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Closing Comments



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What is the future?

- Programs
- Meetings
- Membership



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Where do we go from here?
What is the future for our Programs, Meetings, and our Membership?

Programs

- LNNB!!
- Can continue despite the pandemic!
- New ways to continue programs virtually!
- Advertise our upcoming programs, and the results of our past programs!



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Leave no neighbor behind ... especially our brother Knights, and there is still great need to help our parish and our community!

We've seen photos and videos of some great work done by our councils despite the pandemic.

Supreme has some great ideas that allows us to use technology to continue our programs, especially those which allow us to evangelize our faith and our great order.

Advertise in our Social Media platforms, our parish bulletins, our newsletters and local media. Show the results, photos, video, wherever we can. Don't be afraid to blow our own horn!! Be sure to thank those who contributed or participated, both non-members and brother knights!

Meetings

- Can continue to meet despite the pandemic!
- Use technology to meet virtually!
- Be sure to have an Officers planning meeting
- Future State meetings



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Don't be afraid to meet using technology, and don't be afraid to ask us for help.

There are webinars and instructions on the Supreme website, and on our state website, and we have experts willing to help you!

Ensure that you have an officers planning meeting to iron out all the issues, and to provide a place for members to suggest new programs and ways of doing things. This then allows for the Membership/Business meetings to be shorter and more attractive to new members ... allows time for a lector program or hospitality.

State Convention is still planned for May 14-16 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in St Cloud. We are hoping that the pandemic will have receded enough that we can hold this as "normal". However, that remains to be decided over the next few months, and it is highly likely that we will provide a "virtual" option.

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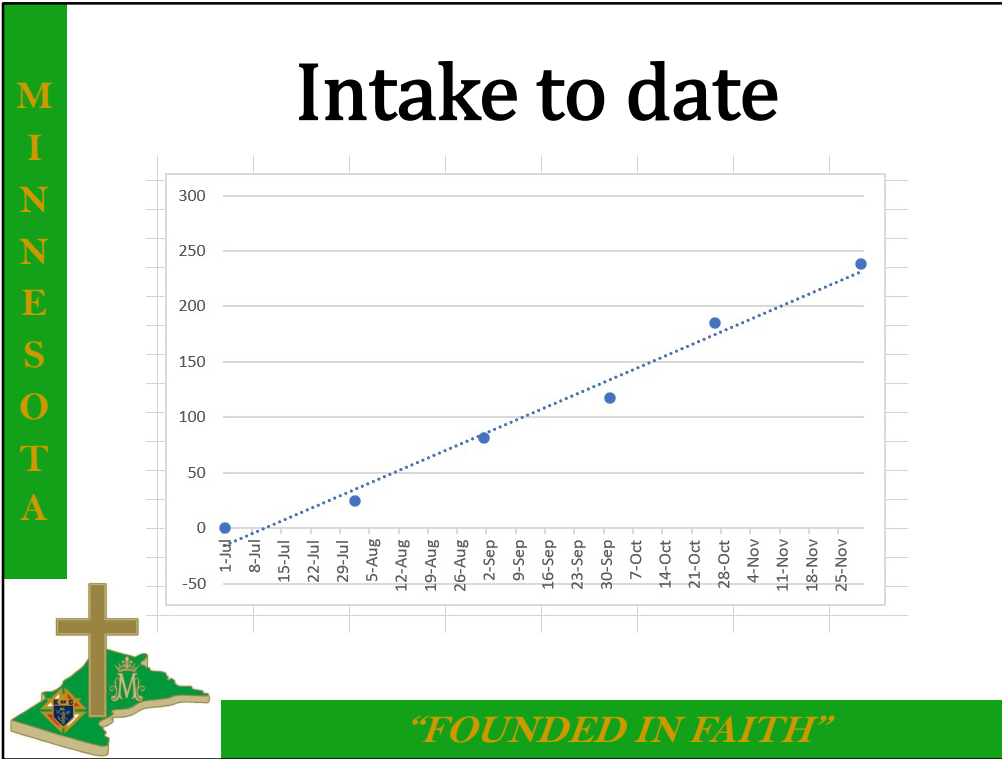
Membership

•	Intake Goal	1050
	– Currently	238
	• 42% of year	
	• 22% of goal	



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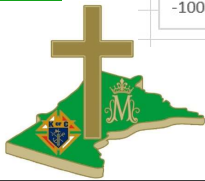
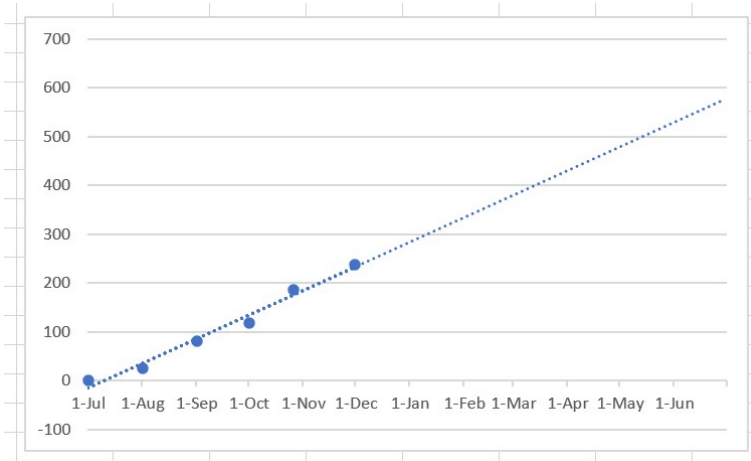
Intake goal is 1050 ... 64 less than last year
 Where do we stand?
 After 5 months (42% of the year) we are at 22% of our goal
 However, only 6 jurisdictions in the whole order of 75 jurisdictions are at 42% or over.
 2 are in the 60's!!
 7 are in the 40's
 13 in the 30's
 33 in the 20's
 17 in the 10's (including our neighbors to the east and south) :o)
 3 < 10%
 Please don't be despondent ... there is reason to be optimistic!



