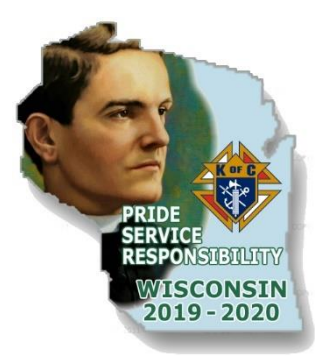


# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

February 2020

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## A Message from State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

We have a good first half of recruiting with the Wisconsin Jurisdiction achieving 40% of our intake quota. I would like to extend my thanks to the District Deputies, councils and RMCs of the Green Bay diocese for achieving 47%, and Milwaukee Archdiocese for achieving 44% of their intake quotas. But the membership in Wisconsin jurisdiction continues to shrink, 108 members over the last six months brings our state membership to 35, 445 Knights of Columbus in the Wisconsin.

We need each diocese performing above their quota for rest of this fraternal year for the Wisconsin Jurisdiction to be successful. As State Membership Director Mark Jelinek states in this month's Membership article, At of the end of January we have over 100 Councils who have scheduled to run the new ceremonial between February and March. We want to have the number to be over 200 Councils by the time we get to the end of February. The new degree ceremonial has been a game changer – if you have not seen it ask your District Deputy for more information.

If your council needs help with recruitment contact your General Agent or Field Agent for your council, your Districts Regional Membership Coach and District Deputies for help! These gentlemen are here to help your council to be successful. It saddens me to report that we have over 130 councils that have yet to bring in a member this year. If your council is one of these ask these gentlemen to help your council develop a solid recruitment plan.

Your council's Semiannual Council Audit is due on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder to Financial Secretaries and Council Trustees if your council fails to submit an Audit for 2 consecutive periods the Financial Secretary will lose his Supreme Bonding. Let's not put your council's financial secretary in that kind of predicament.

One of the most important reports we submit is the Fraternal Activity Report (Form 1728). From this report Supreme gathers information needed to document hours and time councils spend doing charitable work. The IRS would just love to be able to tax organizations like the Knights of Columbus. This report was due on January 31<sup>st</sup> and at this time we still have over 200 councils that have not submitted the Report of Fraternal Activity – get on it!

Less than 90 days away, we will be holding our State Convention in Green Bay! Our State Program Director Bill Frayer is collecting the Supreme Service Award Applications. The deadline date for this application is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember there are two Convention forms that need to be submitted, the Convention Registration Form (can be done online by registering) and the Delegate Registration Form. If your Council is not participating in anything at the convention, please submit these forms stating this. Councils that have not submitted their Delegate Registration Form will be receiving their second notice in mid-March. Be sure to make your hotel reservation early – don't wait until the last minute!

At the December District Deputies meeting, I asked each of the district deputies to go back and do an honest assessment of their councils and asked if they are relevant. Relevant in their community, in the programs they are running, relevant in their parish, council programs, and recruiting opportunities. It has been a couple of months now since the district deputies have asked you these questions. I now ask you to let me know how your council is relevant. Just send me an email at [jwrbanich@wikofc.com](mailto:jwrbanich@wikofc.com), put "Relevant" in the subject line and give me a little update how your council is relevant and what you're doing to facilitate Faith in Action in your parish.

Lisa and I hope you will have a great Valentine's Day and are planning to treat the lady in your life to a night out on the town. It is of course our ladies working alongside of us that will allow us to grow the order and ultimately church.

Vivat Jesus!  
Jack Wrbanich  
State Deputy

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program**

For those that may not know, our Silver Rose Chairman Sir Knight John Sustar has passed away. John ran State Silver Rose program for many years. We will continue the running of the rose this year in his memory.

If this is the first time you have heard about this program. The Running of the Rose is a huge program. Think of it. Every day from April to December 12th, 6 Silver Roses are being brought to people throughout the United States and Canada and prayers are being offered in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and for her intercession. I am asking is that you as a District or as a Council take a couple hours to receive the Rose and hold a prayer service.

The prayer service can be at a church or council home. The service must NOT be associated with Mass. There is a prayer brochure. Local councils are responsible for the publicity in their area, conducting the prayer service and transporting the Rose to the next site. The Rose should be welcomed to the next site by officers and 4th Degree.

The final route and schedule will be developed based on the response. We will develop information articles for the dioceses. The planning guide map is a way to cover the entire State and to minimize driving distances on snow and ice and in the dark. All councils in the State are part of this run. Please respond as soon as possible. I know it is six months away, but we need a commitment now. Please let me know if you would love to have the prayer service. Maybe hold a reception and transfer the Rose to the next prayer site the next day. A week or two before, publish a notice of the event in local church bulletins and newspapers. It is not restricted to Knights. It is not restricted to Catholics.

