





Form 944 - District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status

Due: September 15th

District Deputy Name *

District Number *

Email *

Council Number *

State/Jurisdiction *

City/Location *

Council Type *

Regular Military College

Please list parishes served by council

Council, District Information



ADMINISTRATION

1. Does the council use [Member Management](#)? *

YES NO

2. Does the council use [Member Billing](#)? *

YES NO

3. Is the council financially sound (*funds available for bills and activities*)? *

YES NO

4. Does the council use an [annual budget](#)? *

YES NO

MEETINGS

5. Does the council provide an option for [remote attendance](#) at meetings? *

YES NO

6. Does the council hold monthly [Officer Planning Meetings](#)? *

YES NO

7. Do Council Meetings include a [social or fraternal element](#)? *

YES NO

8. Do council officers attend district meetings? *

YES NO

MEMBERSHIP

9. How many [Church Drives](#) will the council conduct this fraternal year? *

None One Two or more

10. Does the council recruit at activities? *

YES NO

11. Does the council know how to use the [Prospect Tab](#) on Officers Online? *

YES NO

12. Is the council conducting live Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity? *

YES NO

PROGRAMS

13. Does the Grand Knight communicate regularly with the Pastor on programs and parish support? *

YES NO

14. Does the council have a calendar of events planned at least 6 month in advance? *

YES NO

15. In which categories does the council conduct programs (*check all that apply*)? *

Faith Family Community Life

16. Does the council provide a virtual option for program participation (*when applicable*)? *

YES NO

INSURANCE

17. Is a Field Agent assigned to this council? *

YES NO

Does the Field Agent attend council meetings? *

YES NO

Does the Field Agent participate in council activities? *

YES NO

18. How many [Fraternal Benefits Seminars](#) will the council host/attend this fraternal year? *

None One Two or more

COUNCIL OUTLOOK

19. Do you expect this council to earn the Star Council Award? *

YES NO

20. Will this council be impacted by parish consolidation within the next two years? *

YES NO

BOTTOM LINE *

This council is sustainable and healthy

This council is sustainable, but needs work (please explain work needed)

This council is suspended and should be reactivated

This council is suspended or non-functioning and should be merged or dissolved

(Optional) DD Comments and Recommendations:

Submit

0%



20 Questions (Yes / No)

Disability Exemption Form (#1831)

- **Simpler form**
 - **GK and FS attest**
 - **No doctor sig**
 - **No member sig**
 - **No annual recertification**

Application for Per Capita Disability Exemption

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL

Council No. _____

This is to certify that _____, _____, is a
(Member Name) (Member Number)
member in good standing in this council and that he is eligible for relief from payment of all council dues and Supreme and state council per capita taxes, due to total disability, as authorized by Section 118(e) of the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus.

Attest: _____
Financial Secretary Grand Knight

Dated _____

Submit completed form to membership@kofc.org.

Notes: If the application is approved, dues and per capita shall be waived until the financial secretary notifies membership@kofc.org that the exemption should be rescinded. Membership that is continued under the provisions of Section 118(e) shall be construed as active membership in computing the membership requirement for recognition as honorary or honorary life membership.



Roundtable Form (#2629)

Eliminated redundant form #2630



Report of Round Table Coordinator 20██ to 20██

Due By: JUN. 30

Please see the reverse of this form for instructions on how to complete this form.
The activities of every Parish Round Table sponsored by your council should be included in your council's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728).

COUNCIL INFORMATION:

Is your Council a Parish Council? Yes No Parent Council No.: _____

Base/Main Parish: _____

Language: E F S Other Specify Language if Other: _____

(1) ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR:	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
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FULL PARISH NAME: _____ PARISH CITY: _____

NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THIS PARISH: _____ NUMBER OF FAMILIES AT PARISH: _____ LANGUAGE: E F S OTHER AND SPECIFY: _____

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Available in electronic format at kofc.org/forms

Membership Cards

Coming soon:

Removing all signatures

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

BROTHER

MEMBER NO. _____ IS A **3rd** DEGREE MEMBER OF

COUNCIL NO. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

DUES PAID TO _____ **2022**

 _____ O.K.

_____ F.S.

_____ **X** _____ MEMBER SIGNATURE



Training & Communication

Darryl Barrios, Director




Train Your Team

- Use ARGTDs
 - Online or in-person
- How-To videos
- Training data available
- kofc.org/training

WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO GET INVOLVED NEWS HUB


FRATERNAL TRAINING



FRATERNAL TRAINING WEBINARS

Join the staff of the Fraternal Mission Department as we discuss relevant topics for effective council operation, membership recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members.


