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# **Nebraska Midyear Meeting**

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# Agenda

- **2023 Council Status Reports (Form #944)**
- **Programs and *Cor***
- **Q and A**



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# Council Status Reports



# Report Submissions

## *Nebraska*

**Total Councils: 173**

**Total 944 Received: 134 (77%)**

**Total Districts: 42**

**All 944 Submitted: 32 (76%)**

**Functioning Councils: 122**

**Non-functioning Councils: 12**



# Bottom Line Assessment

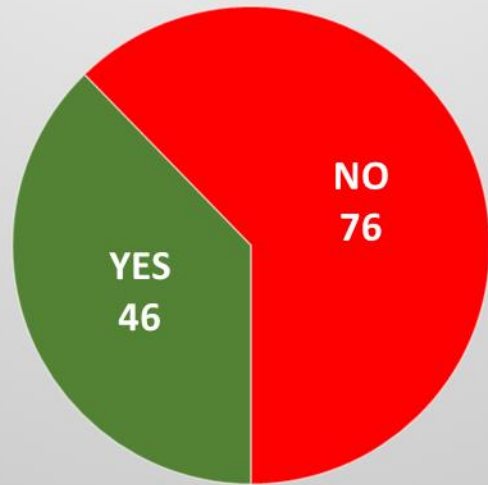
122 councils functioning  
12 councils non-functioning

## District Deputy Bottom Line Assessment

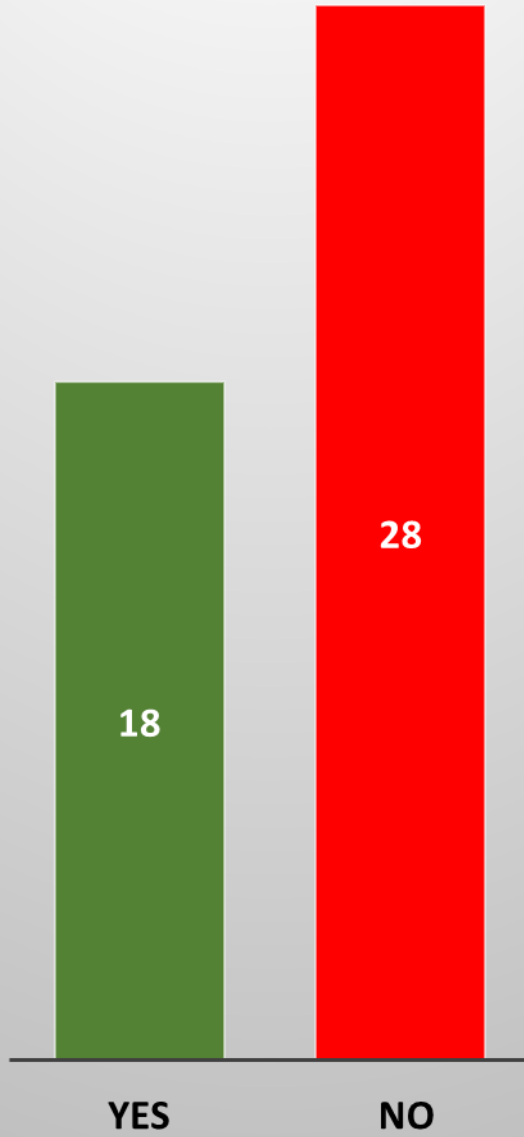
	<u>Councils</u>
Healthy and Sustainable:	111 / 64%
Operating but Need Help:	11 / 6%
Non-functioning - Reactivate:	0 / 0%
Non-functioning - Merged or Dissolved:	3 / 2%
Non-functioning - No Action at this Time:	9 / 5%