Until we find a replacement for John, please send all requests or questions to me at [wrbanich@att.net](mailto:wrbanich@att.net).

Jack Wrbanich  
State Deputy

## A message from our State Chaplain

### Making Pilgrimage Great Again: Transforming Vacation into True Re-creation

To understand pilgrimage as true recreation we need to look at the meaning of the word recreation. Simply parsing out this word – re-creation – we see its true definition, the action or process of creating something again. True recreation is really only done by the grace of God that we receive through the salvation provided us by Jesus Christ, but in our world today we do not seem to equate anything having to do with God as recreation. When the world presents us with the word “recreation” it often suggests the idea of idle and passive pursuits that can lead us to a stagnation in life. Sitting on a beach or making a trip to the “Magic Kingdom” are not bad things in themselves, but unless they have an end or purpose that provides us with a sense of being re-created they cannot fulfill us, because we are made for so much more than selfish pleasures or fairy tales.

The idea of vacation in our world today has become the Ape of pilgrimage, or a cheap imitation of pilgrimage. The world, the flesh, and the devil have convinced us that our need for fulfillment is to be pursued in entertainment. This is not to say that an entertaining vacation is evil or cannot be a good thing in moderation, but it is to say that it has blinded us to the true path to recreation. We need more than an entertaining vacation to be fulfilled. Fulfillment means re-creating our life with Christ through sacramental experiences which should include pilgrimages as an activity in which we invest some of our “vacation time”. Entertainment has been replacing the sacraments and vacation has replaced pilgrimage. We often end up more exhausted after our vacation than when we began it. As our Loving Father, God wants us to experience rest, peace, and true, deep joy.

So, what exactly happened in history to make us blind to the path toward true fulfillment? Until about one hundred and fifty years ago the idea of vacations were really not a big part of people’s lives and if anyone had a desire to go somewhere it was probably to go on pilgrimage. The Church has encouraged the activity of pilgrimage over the years as a way of connecting with God, with the Church, with nature, and with others. Before the “Ape of Pilgrimage” or vacation could come to rise in popularity, the popularity of pilgrimage first needed to be brought down. This tearing down of the idea of pilgrimage seems to have started with the “Reformation”, a revolution against finding fulfillment in the Catholic Church. Pilgrimage is a sacramental reality, and so it was identified with the Catholic Church. Martin Luther seems to have looked with great disdain upon pilgrimage. He writes the following in judgement of those involved in Pilgrimage.

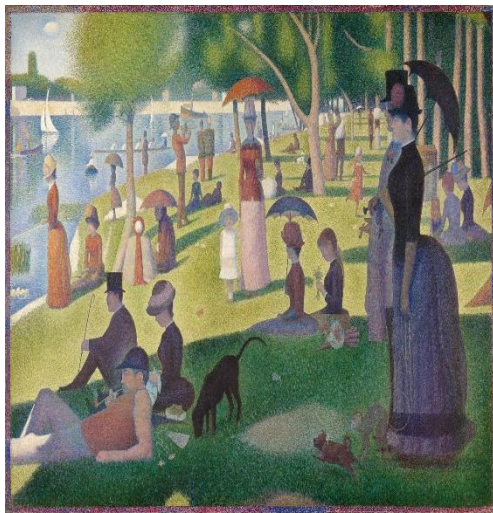
**“The one runs to Rome, the other to St. James; one builds a chapel, another donates this, still another one that. However, they refuse to face the true issue, that is, they will not give their inmost self to God and thus become his kingdom. They perform many outward works which glitter very nicely, but inwardly they remain full of malice, anger, hatred, pride, impatience, unchastity, etc ... No bishop forbids and no preacher rebukes such a perverse practice. In fact, in the interests of their own covetousness the clergy endorse such practices. Every day they think up more and more pilgrimages, canonizations of saints, and indulgence fairs. May God have mercy on such blindness!”** (Luther’s Works Volume 44.86, 1520)

It would seem that he could actually be talking about vacation in today's world and the industry that supports it. What is funny about all this is that pilgrimage began to lose its popularity because it was being condemned as what we would call a good self-indulging vacation.

The cultural change of preferring vacation to pilgrimage would still take some time to develop because the idea of vacation was a foreign one to a population that worked constantly just to survive. Due to a lack of time and not having ease of travel, for many people an extensive pilgrimage was something done only rarely in the course of a lifetime, and often people had to wait until the end of their lives to make an extensive pilgrimage.