I'm a great one for using statistics ...
 Let's look at a graph of our intake to date, and fit a straight line to the monthly figures

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Intake - prediction



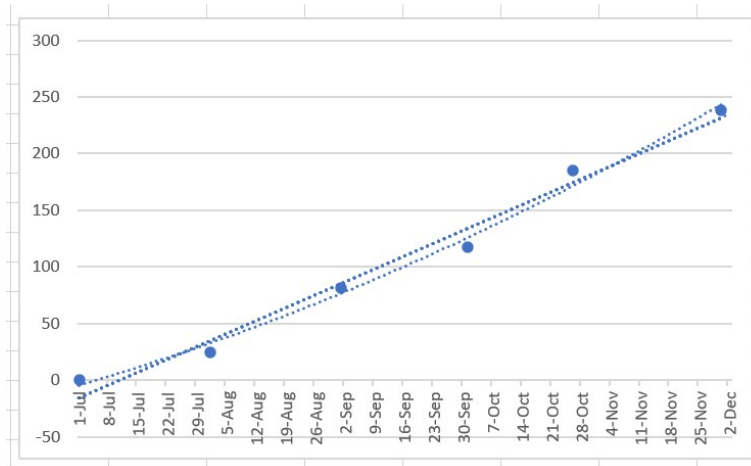
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If we extend this straight line out to the end of the year ...

We reach about 570

Not great, but we have still given almost 600 men the ability of joining our great order and the chance to become better Catholics, better husbands and fathers, better men!

Intake - trend

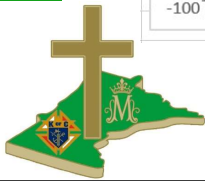
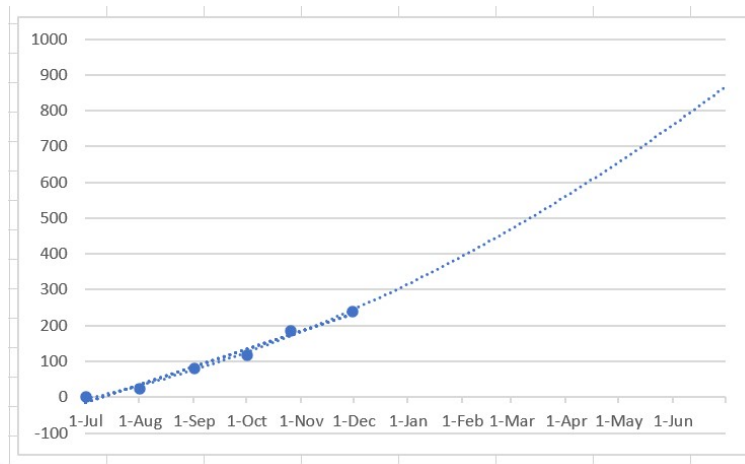


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Another way of looking at these monthly figures is to fit a "Trend line" ... this takes into account, not just the figures, but the "trend" ... in other words how the numbers have improved (or worsened!) each month.

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Intake – trend prediction



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If we extend this trend to the end of the fraternal year, we reach almost 900!
Is this possible? I think it is ... councils are now starting to see that there are ways to continue with meetings and programs and recruiting, despite the pandemic ... coming out from under the bed! :o)
AND ... dare we say that there is possibly light at the end of the tunnel, vaccines are close to being released for distribution, and we may see things starting to open up in the spring. YES I do think it is possible, and might even be underestimating our future!
As the pandemic recedes, men will be looking for an avenue for their energies ... and the Knights can provide that. With a little effort our goal of 1050 is achievable!

In Conclusion

- Programs
 - Leave No Neighbor Behind
 - Support our Brother Knights
 - Support of our Parishes and Communities
 - Faith in Action
 - Emphasis on “Faith” programs
 - Invite the parish



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LNNB – Brother Knights #1

Constant Communications is key!

Personal contact!

Continue the great work done during the pandemic

Faith in Action ... Note the key word “Faith”

Continue our great charitable works of course ...

Ultrasounds, Wheelchairs, Special Olympics, and others

BUT have an increased emphasis on those programs which evangelize our Faith (see video later)

(Not just those in the “Faith” category – SPD Joe will go into more details)

Invite the parish and local community to join us in these Faith programs

In Conclusion

- Membership
 - Use every method available to recruit
 - Online is the key!
 - Encourage online members to join your council
 - Get new members engaged immediately



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Use every means to advertise:

Parish bulletin

Facebook

Website

Local media – written and broadcast

Online membership is simple and FREE up to the end of December, but don't let potential council members sit "unaccessed" ... these are men who have already decided they want to be Knights so a large part of the recruiting effort is done! You just have to convince them that they need to be a part of your council.

THEN your job is not over ... get them engaged call them to come to the meetings ... which, if you follow the new guidelines, will be interesting and fun!

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In Conclusion

Minnesota
Will be awarded
the Circle of Honor
in 2021!



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Closing Prayer

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.



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Blessed Michael McGivney
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