

Brother Knights,

I am writing you today to ask for your help in making a positive historic impact. The Global Corona Virus Pandemic has obviously been more deadly and had a far greater financial impact than we could have imagined. I am sure all of you have been affected directly or know someone who has quarantined, gotten the virus, or died due to complications. Every day we hear stories of hospitals filling beyond capacity or morgues bringing in refrigerator trailers to hold the bodies of those who have perished and are waiting to receive their final services. Due to the discipline of social distancing, wearing masks, washing and sanitizing hands and surfaces, as well as quarantining, our communities have not reached those levels. We all want to keep it that way and find a solution to this dire situation.

Help is on the way! As you have heard, vaccines with high efficacy rates have been developed and are in the process of being distributed. Some who are the most at risk have received their first dose. Recently, Governor Walz stated MN will be receiving 60,000 vaccines per week. While the vaccination process has not gone as fast as we would like, we need to be prepared so that as more vaccines arrive, they can be administered quickly and efficiently. How can you make a difference?

In order to facilitate the administration of vaccine, volunteer help will be needed. This help will give medical staff more time to administer vaccines. The responsibility of effectively administering vaccines has been given to public health organizations. Our Brown County Public Health Director is Karen Moritz. I have been in contact with Karen and she is looking forward to help from The Knights of Columbus and other organizations.

All interested in volunteering will need to go online and register at <https://mnresponds.org/>. At the bottom of that webpage is a "REGISTER NOW" button. It will take about 20 minutes to register and fill out the "My Profile" sections. I will include some tips I learned to help fill out the registration and the "My Profile" pages on another page. During the registration process you will get the opportunity to say if you want to remain locally, state or nationally involved. You will also be contacted and asked for your participation. These 20 minutes can be the first step in defeating COVID19, saving lives and bringing us all closer to a normal life!

Please take time to consider volunteering to help in this historic campaign to end the Corona Virus! Put your faith in action and share this information with other organizations, friends, and family!

Sincerely,

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Tips for filling out MN Responds registration and profile pages

Most information is very straight forward. You will have to create a username and password to access the site. Have your driver's license or state issued ID available. Required items have an asterisk (*) next to them. If you leave a required item blank, the system will tell you and stop you from proceeding.

On the Registration page the first item to fill out is "Organization(s)"

Click on the "+ Add Organizations" button

Click on the plus (+) symbol by "Brown County Organizations"

Check the box next to "Brown County Program"

Click on the "Select" button in the bottom right hand corner of that window

This will take you back to the registration screen where you can create your username and proceed.

When you are done with the registration page click the "Next" button in the bottom right had corner. The next page will tell you that you need to fill out the "My Profile" information.

There are 8 sections to the "My Profile" information. You need to fill out the first 7. They are Identity, Deployment Prefs, Contact, Occupations, Training, Skills & Certifications and Medical History. If you cannot enter information, you may need to click on the "Edit Information" button below the section heading. Most information needed is very simple and straight forward.

When you get to the Occupations section, the occupation you chose earlier should be displayed in underlined blue. Click on the blue underlined letters to enter more information about that profession. You can also use the "Add Another Occupation" button to include more experience that you have.

In the Skills and Certification section you can skip the "Healthcare Skills and Certification" portion if you have none. But in the "Other Relevant Skills and Certifications" portion there is a list of skills in a box on the left hand side. Select one skill that applies to you and click on the right hand arrow to move it to the box on the right hand side. Do this for each skill that applies.

The 8th section of "My Profile" is the Background Check. You do not need to fill out anything here but can click on the blue underlined letters of "View Details".

Each of the 8 sections are listed in the Summary Section of "My Profile". Once each of these sections is listed as completed, you are done! Please contact me as I am collecting names for Public Health Director Karen Moritz. Brown County Public Health will be verifying that your information has been accepted. They will also be making the correspondence asking if you can help when the time comes.

Please call me if I can be of assistance for registration and thank you for your service to our country!

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