With the advent of the Industrial revolution about three hundred years after Luther's comments, the typical person now had a work schedule that provided some time for leisure. This is typified in the famous work of pointillism artwork, *Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*, by Georges Seurat.

This image shows people out getting some rest and relaxation in God's creation which is a good thing, but this innate desire of the human heart would come to be exploited by the tourism and entertainment industries. Vacation as we know it was born and would be guided by the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the point that we can hardly imagine life without vacation.



As I have said before, vacation is not evil. Luther may have depicted pilgrimage as evil but we do not need to do the same to the idea of taking a vacation. We just need to apply a sense of moderation to our vacations and make more room in our lives for pilgrimaged or integrate pilgrimage into our vacations. If a vacation is during a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, we should always search out Mass times and make a pilgrimage to a nearby Catholic church. We may find that as we travel in a different part of the country, there is a beautiful shrine or chapel that we can visit to pray, be inspired, and meet other people of faith. This would be the least we could do, but in recognizing the least we always need to ask ourselves, "What more can we do?"

In conclusion, we have an instrument of cultural change in pilgrimage, and the first place we need to apply this instrument is within our own families. If we are to play a part in winning the battle for the culture of life over the culture of death, we need to use the powerful weapon of pilgrimage. Let's ask ourselves what we can do to make pilgrimage great again.

Fraternally,  
Fr. Kurz  
State Chaplain

## REPORT OF THE STATE ADVOCATE

Now that we are entering into the second half of the year, we are entering into crunch time to complete the desired goals I set forth for this year. Immediately following the Easter season we will also have the all important State Convention coming up on May 1st-3rd. Once again, the Green Bay Diocese is the host Diocese and we welcome all State Councils to our Diocese and hope that all of you can send 2 delegates to partake in this all important meeting of our State Council.

As State Advocate, one of the responsibilities that this position is charged with is with respect to the Resolutions that are brought forward to be voted on by the delegates.

There is a team of 2 Grand Knights, 2 District Deputies, 2 Past State Deputies and a Parliamentarian along with the other State Officers and State Chaplain who serve on our Resolution Committee. We will meet on the weekend of February 28th-29th to review the proposed Resolutions to be brought forward to the State Council at the State Convention.

As such, time is of the essence if you are looking to submit any Resolutions for review. Prior to the beginning of the new year, the state office sent out the Convention announcement packet, which included information for submitting Resolutions. This information is also made available on the KC State Website: [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com)

Resolutions to be considered at the State Council Meeting may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, State Deputy, State Officers as a group, or by standing State Committees. Resolutions submitted by standing State Committees must pertain to the work of their committee.

All Resolutions must be prepared in writing and sent to me by email:

[c.coonen@wikofc.com](mailto:c.coonen@wikofc.com) or via mail at:

Corey Coonen  
2801 Sussex Road  
Green Bay, WI. 54311.

I would like to thank the 46% of the councils in the State that as of this writing are fully compliant with the Safe Environment Requirements. With over 5 months still to go in our Fraternal year, we have increased the compliant councils by 33% where we finished the year at last year! I think it is very possible for us to be above 60% compliant before we have our State Convention this year, with the ability to close the year close to 70%, double where we finished the year last year!!

I will continue to send out communications ongoing regarding this, sometimes twice a month--so please reply to these emails if you have any questions or concerns regarding your status! We have been diligent to follow up with Supreme immediately to try and address any discrepancies which has resulted in immediate answers to your inquiries.

Lastly, as I have done in previous entries, I would like to once again bring some attention towards the activities that we are doing in the Green Bay Diocese that is helping us lead the State thus far with respect to membership this year and bringing in the most new members over the

last 2 years. We are 1 of 2 Diocese in the State currently that is net/net positive with respect to membership, which should be the goal of every Diocese, let alone every council! We have brought in 45 more men in the 1 1/2 years than the next closest Diocese as because of this, have declined the least...but still have declined by 93 men as we have had the second most deaths (276 deaths) and the most Suspensions/Withdrawals (168 suspensions/withdrawals). For the last 20 years, our membership has declined from over 40,000 men in 2000 to our present state of just over 35,000. To try and help continue our momentum for the second half of the year the RMCs in Green Bay, District Deputies, and myself have been assigned to help at the various Church Drives we have occurring in the second half of the year. The reason we have been so proactive in scheduling the Church Drives in the first half of the year and ongoing is so that we can ensure we have the proper support and resources to maximize each and every opportunity we have to bring in new members at these Drives!