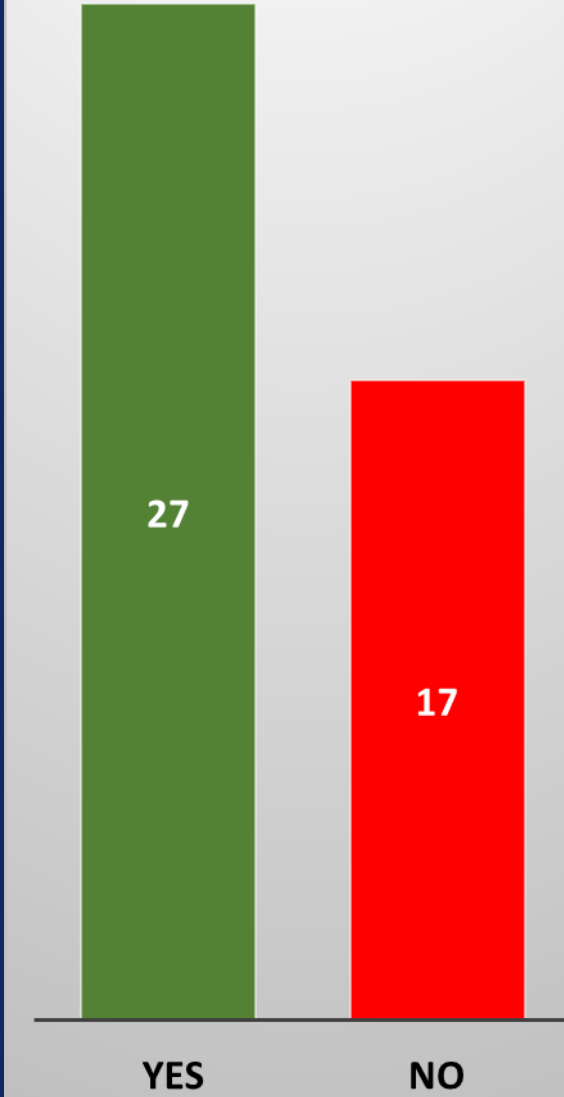
### Expected to do Cor



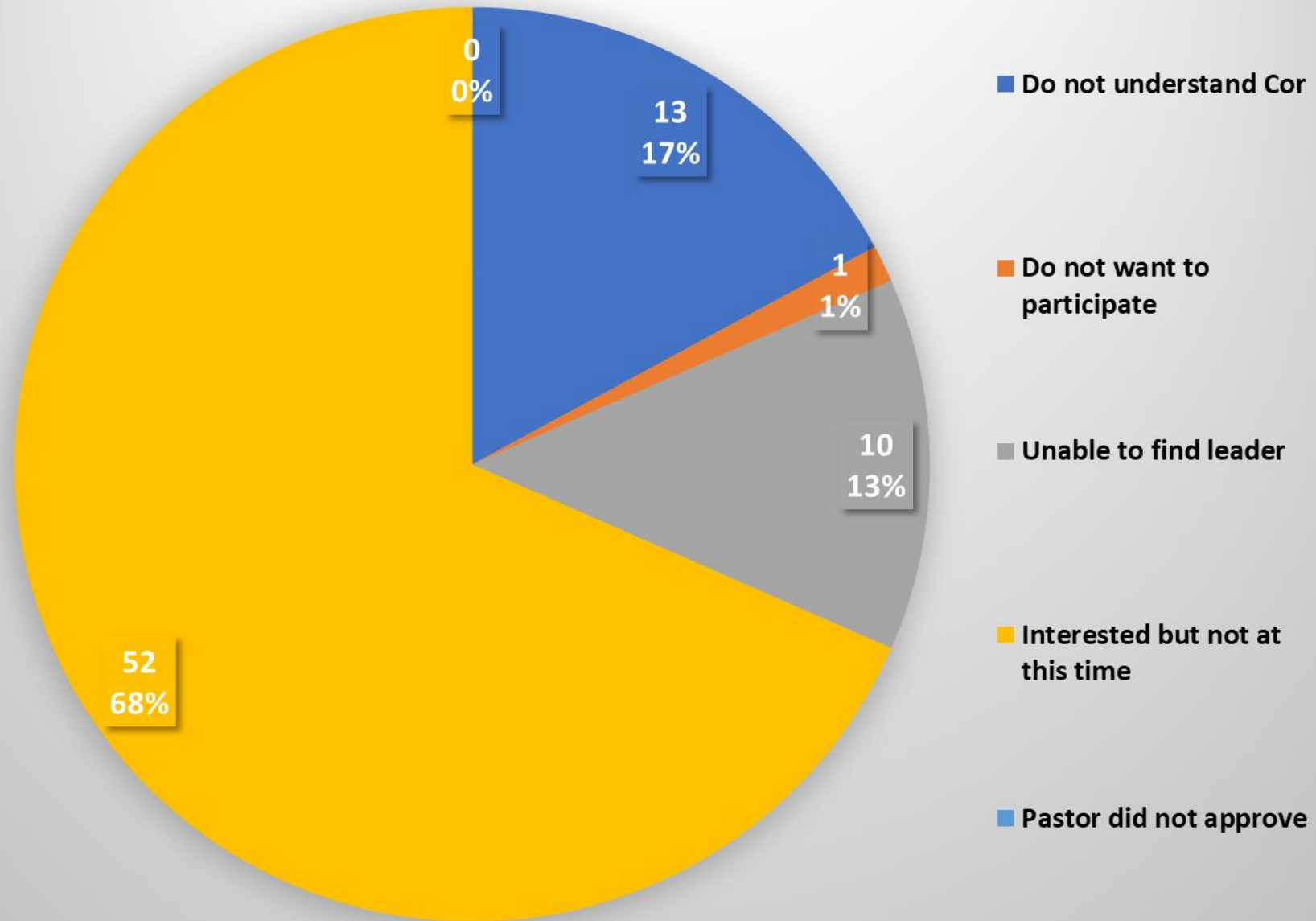
