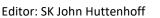
Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



April 2022

Wisconsin State Website







Confessions of the State Deputy

I thought it would be fitting for this month's submission, my last Lenten submission as State Deputy to this newsletter to share with all of you my 'Confessions.' Now, these may not be the Confessions that you would think of in the traditional sense, but I hope that you find these enlightening as well as helpful to all as we close out this Fraternal Year in the coming months. First, I must confess that when I ran for State Office some 4 years ago, it was never my intention to serve as State Deputy. As I shared with Past State Deputy Jack Wrbanich when running, I had wanted to be apart of Jack's team of State

Officers to try and impact change and growth for our State. I very much enjoyed serving under Jack's leadership as a District Deputy and welcomed the opportunity to help further his vision, as it was something that we had shared enthusiasm for. At that time—serving almost 10 years on the State Officer team wasn't something that I had in mind, as that was a very large time commitment for someone that has a very active work-life as well as plans to start a Family.

My next confession relates to the decision to run for State Deputy 2 years ago. I made that decision midway through my 2nd year as a State Officer, something that was not seen favorably by some as I hadn't 'served' all of the chairs or mainly as State Secretary, seen as a precursor role to the State Deputy position. In my mind, the decision of who to elect as State Deputy should be a choice as to who is best fit to lead and has shown the ability to do so through their actions, not just words and promises. Given the COVID Pandemic we have struggled with as a State Council over these past 2 years, it has caused an immense amount of frustration and stress to me personally, as I will elude to 'why' in my next confession.

My biggest fear, as it is for many individuals is the fear of failure. For some, maybe serving as State Deputy and having the legacy of being a Past State Deputy would be sufficient. For me—I set personal goals for growth of our Programs and Membership that has been a struggle to achieve. As I ran on the promise to be a man of action, I have spent an immense amount of time trying to communicate via e-mail and phone to our Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries over these past few years in the hopes that by these efforts I could ensure success. I am very much someone that believes that we can control only those things within our power, which effective and constant communications and sacrificing time to do so doesn't ensure success as it still requires actions on another individual. The inability to get our leaders of Councils to act, I view, as a failure on my part as the Leader for our State, whether or not it truly is.

Now, my last 'confession' regarding the State Council is that I am truly concerned for the future of our State Council. As a result of the Affiliate program as well as our promoting Councils to take advantage of this, we have resulted in about 8% less members for our State Council than where we started the year at. Further, with the increasing age of our members and increasing deaths of our members, we will continue to struggle to grow to the membership peaks we have experienced in the past. As our Councils shrink in members we may struggle to continue to do the same programs and charitable donations we once did. These past 2 years dealing with the COVID pandemic and some of the 'restrictions' at times

have also resulted in declining attendance at our Masses across the State. What used to be our primary method of recruiting new members for many councils, Church Drives, will be a struggle if mass attendance never regains the levels we had pre-COVID. As such, it is that much more important for our Councils to be active and relevant in their Parishes so that 'what we do' can be easily identifiable and it is on us to try and invite Men back to Mass along with ensuring our youth stay Catholic in the future to try and grow the Church.

Now—the confession I make of this is that my concern is that we will not continue to have strong leaders emerge to serve as State Officers in the future to try and bring our State forward! Quality individuals may hesitate to run for State Office as they view this as a larger time commitment than they are giving presently and may not want to not only give of their time for two years, but for many more years. I hope that the change that I enduced by not going the 'traditional' path will push leaders to emerge and also challenge the status quo of existing officers in the future, furthering our State Council for the better. If a State Officer has fear of potentially losing their position or not advancing because of a challenger, we hopefully will see more and better results from that team of Leaders in the future. This is a win/win for our State. It's up to our State Councils and their delegates to hold the State Officers accountable. Accountability isn't just a word that people should use to advance oneself. It's a word that falls in the Dictionary between 'ABILITY' and 'ACTION'. The truly great State Officers recognize this and put words into ACTION. They take their talents and ABILITIES to not talk about change, but to enact it.

To close, I have some personal confessions that I would like to share with the State Council. Although you'd hope that as a Catholic Fraternity of Men, that within our leadership of the State Council at the Knights that we wouldn't have conflict or animosity. Unfortunately, earlier this year I am ashamed to admit that our State Chaplain and myself had a rather unpleasant exchange at a State Officer meeting. My words were ones of frustration and also anger. It was the lowest point of my time as State Deputy. We are all sinners, which is why Confession is important for us to undergo as Catholics. For our State Chaplain and myself, it was one moment in 3 years of being on the State team together that unfortunately I can not take back. As Catholics though, we believe in forgiveness, and Father Kurz and myself were able to put the past behind us. To confess, one of my biggest frustrations as State Deputy, is to hear complaints from our Council leaders. This past Fall, I had the unpleasant experience of being involved in responding to a Council with Supreme's intervention as well, as they were made aware of something that they didn't feel one of our Councils should be supporting. Leaders of this Council have been doing this Event for many years and felt that this is something that they should still be able to support. As leaders of this Council, they were critical of the response to them and upset with the outcome. They took it personal, which was very much unfortunate and something that bothered me. Unfortunately, as State Deputy, it is hard not to take complaints or frustrations of some as personal. Doing so though has an impact on one's attitude and overall demeanor. It may seem easy to just 'brush' things off of your shoulders, but unfortunately for me even in my almost 2 years as State Deputy, I have still been unable to do this—which adds stress to the individual which is unhealthy. I will very much look forward to relinquishing some of that stress, as it takes its toll over time.