The goal that we have in front of us for the next 5 months is to not only try and end the year net/net positive, but to try and close that gap of 93 losses over the past year and a half...possibly being net/net positive over the 2 year time period. We need at least 180 new men to accomplish this as we will need to offset the losses incurred by any deaths and suspensions and withdrawals along with overcoming the loss of 93 men currently! Not only can we do it...we will do it! I challenge each and every council, District, and Diocese to think this same way! We all should be excited about the opportunity to engage existing 1st degree members to take the new degree and be open to the change to try and find ways to incorporate our Degrees into a more open format such as after mass with families included!

Fraternally,  
Corey Coonen  
State Advocate

## STATE CHARITY RAFFLE UPDATE

Do you have enough State Charity Raffle tickets? There are 2600 Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle tickets remaining to be sold! It would be a waste not to sell them and they provide an opportunity to raise charity funds for your council. If you need more tickets, contact your charity committee diocesan coordinators who are:

- Green Bay Jeff and Lily Janssen 920-489-0790 [jcjracer@gmail.com](mailto:jcjracer@gmail.com)
- La Crosse Dan and Joan Spencer 715-305-0398 [spencer5062@outlook.com](mailto:spencer5062@outlook.com)
- Madison Bob and Colleen Pizur 608-285-0175 [anrca@charter.net](mailto:anrca@charter.net)
- Milwaukee Jim and Beth TenPas 920-207-6007 [jamestenpas@att.net](mailto:jamestenpas@att.net)
- Superior Dennis and Doris Berends 715-265-4186 [dennisberends@centurytel.net](mailto:dennisberends@centurytel.net).

If they are out of tickets, contact me at [Mark.Kohls@att.net](mailto:Mark.Kohls@att.net) or text 920-639-4991.

Blessings,  
Mark Kohls  
State Charity Director  
920-639-4991  
[mark.kohls@att.net](mailto:mark.kohls@att.net)

## STATE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Brothers,

I've just returned from our Council Knowledge and Free Throw Contests. What a pleasure it is to see these students, athletes succeed and their (and parents') joy. What a great time also to see Brothers working together in a very successful program! I do hope that your Council's programs in all 4 areas of Faith in Action are doing just as well. I remind you that for details on your Diocesan (Regional) Knowledge and Free Throw Contests, check with your Diocesan Program Coordinators:

- Mike Bushman – Green Bay
- Bruce Jerue – La Crosse
- Bill Paar – Madison
- Dennis Bednarek – Milwaukee
- Jim Otto – Superior

The State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests will be Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High School (Free Throw registration/practice 10-11:15 AM, competition starts at 11:30 AM; Math and Spelling registration 10:30-11:30AM, competition starts at 11:45 AM).

In addition to the reminders that I had in last month's message to work monthly on your Columbian Award and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Awards forms, get your History Book into your District Deputy by February 1, Medallion and Family of the Year nominations in to State Office by February 15, State Service Program Award applications in to State Office or to me by March 1, I also have an additional reminder. Please – Grand Knights – do all you can to get the information you received at your District meetings and even the earlier Diocesan meeting to the Directors and chairs of your programs swiftly and accurately. My Diocesan Coordinators and I are inundated on a weekly basis by questions (calls, e-mails, letters) seeking program information that was all covered in the materials you have received or discussed at those meetings! We also receive Christmas Posters, Culture of Life and Citizenship essays in error, parents and athletes sent to the wrong site at the wrong time – all issues that should NOT happen if Brothers would pay attention to and follow the directions and procedures that they are continually given. Thanks.

That said, I'd also remind you of the new Initiative beginning this spring to move the Soccer Challenge to the spring due to the low participation numbers we've been seeing in the fall. I ask ALL Councils to seriously consider running the contest; it's easy to do. Start your planning now – download the information from the State website; order Supreme kits from supplies online. Run your local contest during April 1-May 31. Send your results to your Diocesan Program Coordinator. Diocesan (Regional) contests will be held if numbers warrant June 4-19. The State Contest will be June 25 in Madison. We will be reminding Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies about missing 185s, 365s, Audits, Fraternal Surveys and Child Safety Compliance this month. Be sure to be up to speed on these requirements; especially important to earn Columbian, Star, Outstanding Council Awards.

Finally, I hope that your Council has chosen their delegates and alternates for the State Convention. The elections and other business covered in Green Bay this year will be very important! Get your registrations in, rooms arranged, paperwork done, compensation for your delegates and DD determined. Don't wait until April to do so. Also, be sure to get your Charity Raffle tickets, PKD donations and Culture of Life donations in soon. Let's have more PKD and Culture of Life 100% Awards this year than ever.