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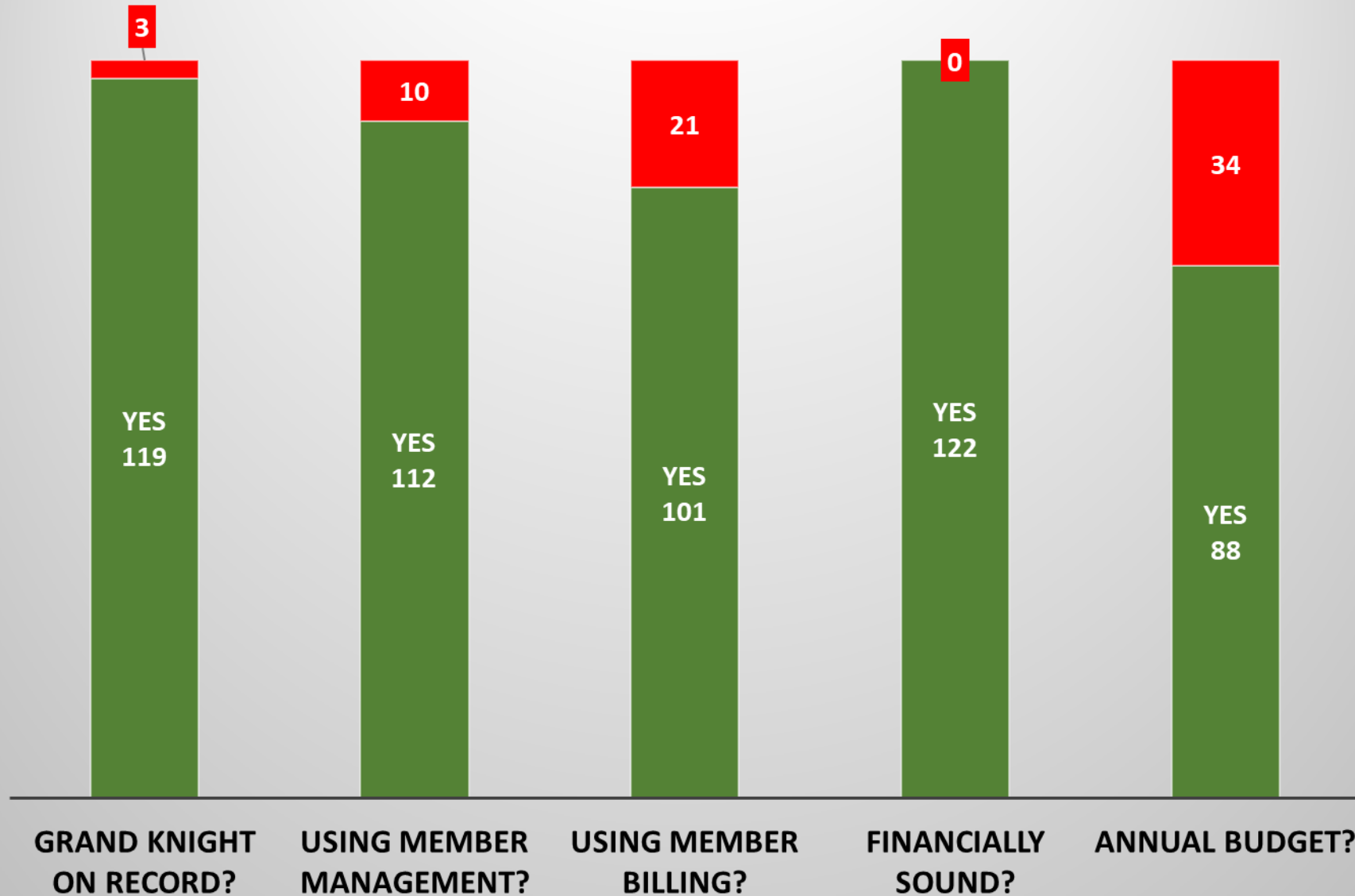
### Pastor Permission