[WATCH & LEARN MORE](#)



FRATERNAL 'HOW TO' VIDEOS

Fraternal 'How To' Videos are short tutorials that walk fraternal leaders through essential Knights of Columbus tools and procedures.


[LEARN MORE](#)



OFFICER RESOURCES

Overwhelmed by all the resources available to you as a fraternal leader? Check out our recommended go to resources for council leaders.


[FIND YOUR RESOURCES](#)



ASSOCIATE REGIONAL GROWTH & TRAINING DIRECTORS (ARGTDS)

Training Directors provide officer training at both the district and council level, online and in person. View upcoming schedules and reach out to learn about upcoming training opportunities for your jurisdiction.

[FIND YOUR ARGTD](#)



FAITH IN ACTION RESOURCES

Learn how to integrate Faith in Action into your council's program regimen with this detailed resource page.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Webinars

- Announced in FLAs
- Encourage all to watch
- Available on demand
- Webinar page
 - new and prior ones


The image shows a website navigation menu with four main categories: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, GET INVOLVED, and NEWS HUB. Below these is a 'FRATERNAL TRAINING' section. This section contains three columns:

- FRATERNAL TRAINING WEBINARS**: Includes an icon of a person at a whiteboard. The text below reads: "Join the staff of the Fraternal Mission Department as we discuss relevant topics for effective council operation, membership recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members." Below the text is a button labeled "WATCH & LEARN MORE". This entire column is circled in red.
- FRATERNAL 'HOW TO' VIDEOS**: Includes an icon of a video camera on a tripod. The text below reads: "Fraternal 'How To' Videos are short tutorials that walk fraternal leaders through essential Knights of Columbus tools and procedures." Below the text is a button labeled "LEARN MORE".
- OFFICER RESOURCES**: Includes an icon of three people. The text below reads: "Overwhelmed by all the resources available to you as a fraternal leader? Check out our recommended go to resources for council leaders." Below the text is a button labeled "FIND YOUR RESOURCES".



Fraternal Leader Advisory

- 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month
 - English, French, and Spanish
- Sent to:
 - State officers and directors
 - DDs, GKs, FSs
 - Council officers and directors
- Anyone can sign-up online



Fraternal Leader Advisory

Breaking News | Reminders | Resources | Recommendations

VOLUME 29 | June 3, 2021 | KOFK.ORG/FORMEMBERS

[Forward This Email](#) [Share This Email](#)

Thank You!


What an unprecedented year this has been. As we near the end of the fraternal year it is important to take stock of what has been accomplished, giving all glory to God, and expressing profound gratitude. Thank you for the many hours of work you have put into promoting the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney through all your council activity, including the countless virtual and in-person meetings, exemplifications, and programs. Lives have been changed for the better through the work and prayer you have done. May God bless each of you and our councils as we conclude this fraternal year and prepare for the next one!

Important Links

Membership Benefits	Celebrate McGivney	Forms	Supplies	Fraternal Operations
Training & Webinars	Programs	Inviting Men to Join	Engage Your Members	Ceremonials

Fraternal Operations

Is your council on track to receive Star Council?
As of this morning, 366 councils qualify for Star Council! Will your