God bless all your hard work. Have a great February!  
Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

Fraternally,  
Bill Frayer  
State Program Director

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The new multi degree ceremonial has been a game changer!

Has you Council run the new ceremonial?

If not, do you have a plan of when you will be running it in the next few weeks?

You might ask why should we run the new Degree even if we do not have a new candidate? The reason is simple.

- Do you have current Knights who are not 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Members?
- Do you have wives, children, mothers and fellow parishioners who would like to know what their beloved Knights are vowing to do?
- Do you have Knights who may need/want to be reminded of why the Knights are important for the them and the church?

These are the reasons we are asking everyone to do it. New candidates would be awesome, but having it for current members and their families is really the driving force behind asking every council to conduct the ceremony.

It is highly suggested to run the new degree in church after mass. What a great way to have guys who are on the fence about joining, learn more about the Knights and possibly agree to become a member because they are there. What a great way to meet a guy where he is at.

As of the end of January we have over 100 Council have scheduled to run the new ceremonial between February 1-March 10. I want to have the number to be over 200 Councils by the time we get to the end of February.

Not sure how to run it either live or by video? Call your District Deputy, RMC, State Officer or myself.

Together we will be successful!  
Mark Jelinek  
State Membership Director



## I.D. UPDATE

Brother Knights,

The fruits of our labors were approved to 38 different grant requests along with \$2500 to each of the bishops as well as \$10,000 to the Badger camp. Our meeting was held Jan. 11 in Green Bay at the KI Convention Center downtown, which by tradition is where our state convention will be held in May. It was a new experience for most of us as this is my first year as director and we also had 3 new Diocesan representatives. We had the pleasure of approving nearly \$175,000 in funds, courtesy of our Tootsie Roll Drive.

As you know it is time to get your Tootsie Roll Orders in, I have received only a handful so far so I expect that they will be rushing to me shortly. Don't forget you may hold your drive the weekend after the State Convention if that works for your council. Last year's nasty April had an adverse effect on many of the drives including my council's.

We just received word that the IL group is no longer selling aprons for the ID drive. Supreme is taking this over and aprons are supposed to be available some time in February so you should be able to get them in time for your drive, if needed. The ordering will be available via officers on line on the Supreme web site so your Grand Knight will need to access it for your council. I will pass along any further information as I receive it.

I hope you are preparing for a successful drive. Remind your volunteers to speak to each person that comes by asking if they want a Tootsie Roll. Some people are shy so let's be friendly and approach them. They are free but all donations are accepted. I always ask parents if their children can have one. Nine times out of ten they will drop off a donation on their way out of the store if they have no change with them when given the treats. Remember many local organizations are relying on your council's efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your Diocesan Representative. Have a great drive!

Don Schoenherr  
WI K of C  
Helping Individuals with Intellectual  
Disabilities - Director



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

### SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS;

As we closed out the year 2019 and started 2020, I have both good news and bad news. The good news is that we have reach \$57,351.61 towards our goal of \$125,000.00 for Team 2022. This leaves us with over \$67,000.00 to raise before May 2022, A very reachable goal. Councils can donate in many ways including: proceeds from Tootsie Roll drive, holding a special fundraiser, donating from your charity account, or asking members to donate, etc.

The bad news is that as of Jan 22, 2020 I have received only 16 councils Form 4584. This is a very important form as it determines what size grant we receive from our Supreme Council.

Hopefully my mail will be full in the next week. If you have filed this form and did not send a copy to Wis State Council, please do so soon. Send a copy to me at [johnb45@tds.net](mailto:johnb45@tds.net) .

**TOOTSIE ROLL CHECKS;**

Please when designating the recipient of your drive, if it is to go to a local group, have it payable to that group. If it is for the Team Drive have it made payable to Wis K of C Charities, with memo for SOWI TEAM. Please send them to me or the KC state office. Checks can also be made payable to Wis Special Olympics, and sent to me or Special Olympics Wisconsin, **these checks will be credited to the Team Drive.**

**POLAR PLUNGE;**

The Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics kicks off on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations may be made through the Special Olympics Wisconsin web site, [www.specialolympicswisconsin.org](http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org) . Consider making a donation to anyone who has enrolled as Knights of Columbus member. The donation will get credited to the Team Drive.

John Benisch  
Wis KofC Special Olympics Coordinator



**Join a team,  
Knights of Columbus - Wisconsin!**

We are fundraising for 2020 Green Bay Polar Plunge! You should join us and work together to support Special Olympics Wisconsin and a truly awesome cause. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO JUMP DONATE!  
Let's make it happen!