## Reasons for not doing COR

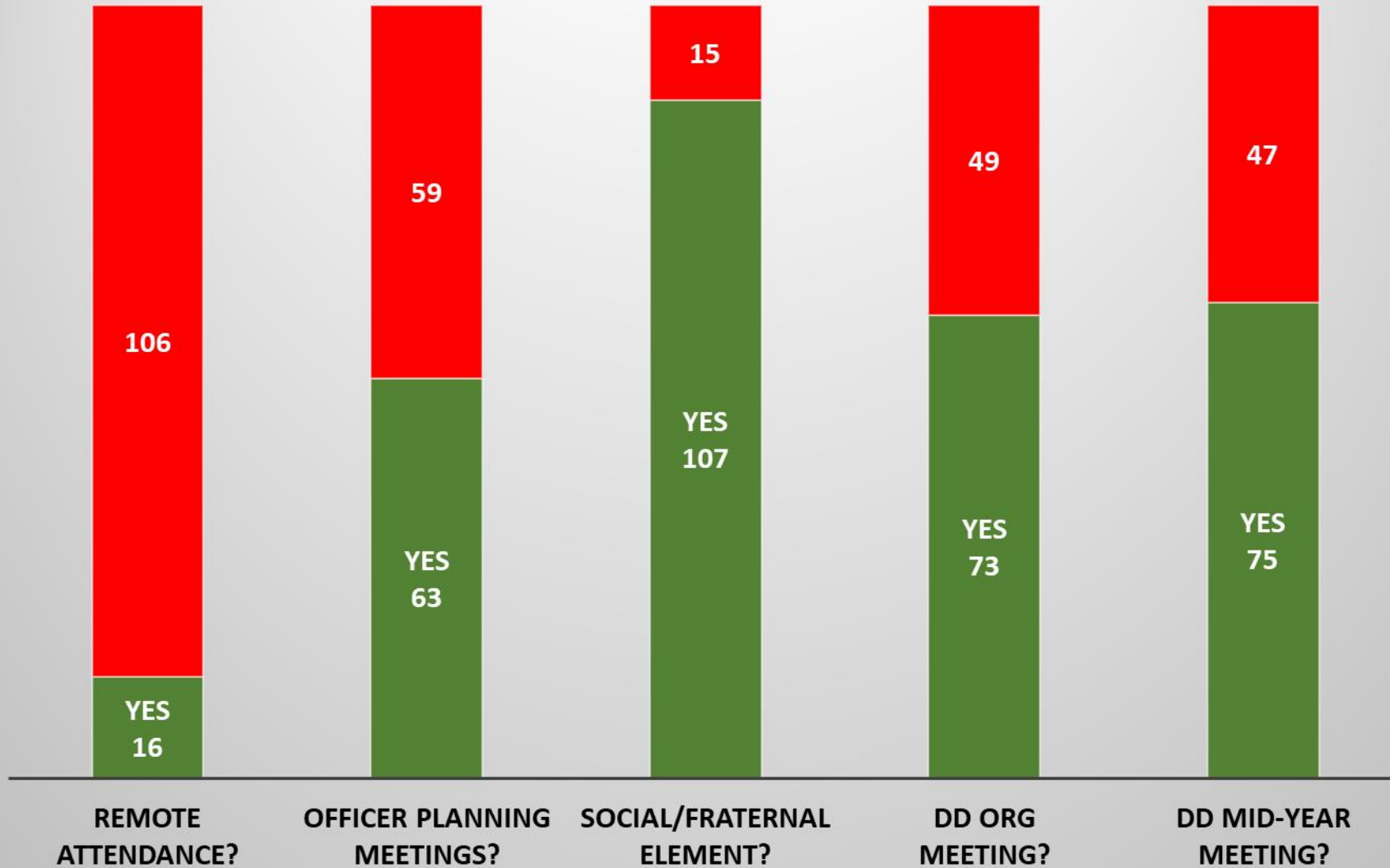


## Council Administration