FLA has important announcements, news and best practices

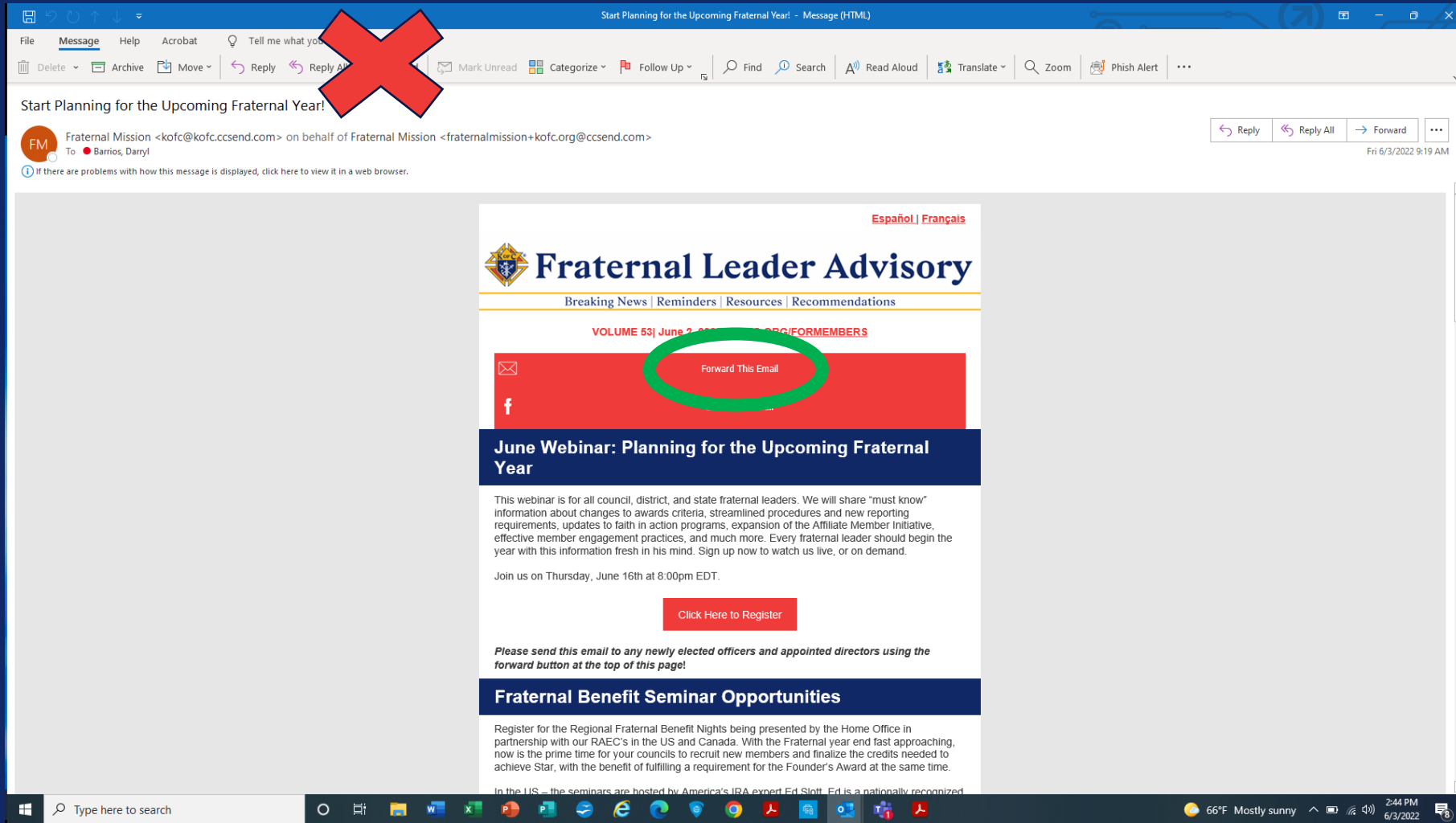


Open Rates for FLAs

- Number of FLA emails sent 2021-22 (to date): 26
- Open Rate: 47.63%
 - Want this to be > 85%



Forwarding Emails



The screenshot shows an email client interface. The subject line is "Start Planning for the Upcoming Fraternal Year!" with a large red 'X' over it. The sender is "Fraternal Mission <kofc@kofc.ccsend.com> on behalf of Fraternal Mission <fraternalmission+kofc.org@ccsend.com>". The recipient is "Barrios, Darryl". The email content includes a header with "Español | Français" and the "Fraternal Leader Advisory" logo. Below the logo are links for "Breaking News | Reminders | Resources | Recommendations". The main content is titled "VOLUME 53 | June 2022 | FOR MEMBERS" and features a red button labeled "Forward This Email" which is circled in green. Below this is a section for a "June Webinar: Planning for the Upcoming Fraternal Year" with a "Click Here to Register" button. The footer contains information about "Fraternal Benefit Seminar Opportunities".



Resources

- Mailing to FSs
- Mailing to SDs

Star Council Checklist

Fraternal Year 2022-2023

- Service Program Personnel Report — Form #365 — Due June 30
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity — Form #1728 — Due January 31
- McGivney Award
Membership Quota of _____ — By June 30


Calendar	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Gains:												
Losses:												

- Founders' Award — Form #11077 — Due Within 7 Days of Seminar
Host two Fraternal Benefit Seminars (virtual or in-person), minimum of seven eligible attendees per event — By June 30
- Columbian Award — Form #SP7 — Due June 30

	Faith	Family	Community	Life
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.