**Join our team**

**Individual Donation Pages include:**

- Council 6568 - Henry Keefe - 2020 Madison Polar Plunge <https://www.classy.org/team/275462>
- Council 10914 - Paul Valenti - 2020 La Crosse Polar Plunge <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2512913>
- Council 10914 Brant Amble 2020 La Crosse Polar Plunge <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2588970>
- Council 10914 Timothy Pierce 2020 La Crosse Polar Plunge <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2595798>
- John Benisch 2020 Wisconsin Rapids Polar Plunge <https://www.classy.org/team/267959>
- SD Jack Wrbanich 2020 Green Bay Polar Plunge <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2495758>
- SA Corey Coonen 2020 Green Bay Polar Plunge <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2550299>
- Madison Knights Ron Faust Ronald Faust <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2550279>

If you don't see your page listed please let us know so we can put the word out!

## FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Hello Brother Knights! Thank you again for an **amazing** December! Below is a quick summary of our progress to date. All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/5750512>. Check it out!

Diocese	Council	District
Green Bay	5798	12
Green Bay	7895	5
La Crosse	5488	28
La Crosse	9438	25
Madison	6690	48
Madison	7370	41
Madison	10363	49
Milwaukee	1647	73
Milwaukee	16022	67
Milwaukee	16821	65
Superior		
Total	10	

### Family of the Year

Here are the councils that have submitted a Family of the Year form so far.

Please submit one of your AWESOME council families for consideration as a Diocesan Family of the Year. **Only families that are council members can be submitted** as non-council members cannot be chosen for the Diocesan, State and International Family of the Year awards.

The deadline for council family of the year submissions is **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Since Supreme will only accept digital submissions from each jurisdiction for the International family of the year, I would greatly appreciate it if all submissions to me will be in **PDF format**. If families are submitted in a printed format, it will force me to need to scan every page before we choose the winning families.

Please save yourself time and money printing and mailing your submission. It will also save me time ***I don't have***. **Thank you!**

## Supreme

Wisconsin is still in 1<sup>st</sup> place with an amazing 59 FOMs, Michigan is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 43 and Louisiana is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 39.

*54 of the 82 jurisdictions submitted 471 FOMs, up 4% from November. Wisconsin submitted **12.5% of the FOMs submitted to Supreme!** Well done everyone!*

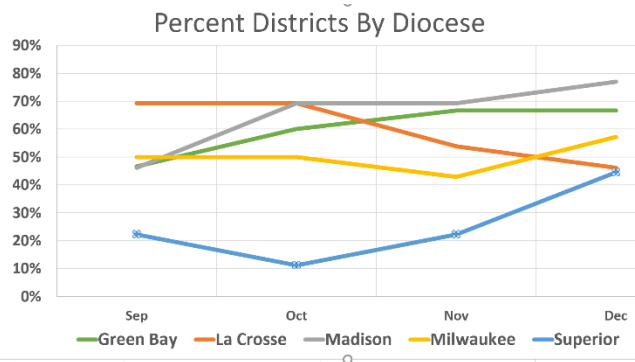
Here is the Supreme Family of the Month that will be receiving a nice certificate and letter.

**Peter and Patty Gabrielson family, Council 1475, District 2, Green Bay Diocese**

## Diocese

Here are the Diocesan families of the month that will be receiving a certificate and letter from the state. Please click on the link above to download the PDF that contains the amazing story of each of these families!

<b>Green Bay</b>	Bill and Nancy Haga	<b>La Crosse</b>	Jon and Bridget Burbach
<b>Madison</b>	James and Priscilla Esser	<b>Milwaukee</b>	Richard and Susan Jacunski
<b>Superior</b>	Dan and Marie Ohnstad		



In support of the goal of having 100% districts submitting ONE FOM each month, here are the percentages by diocese.

Madison increased their lead in 1<sup>st</sup> place to an impressive 77% and Green Bay stayed steady at 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 67%.

Milwaukee's increase moved them up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 57% while La Crosse declined to 4<sup>th</sup> place at 46%.

Well done Superior at increasing to 44%!

## District

This month's leading district deputy is Chris Mosconi submitting five FOMs!

Thank you, Wesley, Paul, Robert, Paul and Paul, for having three FOMs.