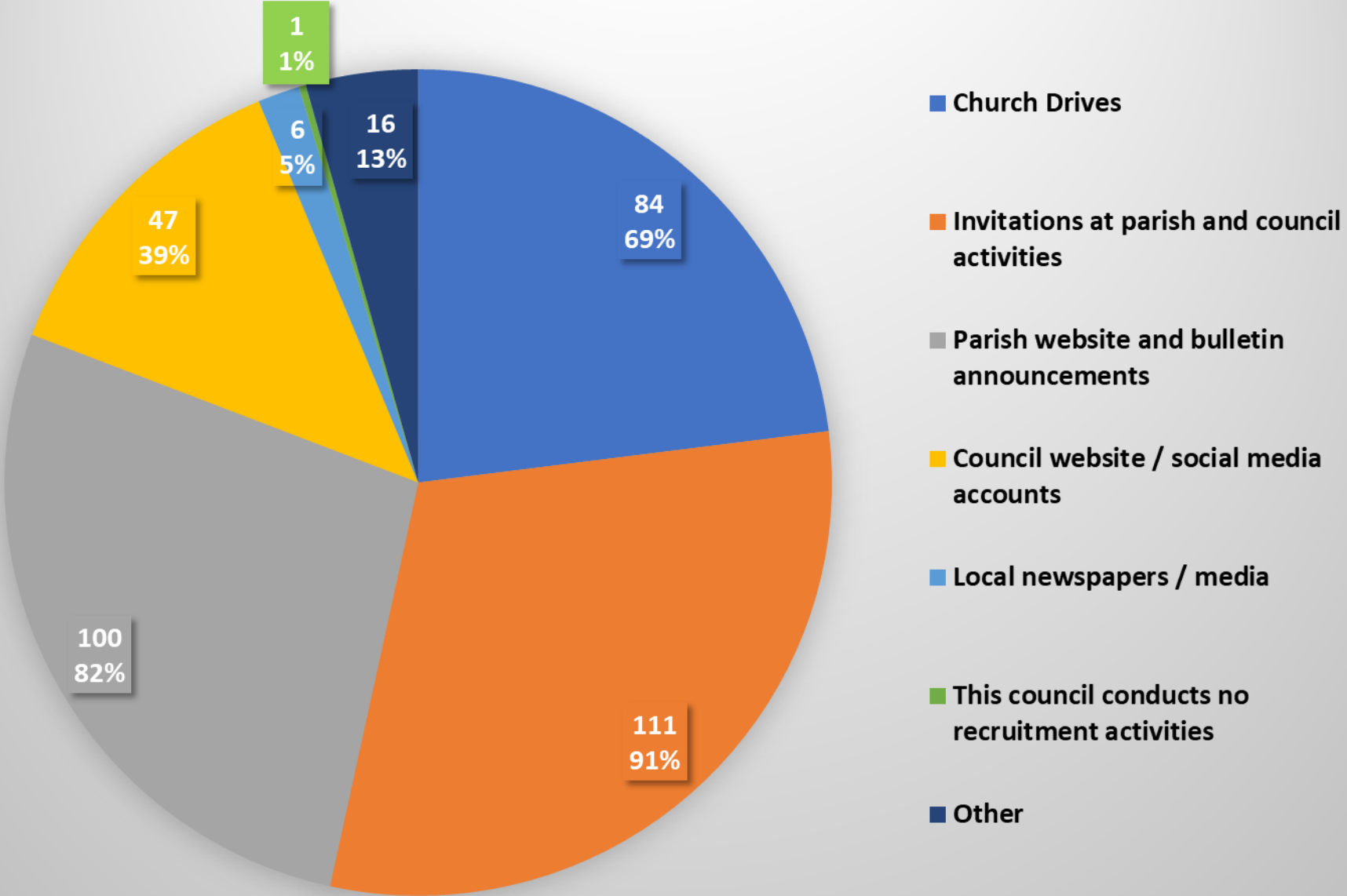
# Council Meetings



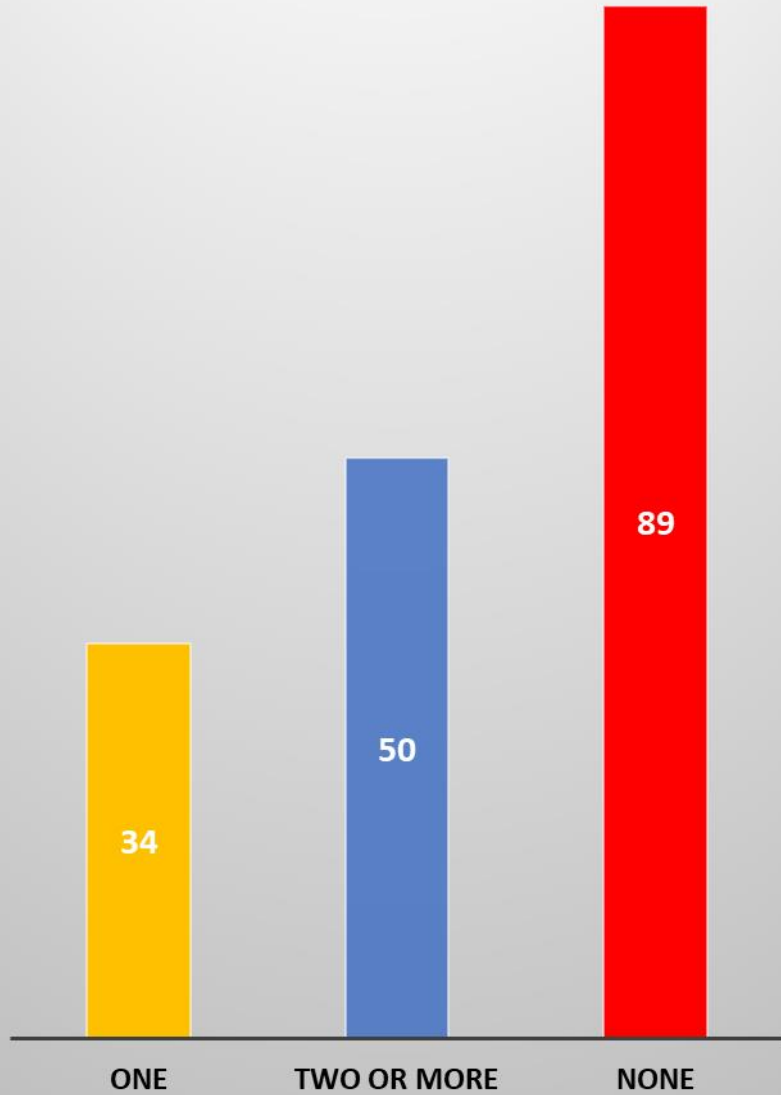
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