A council must submit a Columbian Award Application (PSP) listing a total of 16 program credits to earn the Columbian Award. Faith in Action Featured Programs count for two credits. All other council programs count for one credit.

- Council In Good Standing
Including being fully compliant with applicable Safe Environment Program requirements (U.S.A. and Canada only).

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Star District Checklist

Fraternal Year 2022-2023

- Founders Award earned by every council in district
- Reach 70% of combined council membership quotas

Calendar	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Gains:												
Losses:												


- At least one council in the district earned the Star Council Award
- For each council in your district (including Councils which are suspended), submit the District Deputy Report (#944) — Due 9/15

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Fraternal Planner
2022 - 2023

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The Guidelines for Council Meetings

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Leadership Resources
Practical Information for Grand Knights, District Deputies and Financial Secretaries
Effective July 1, 2022



Programs & Member Engagement

Tyler Lomnitzer, Director



Engagement Groups

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Members

Local Councils

②

Online Members

State Divisions

③

Affiliate Members

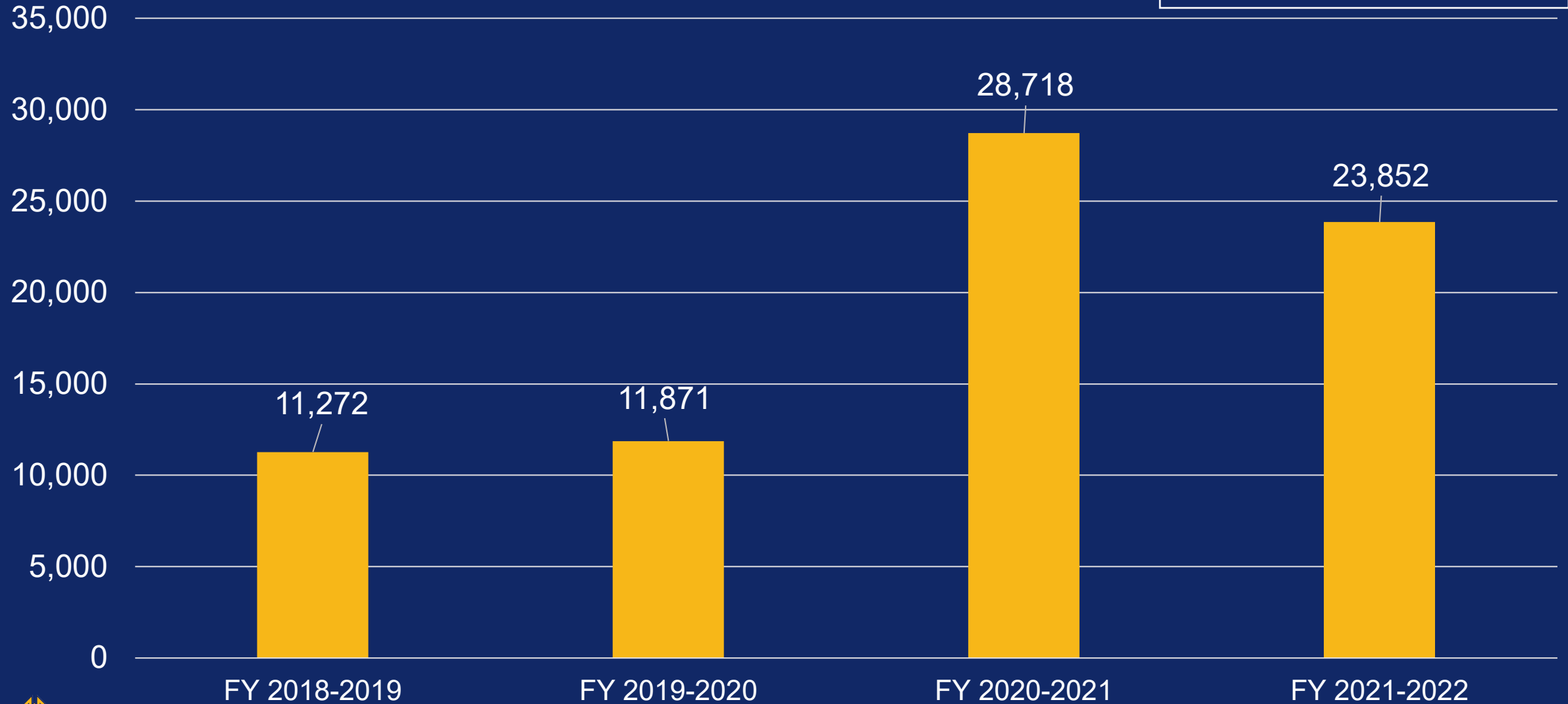


Growth of Online Joins



All-Time
Intake

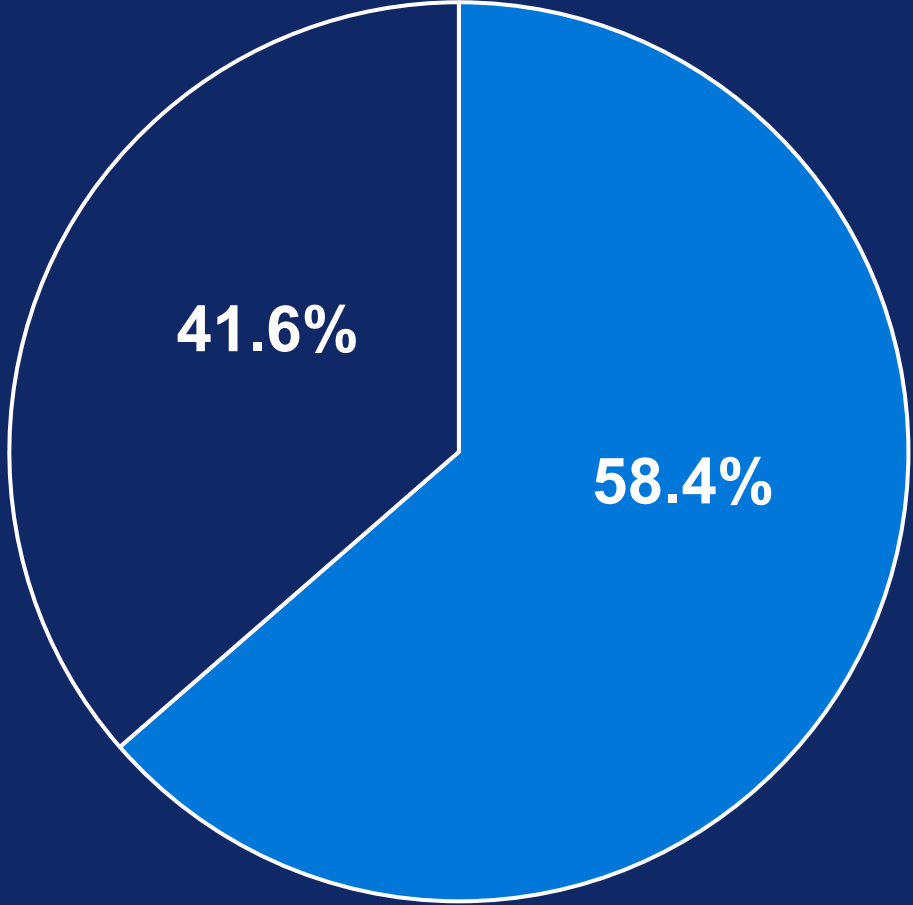
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■ Online Intake



FY 2021-2022 Intake Percentage (US & CAN)