Dec-19	District	Diocese
5	2 - Chris Mosconi	Green Bay
3	13 - Wesley Swisher	Green Bay
3	21 - Paul Zimmerman	La Crosse
3	44 - Robert Kurczek	Madison
3	49 - Paul Romanelli	Madison
3	81 - Paul Krenik	Superior
2	12 - Tre Waldren	Green Bay
2	22 - Michael Closs	La Crosse
2	24 - Kevin Van Den Heuvel	La Crosse
2	32 - Dan Wieser	La Crosse
2	45 - Erin Kennedy	Madison
2	46 - Paul Quigley	Madison
2	66 - John Flynn	Milwaukee
2	71 - James Nabak	Milwaukee

Thank you, Tre, Michael, Kevin, Dan, Erin, Paul, John, and James, for having two FOMs.

We had **14** districts with two or more FOMs! **A new record!**

Thank you, worthy District Deputies! Your leadership is greatly appreciated!

Worthy Brothers. *Can we continue to find **at least ONE** family in the 12 parishes in each district that deserves to be honored for all they do for our parishes, community and councils? **I believe we can!*** Let's set our goal to having **55% district participation next month and 100% by the end of the June 2020!**

### Council

We had **no** new council that submitted a Family of the Month.

**We had 52 fantastic families submitted to the state!** To learn who they were, check out the link at the top of this article.

Every council should be striving to submit *at least one* family of the month before the end of 2019, so they can choose them as the council Family of the Year. The family can then be considered for the Diocesan family of the year, State family of the Year and International Family of the Year.

Please click on the link above and download the PDF containing the list of all these amazing families!

### Closing

Through this awesome Family of the Month program, the Knights of Columbus has the privilege to bring joy to families for thanking them for all they do on behalf of everyone. The benefits are:

- The family is grateful for the recognition
- Everyone else is grateful to the Knights for stepping forward to honor the family
- The perception of the council increases for taking time to serve the parish in a very visible way

***It is a win-win-win situation!***

I am grateful that your councils are willing to take the time to choose a family, give them the recognition they deserve and submitting them for the Family of the Month.

Gentlemen, it is a **privilege and honor** to serve you and your councils! **Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.**

Vivat Jesus!



SK Joe Uchtyl  
Wisconsin Family Coordinator



# STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT



**June 10, 2019**

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## **INVITATION TO BID ON HOSTING THE 2021 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Worthy Grand Knight:

Article V - Section 1 of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Bowling Committee, Structure and Guidelines, states that any subordinate Council may present a bid for a future bowling tournament. Said notice must be in writing, signed by the Grand Knight of the Council and forwarded to the Secretary of the State Bowling Committee prior to May 1.

Each Council shall have the privilege of appearing before the Committee to present its claim as to the advantages of its respective Council for holding such a tournament and shall be heard alphabetically according to cities. "Only literature from bidding Council or Chamber of Commerce material shall be brought to the meeting. No other gifts or gratuities will be allowed distribution at any time.

The Committee shall at the Fall Meeting to be held on Oct 5, 2019 at Comfort Inn, 1560 American Drive, Plover WI, 54467, decide by a majority vote where the 2021 Annual Tournament shall be held.

**Bidding** will begin about 11:30 am. The State Committee Meeting will start at 9am, Please plan to be there by 9am or arrive after 10:30 am.

If after making an application you find that you cannot host the event for any reason you must contact the State Bowling Committee Secretary prior to the spring meeting.

William A. Plante

Bowling Committee Secretary/Treasurer



## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO BIDDING FOR THE WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

\*A minimum of 16 bowling lanes available in one or two bowling centers. But it is recommended that 24 to 30 or more lanes makes running the Tournament easier.

You will need to have all facilities available for 8 -10 weekends.

Dates should run from early February through April.

Note: **Bowling shall run continuous weeks except during the EASTER Triduum.**

Accommodations must be available nearby that match the number of bowlers and guests each weekend.

Councils may team up with another council for joint bids

The number of volunteers needed to have a successful tournament is substantial.

Your clubrooms should be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday each weekend of the tournament.

There is no bowling scheduled to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

\* Revised at Tournament Opening Meeting 2/9/2013

### ADOPT-A-PARISH



We are at the halfway point for the year. The fundraising period for Adopt-a-Parish will end with the fraternal year on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We have raised over \$30,000 so far, which means that at the halfway mark, we still are a good ways off from our goal. If it looks like you might need help meeting your commitment, please reach out to me as soon as possible.

In the next month, please expect a phone call from Evan Holguin who is coordinating this initiative. This call will focus on finding fundraising success stories and learning how the Knights of Columbus can best help your council meet their commitment.

With only 6 months left to meet our first-year commitment of \$172,500, there is much work to do and the Knights of Columbus is committed to making your Adopt-a-Parish experience successful.