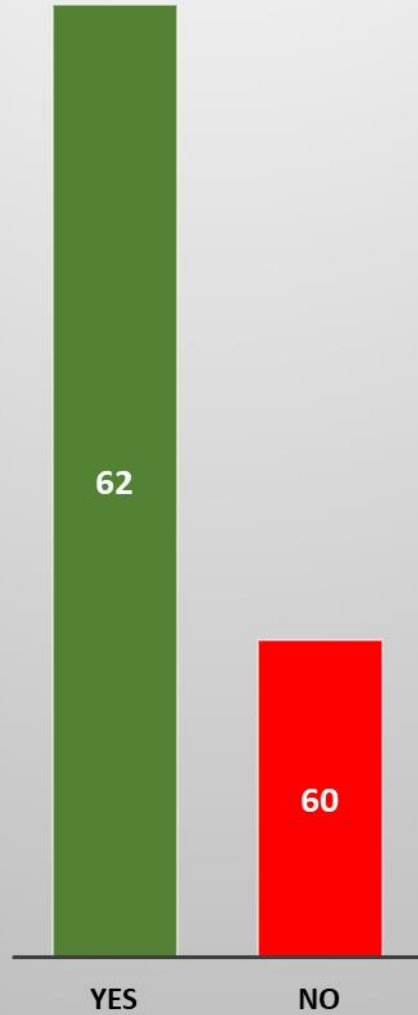
### How will this council invite new members to join?