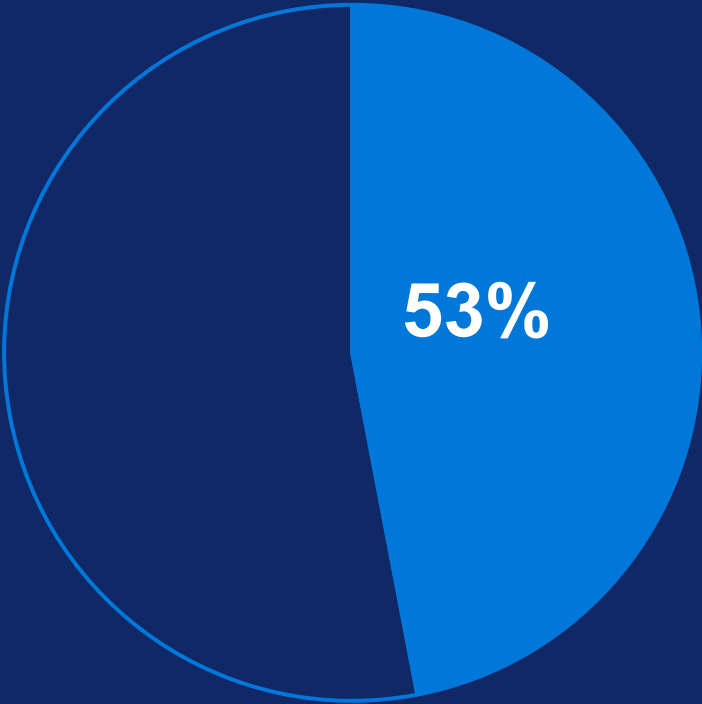


- Online Intake
- Council Intake

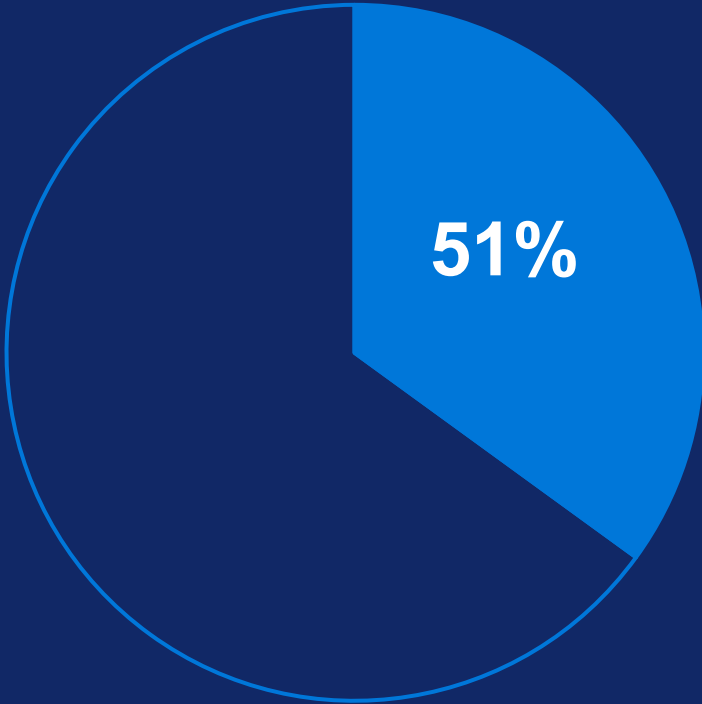


Transfer Rate (State Division to Local Council)

All Time



FY '21-'22



NPS Scores


Onboarding
Survey Responses

1,787

NPS - Recommend Online Membership – 48.8



Feedback from Detractors

- “I've been trying to join a local council, but nobody has answered me.”
- “Multiple people contacted me but didn't know why I was referred to them.”
- “Too automated. No local contact or welcome.”
- “I just want to participate in my local Chapter.”



Online / Affiliate Member Mgmt Goals

***Appoint a capable, self-starter Online Membership Chairman**

- 1. Assign/Reject Online Members Quickly on Prospect Tab**
 - ◆ Easy and achievable**
- 2. Encourage Councils to Quickly Process Assigned Members**
 - ◆ Difficult, but achievable**
- 3. Invite Online/Affiliate Members to Events**





Programs for Online / Affiliate Members

- Use roster of online and affiliate members to invite to events
- No new programs needed, use existing programs like:
 - Marches for Life
 - Special Olympics Regional and State Events
 - Fraternal Outings like ball games
- State Online Membership Chairman and State Program Director need to make this happen

We will provide State Deputies with a roster first week of July on BOX



BOX Access and Resources

- **State Deputies get Access to Contact Information of:**
 - **Online and Affiliate Members**
 - **District Deputies**
 - **Grand Knights**
 - **Deputy Grand Knights**
 - **Financial Secretaries**
 - **All Council FIA Program Directors**
- **State FIA Program Directors get Access to:**
 - **Monthly and Quarterly #10784 Fraternal Program Report Data**

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Faithful Citizenship

- Critical for Post-Dobbs updates
- Members must sign up; please encourage!
- Receive monthly eNewsletter on various federal legislative, regulatory, and legal issues
- [Kofc.org/faithfulcitizenship](https://kofc.org/faithfulcitizenship)



Knights of Columbus
Faithful Citizenship
Volume 1 | Issue 1

As faithful citizens, we are called to take an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

The Knights of Columbus stands ready to encourage and provide you information and potential opportunities for active engagement.

