

# Membership Tournament Challenge

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**Just when we finished a wild March Madness with College Basketball here in Michigan, we have a new challenge and a new bracket to work on. . .**

The Supreme Council has challenged the states and provinces to a "Membership Tournament Challenge". This challenge is matching us against Minnesota in the first round.

- Winners will be based on the highest percentage of membership intake.
- Each of the rounds after the first will earn the state CASH for winning.
- The prizes start at \$500 and grows by \$500 in each of the following rounds. We have the chance to finish this year very well and this challenge from Supreme will add dollars that we can share directly to the Sacred Heart Major Seminary Endowment Scholarship Fund to support our seminarians now and in the future.

Michigan only needs 800 new members to reach our goal for the first time in 100 years. Our challenge is to recruit just 9 men a day for the rest of the year. With over 430 Councils, we only need each council to recruit 2 men to surpass our goal of sustainability in Michigan.

The details of the challenge and our bracket are attached - lets continue Michigan's winning of brackets this year and win some cash for our Seminarians.

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# MEMBERSHIP TOURNAMENT CHALLENGE

Win cash for your jurisdiction. Win bragging rights for life.

April 1 is here, and so is the Membership Tournament Challenge!

Between April 1 – June 30, all jurisdictions in the United States and Canada will go head-to-head in six, two-week rounds. Each round, the jurisdiction who earns the highest percentage of their membership intake quota will advance to the next round.

**Top prize is \$11,000 with a total of \$39,000 up for grabs throughout the 12 weeks**

## Here's how it works:

The Membership Tournament Challenge will allow all US and Canadian jurisdictions to compete in a membership competition lasting from April through June 30. Each jurisdiction has been assigned a seed in one of four brackets: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Seeding is based on Circle of Honor positioning as of April 1 (view the attached for your jurisdiction's seeding and first-round matchup).

**Can California outlast Delaware? Will Florida show its neighbor to the north who's boss? Will Virginia bid Quebec adieu? We'll know soon enough!**

This is a single elimination tournament, with jurisdictions facing off in half-month challenges. The jurisdiction that posts the highest intake gain (a percentage of their quota) during that period, will win the match up and move on to the next round. Quotas will be locked in according to that day's Circle of Honor report.

## For Example:

In the first round, New Hampshire faces off against Prince Edward Island. New Hampshire is at 77.82% of quota. Prince Edward Island is at 26.67%. When the first round ends on April 15, the jurisdiction that has posted the highest percentage gain *in that period* will win. So if New Hampshire is at 87.82% (an increase of 10%) on April 15, and Prince Edward Island is at 46.67% (an increase of 20%), Prince Edward Island will win the round.

## Congratulations to Tennessee!

Because there are 63 teams in the tournament, the true #1 seed – Tennessee – has earned a 1st round bye.