

Pass the Hat is back in 2024!
121st WSC Convention – ASAP Pass the Hat for LIFE

Worthy Brother Knights,

The second great Commandment is, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:39) As the month of May approaches, I encourage my brother Knights to consider how they might be able to help families and especially mothers.

One way the Knights across the state can contribute is by participating in the **Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program**. During the 121st WSC Convention, we will raise money for the **PREPARES** program in each diocese in Washington. All money councils raise between now and the convention in May will be split evenly among the three Washington dioceses. Host fundraisers and bring your donations to the convention.

2024 ASAP Pass the Hat Goal is \$12,000

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ASAP Incentives for State Councils and College Councils

State “Pass the Hat”

Every state council is encouraged to “pass the hat,” especially during their state conventions, to raise money for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes as part of the Order’s ASAP program. To reward those who do this most effectively, the jurisdiction in each membership division (1-6) that raises the most money by May 31 will receive a check for \$1500. **Funds donated to PRCs and MHs will also be matched 25% with a cap of \$12,500 per jurisdiction.** Help the Order reach its \$5 million end-of-year goal for ASAP and earn extra funds for women in need and your jurisdiction!

College Councils

The top ten college councils who raise the most funds for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes by the end of the fraternal year will be awarded the following funds for their general fund:

- 1st (\$1,500)
- 2nd and 3rd (\$1,000)
- 4th and 5th (\$750)
- 6th-10th (\$500)

Funds donated to PRCs and MHs will also be matched 25% with a cap of \$12,500 per council. College Councils can also work with local councils to carry out their fundraisers – so reach out to a nearby college council to help!

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What is PREPARES?

Pregnancy and Parenting Support (PREPARES) is a statewide initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State.

It provides pregnancy and parenting support services through Catholic parishes across Washington State, serving all families from pregnancy to their child's fifth birthday. All are welcome to participate in the free support that PREPARES provides.

PREPARES supports the commitment to the sanctity of human life, especially in its most vulnerable early stages. It seeks not only to assure healthy births and avoid the tragedy of abortion, but also to provide emotional support to nurture healthy and flourishing relationships that uphold the vision of the family as the essential unit of society.

Thus, I encourage Councils to begin whatever kind of fundraising drive makes sense in their area or parish to raise money for the **Pass the Hat** at the Convention. During the Saturday Afternoon Business Session, we will *Pass the Hat* (envelopes) at the tables to collect donations from councils and individuals.

Give Big for the Culture of Life! Let's raise \$12,000!

If 24 Councils bring just \$500...that's \$12,000

If 48 Councils bring just \$250...that's \$12,000

If 200 members bring just \$60...that's \$12,000

Let's Do It

“He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’” - Matthew 25:45 (NAB)

Thank you and God Bless,

Worthy State Chairman of ASAP

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