Additional resources include the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) and your [state catholic conference](#). These organizations speak for the Church and our bishops and depend on the involvement of all the faithful.

Our Leaders Stand With You

Patrick Kelly
Supreme Knight

"In the United States, the Hyde Amendment is under attack... The Knights will stand in the gap to defend it. Nearly 80% of Americans want to keep this commonsense policy. For the sake of the unborn, we will fight to preserve the Hyde Amendment."

Supreme Knight's Report, 2021

Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain

"Our pro-life teaching and witness strikes a responsive chord in many hearts because it is founded on the bedrock of reason and natural law... Our mission is to reach those who are searching, because, in their hearts they sense the stunningly beautiful truth about the inalienable dignity of each human being."

Mass of the National Vigil for Life, 2021

Key Legislation to Watch

Taxpayer Funded Abortion

- Recently, the House of Representatives passed legislation to fund the government without longstanding provisions that prohibit taxpayer dollars from paying for abortion.
- The most well-known of these provisions, the Hyde Amendment, has been

Beds and Bags for Disaster Relief

- 500 sleeping bags
- 317 roller bags
- Offered to jurisdictions for disaster relief



Coats for Kids

- **Black Friday and Boxing Day Match continues**
- **Coat pricing remains the same**



Eucharistic Processions

Encourage councils to contact pastor and get involved

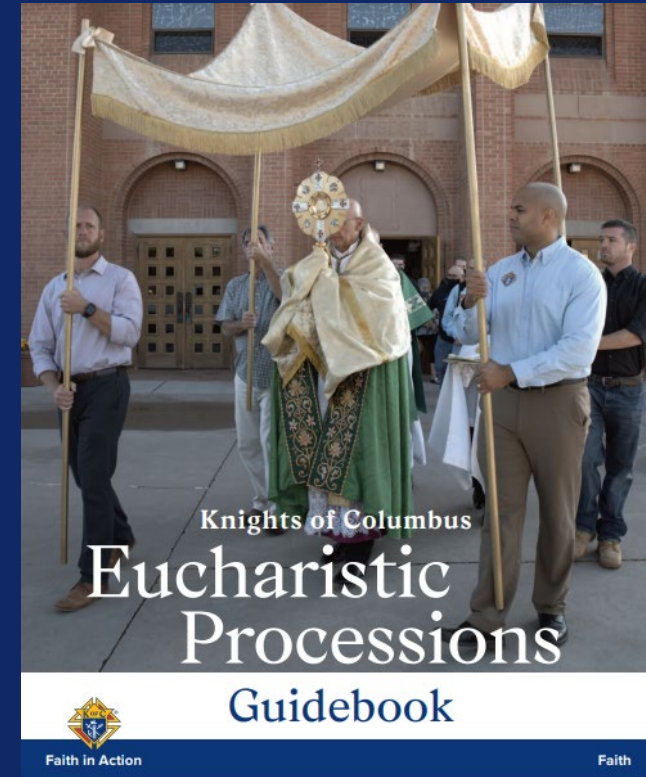
Resources Available in Holy Hour Program

- #11348 Eucharistic Procession Guidebook
- #11334 Eucharistic Procession Trifold
- #11345 Eucharistic Procession Poster

Links

kofc.org/eucharist

kofc.org/eucaristia



NEW! Holy Hour Featured Program Credit

- Hold at least four Holy Hours (quarterly), or
- Organize and support two Holy Hours and at least one Eucharistic Procession.



Post-Dobbs Resources (coming soon)

- Focus: Support Pregnancy Centers
- Website
- Talking points, videos
- Branded Baby Bottles: Supplies Online
- Connect with Diocesan “Respect Life” offices



Hockey Challenge

- 15 programs reported in last two years
- Time of year program can be held – ALL YEAR
- Easy to run – Similar to Free Throw & Soccer
- Age range 10-17
- Supplies available on Supplies Online
- Questions, please contact Jason.Porrello@kofc.org



Coming Soon

- **A.S.A.P. Aid and Support After Pregnancy Resources**
- **Council Application Form for State Blessed McGivney Award**
- **Protecting God's Children**
- **Program Surveys – Please respond**





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Thank You!

Vivat Jesus!