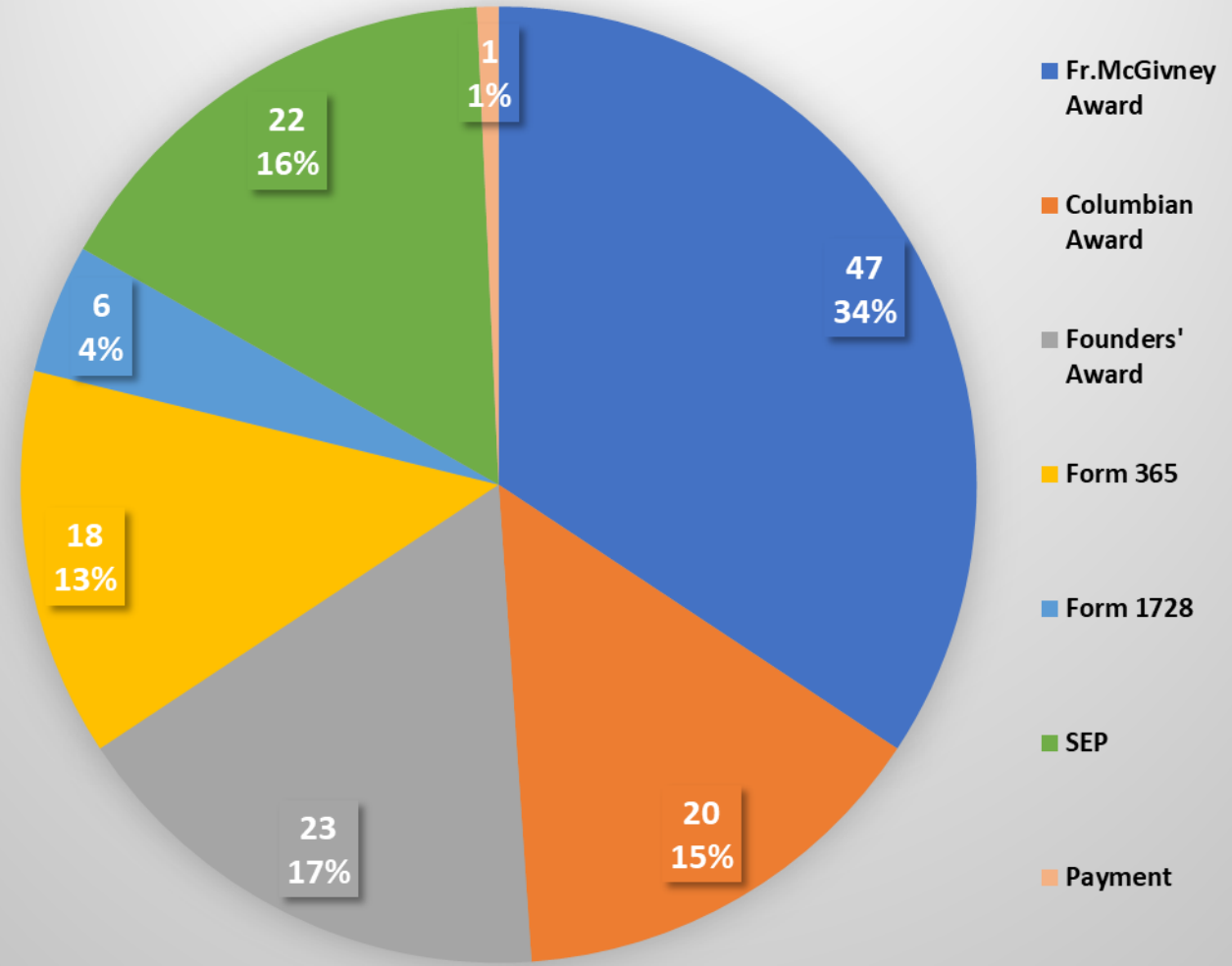
### Expected number of Church Drives



### Expected to Earn Star Council Award?



### Preventing Star Council Award



# Identified Weaknesses

- Officer Planning meetings
- District meetings
- No budget
- No Church drives
- Do not understand Cor
- No FBEs



# **Actions to Resolve:**

- **Educate on value of Officer Planning meetings**
- **Encourage representation at district meetings**
- **Invite councils to budget training**
- **Focus on zero Church Drives**
- **Educate councils on Cor**
- **Work with FA / GA on FBEs**



# Stress Use of Available Resources

- **How-to Video Library**
- **On Demand training**
  - Budgets and council finances
  - Programs and member experience
  - Grand Knight and council officers
  - Church Drives
- **Fraternal Leader Advisory**
- **Monthly webinars**
- **Jurisdiction training**





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**Programs and *Cor***



# Get the man right, get everything right.

“If we get the man right, we get everything right — the marriage, the family, the parish, the community.”

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly



# Councils as Catalysts for Evangelization

- **Need for evangelization is well documented, but why councils?**
  - **We have the Infrastructure**
  - **We have the Resources**
    - *Cor*, Faith in Action, Catholic Information Services, Into the Breach, Bible Study
- **Member Engagement – Where is everybody?**



# Council Transformation

- **Surrender Council to Christ**
  - “Is this *my* council, or *God’s* council?”
  - “What is God’s will for the council?”
- **Take Action**
  - Make *Cor* the centerpiece of council life
  - Be intentional about bringing prayer and faithful discipleship into all council programs and activities
- **Top-down support for implementation**
  - Supreme → State → DD → Local Council



# *Cor* is....

- Christ-centered brotherhood
- Open to all men of the parish
- Intentional and frequent time for:
  - Fraternity
  - Formation
  - Prayer



