

Membership Recognition Report

Member recognition is an essential part of UCT's success. This year we awarded 406 pins and certificates to our 25-year members, 351 awards to our 50-year members, 123 awards to our 60-year members, and one award to a 75-year member. Thank you. Your longtime membership means a great deal.

Top Writer / Drummers

This year we had one member who attained the level of President's Council for writing over 50 members. Kathy Chisolm from Regina, Saskatchewan Council 266 wrote 61 new fraternal members and is the top writer this year. There were 26 Pacesetters who sponsored 3 or more new members and 121 One Award winners who sponsored 1-2 new members. Also, this year we had five Drummers who wrote 10 or more members into UCT.

Fraternal Membership Gains for Local Councils

Despite challenges, several local councils worked extra hard to bring new members into UCT and experienced fraternal membership gains as a result. As a reminder, the fraternal membership gains include deaths, lapses, cancellations, reinstatements, and new members. Here is a breakdown of the local councils with gains in each division:

Division I (200 members or more)

No Gains

Division II (100 to 199 members)

Regina, Saskatchewan Council 266	Gain of 48
Cape Girardeau, Missouri Council 534	Gain of 3

Division III (99 members or fewer)

Narragansett Council 699, Cranston, Rhode Island	Gain of 7
Medicine Hat, Alberta Council 1020	Gain of 3
Cincinnati, Ohio Council 2	Gain of 2
Grande Prairie, Alberta Council 1018	Gain of 2
Lafayette, Indiana Council 341	Gain of 2
Kelowna West Council 1003, Kelowna, British Columbia	Gain of 1
Sherwood Park, Alberta Council 1022	Gain of 1
Minnedosa, Manitoba Council 926	Gain of 1
Edmonton South Council 1017, Edmonton, Alberta	Gain of 1

There was one regional council with a fraternal membership gain this year: Manitoba-Saskatchewan with a gain of 22.

Medal of Honor Program Recipients

Many local councils made a difference in their communities during the past year through community service and earned Medals of Honor for their efforts. Congratulations and great job to the 18 councils receiving awards:

Platinum Level

Kelowna West Council 1003, Kelowna, British Columbia
Sherwood Park, Alberta Council 1022
Sudbury, Ontario Council 1051
Regina, Saskatchewan Council 266
Minnedosa, Manitoba Council 926

Silver Level

Columbus, Ohio Council 1
Gem City Council 3, Dayton, Ohio
Lincoln, Nebraska Council 104
M.J. Terapak Council 144, Columbus, Ohio
Logansport, Indiana Council 354
Fraternal Council 380, Jackson, Ohio
James B. Chrisp Council 448, Brandon, Manitoba
Jack Kidd Council 755, Saint John, New Brunswick
Pictonian Council 879, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
Neepawa, Manitoba Council 924
Glenboro, Manitoba Council 943
Buckeye Council 2000, Columbus, Ohio

Bronze Level

Boissevain, Manitoba Council 940

Regional and Local Council Newsletter Contest Winners

When applicable, first, second and third place is awarded at both the regional and local council levels. The local council newsletters are judged in two divisions: 199 members or fewer and 200 members or more. Winning councils receive a cash prize.

199 members or fewer

First Place – Kelowna West Council 1003, Kelowna, British Columbia

Second Place – Red Deer, Alberta Council 1021

Third Place – Fraternal Council 380, Jackson, Ohio

200 members or more

First Place – Lincoln, Nebraska Council 104

Second Place – Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin Council 335

There was no third-place winner in this division this year.

Join Hands Day

This year, several determined councils teamed up with youth in their communities to coordinate projects. Kudos to the councils that reported Join Hands Day events in 2022-2023:

Alliance, Ohio Council 261
Regina, Saskatchewan Council 266
Jack Kidd Council 755, Saint John, New Brunswick
Minnedosa, Manitoba Council 926
Glenboro, Manitoba Council 943

If your council held an event but wasn't recognized here, please contact Linda Fisher with the home office.

UCT Safety Poster Contest

Posters submitted this year focused on such standards as home and fire safety as well as texting and driving and internet safety, and the special issue of COVID-19 safety. This year's winners will be available to view on the UCT website by early July. They are:

Public, Private & Parochial School Division

UPPER LEVEL

First Place – K.C. Rose, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin Council 335

Second Place – Ciara Taborn, Capitol Council 95, Springfield, Illinois

Second Place – Silas Stahl, Minnedosa, Manitoba Council 926

MIDDLE LEVEL

First Place – Dechen Guenther, Boissevain, Manitoba Council 940

Second Place – Joyce Balfour, Hastings, Nebraska Council 109

Second Place – Li-Anna Schofield, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin Council 335

Third Place – Connor Ralston, Capitol Council 95, Springfield, Illinois

Third Place – Grayson Galye, Calgary North Council 1014, Calgary, Alberta

LOWER LEVEL

First Place – Emily Tetvault-Taggart, Boissevain, Manitoba Council 940

Second Place – Laila Vick, Russellville, Arkansas Council 665

Third Place – Cole Mlady, Hastings, Nebraska Council 109

Third Place – Eastyn Short, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin Council 335

Third Place – Colin Frazee, Yankton, South Dakota Council 384

Third Place – Parsyn Neighbors, Capitol Council 95, Springfield, Illinois

Intellectual Disabilities Division

Upper Level

First Place – Madeline Franks, Ardmore, Oklahoma Council 151

Second Place – Jerzie Butcher, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Council 1027

Second Place – Michael Duncan, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba Council 923

Third Place – Dallas Smith, Alliance, Ohio Council 261

MIDDLE LEVEL

First Place – Sadie Whited, Ardmore, Oklahoma Council 151

Second Place – Elijah Carlin, Alliance, Ohio Council 261

LOWER LEVEL

First Place – Joseph Hammon, Alliance, Ohio Council 261

Second Place – Tayla Thigpen, Ardmore, Oklahoma Council 151

Our thanks to all the councils and individual members who went above and beyond to serve their communities and UCT. You made a difference – and made us all proud.

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