### A Visit from Iraq

The Knights of Columbus Home Office was blessed with a visit by Archbishop Bashar Warda from Erbil, Iraq last month. During his visit, Archbishop Warda led employees in prayer and reminded them of the importance of the Knights' work for persecuted Christians.

"We need your voices to speak for the persecuted Christians," he said. "We have 214 million reasons to speak — that's the number of the persecuted Christians today."

### Did you know?

By being the coordinating council for the Adopt-a-Parish initiative, you will receive two program credits for the Christian Refugee Relief program.

To receive double credit, just include Adopt-a-Parish on your SP-7, due June 30, and specify in the description that your council coordinated an Adopt-a-Parish fundraiser. The program will then be counted as two of the four Life programs needed to win the Columbian Award.

You can also help other local councils to achieve their Columbian Award by inviting them to support your Adopt-a-Parish campaign. ***Any council who hosts a fundraiser and makes a donation to an Adopt-a-Parish initiative can receive one program credit for the Christian Refugee Relief program towards their Columbian award.***

If you haven't already recruited neighboring councils to help support your adopted parish, now is the time to do so! Together, we can help support our brother Knights towards success while meeting our commitment to provide for our fellow Christians in Iraq.

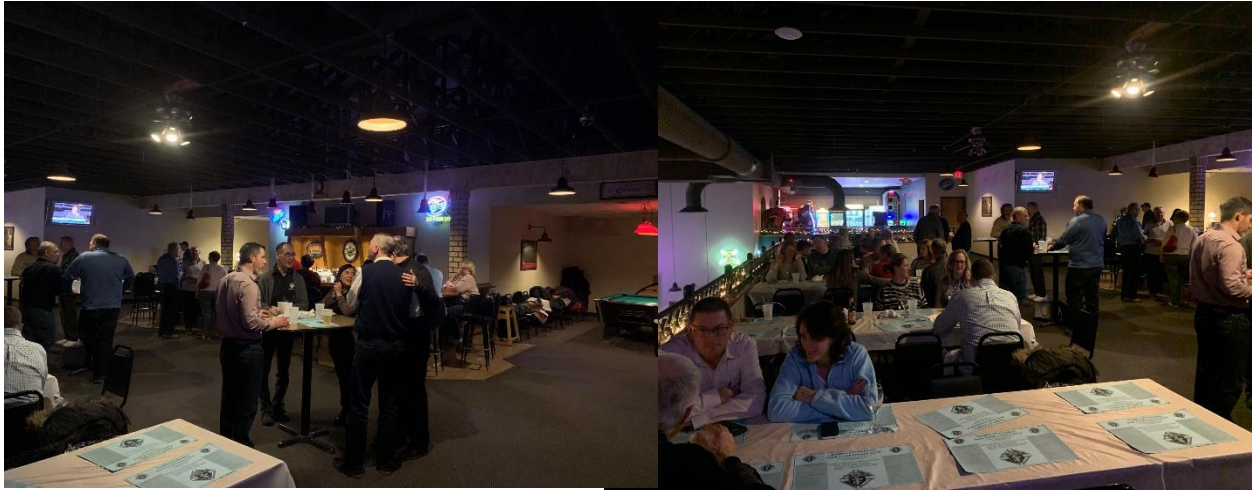
For any questions about the Christian Refugee Relief program, please contact Drew Dillingham, Manager of Life Programs, at [drew.dillingham@kofc.org](mailto:drew.dillingham@kofc.org).

## CapTel Phone

Do you know someone who is hard of hearing? Maybe in need of a CapTel Phone? Brother Frank Sirianni may be able to help. His contact information is:  
Telephone: (715) 822-2771  
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Duck Creek council holds annual appreciation event, 75 members and family in attendance!



## 2020 STATE CONVENTION

GO TO THE 2020 STATE CONVENTION SITE

Haven't registered for the 2020 State Convention? Deadline is March 15, 2020.  
Register at the Wisconsin State Council website: [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com)

### **Congratulation to the Following District Deputies!!!**

The following Wisconsin District Deputies have qualified for an award from Supreme for their efforts in the 12 Knights Before Christmas Contest:

**Wesley A. Swisher (DD13) 16 New Knights**  
**Rick T. Raulin (DD47) 14 New Knights**  
**Roland E. Breunig (DD50) 14 New Knights**  
**Timothy J. Nighbor (DD69) 14 New Knights**  
**Matthew J. Diederich (DD08) 13 New Knights**

# Welcome to Council 17549

The following are pictures from Spring Valley charter



# Knights on Bikes

**In Marshfield, we have Christmas in July!!**



**Now in Wisconsin we have a Chapter of Knights on Bikes!!**

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