Lay the groundwork for future “asks”



# ***Cor* and Faith in Action**

- **Form Catholic men and send them on mission**
- **Put Christ at the center**
- **Attract men to the Order**



# Engaging Men *and* Families

- **Cor and Faith in Action programs form and invite men**
- **Focus on fraternity**
- **Use Faith in Action programs as part of Cor**
- **Allow men to serve with their families**
  - Programs should involve family participation
  - Don't force men to leave their families to participate
  - Faith in Action programs build the domestic church



# Marks of transformation

- **True brotherhood**
  - No silos, egos or pride of ownership
- **Faith guys → Service / Service guys → Faith**
- **Expanded programs**
- **Foundation of a vibrant parish**
  - Get the man right, get the family right
  - Get the council right, get the parish right
- **True sense of joy**
  - Doing God's work for it's own sake

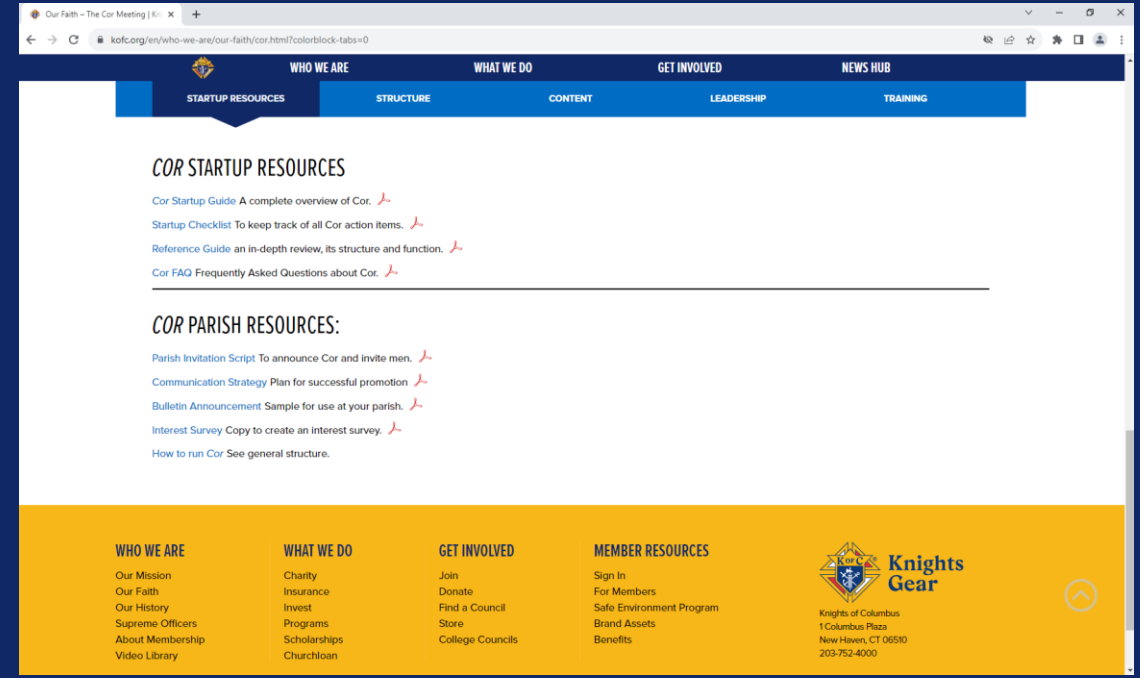




# Cor Resources



Supplies Online



Our Faith – Cor Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)

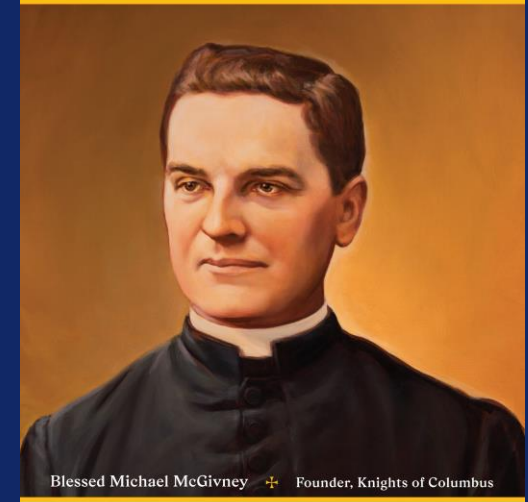


# Membership Incentive

- January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> (Founders Day)
- Recruit 6 members - Earn a banner



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# Questions





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