Now—my last Confession—I BELIEVE WE WILL REACH OUR CIRCLE OF HONOR GOAL THIS YEAR! THIS WON'T BE A RESULT OF MY ACTIONS—BUT THE RESULT OF ALL OF YOUR COUNCILS BEING ENGAGED AND REACHING A GOAL THAT WE HAVE ONLY DONE A HANDFUL OF TIMES THESE LAST 25 YEARS! Happy Easter to you all and I look forward to seeing you all at State Convention!

Corey Christopher Coonen State Deputy



Pray the Rosary

My brother Knights, in these days I beg you to pray the Rosary. With the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary we will find peace. The more people who pray the Rosary, the more peace will be in our world. Mary our Queen will lead us to know peace by knowing Her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please take this message seriously and pray your Rosary every day. Praying the Rosary with others is preferable and spreads God's peace more readily. No matter what happens in the world, we can fight for peace as we pray the Rosary.

Support your local parishes and join in the prayer times they are providing for the Rosary. This would be a more powerful way to help bring peace between Russia and the Ukraine then sending money.

Sincerely, Fr. Andrew Kurz Wisconsin State Chaplin



Brother Knights,

Just a few things to give you a heads up on. First off, STATE Per Capita was emailed on April 1st. The email address it comes from is our Quick books account. That address is <u>quickbooks@notification.intuit.com</u> It will be going to the Financial Secretary of the council. Please look for this email. If you do not see this, check your spam filters, it may be in there. As a reminder, per bylaws, paying your per capita does not require council approval.

In other news, please check officers online to make sure that you SUPREME per capita is paid as well. That was sent electronically as well.

Raffle Tickets!!! State Convention is right around the corner. Let's sell some tickets! If you have not been sending the tickets for deposit, you can always bring them with you to the convention. Also, do not forget to file your Council Charity Grant request form. That is the only way you will receive a grant from the sale of your tickets.

See you at Convention!!!!

State Convention Registration is Open

Convention Announcement Packets were Distributed at the Diocesan Meetings. Packets are addressed to the Grand Knight.

All of the information in the Convention Announcement Packet is also available on the State Website.

https://uknight.org/StateConventionSite/default.asp?CN=US&ST=WI

You must call the Hotel using the Number and Code on the Convention Announcement to get our State Council Negotiated Rate

Candidates for State Officers

Since the Wisconsin State Council State Convention in 2022 is currently planned to be a Hybrid Convention, we are again offering the opportunity for those members wishing to be Candidates for either State Office to submit a Resume, Picture, and Nomination Statement to be posted on the State Website.

It is requested that information be submitted prior to April 1 so that Councils can review the information and provide voting instructions to their delegates. Materials can be emailed to State Secretary John Huttenhoff at jhuttenhoff@wikofc.com.

The following have indicated that they intend to run for State Office for 2022-2023

State Secretary John Huttenhoff – candidate for State Deputy

State Treasurer Miles Casey – candidate for State Secretary

District Deputy Roland Breunig – candidate for State Treasurer

State Advocate Donald Schoenherr – candidate for State Advocate

State Warden Michael Tennies – candidate for State Warden

Former District Deputy Brian Neal – candidate for State Warden

DELEGATES TO THE 140th SUPREME CONVENTION

Nashville, Tennessee AUGUST 1-4, 2022

Wisconsin is allowed ten delegates to the Supreme Convention. The State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy automatically serve as the first two delegates. The remaining eight delegates are selected by the vote of those delegates attending the State Convention. Delegates to the Supreme Convention must be 3rd Degree Knights, and at least half of our Delegates must be Insurance Members.

Supreme Council reimburses delegates per diem at \$400 per day for 3 days and mileage at \$.30 per mile one way.

In 2020 and 2021, the Wisconsin State Council offered the opportunity for Candidates for State Office and those seeking election to be Delegates to the Supreme Convention to submit a Resume and Nomination Statement to be posted on the State Website. This information was well received by the membership as it allowed the delegates to get to know who they were voting for prior to the State Convention.

Since the Wisconsin State Council State Convention in 2022 is currently planned to be a Hybrid Convention, we are again offering the opportunity for those members wishing to be Candidates for either State Office or a Delegate to the Supreme Convention to submit a Resume, Picture, and Nomination Statement to be posted on the State Website.

The Delegates to the State Convention will nominate and elect deserving members who may represent them at the Supreme Convention. Per the State Council Bylaws, only seated Delegates can make nominations and have the privilege of a vote; although non-delegates can be nominated. Previous delegates to the Supreme Convention should not seek a nomination in order that other members be given a similar opportunity to serve as a Supreme Delegate.

It is very desirable that Delegates to the Supreme Convention be Knights who have been extraordinary in promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in the Knights of Columbus. The Delegates to this State Convention should be made aware of this Knight's accomplishments by the nomination speech given on his behalf.

Those seeking to be nominated as a Delegate to the Supreme Convention are encouraged to submit one or more of the following:

- One Page Resume
- Picture
- One Page Nomination Speech or Statement

It is requested that information be submitted prior to April 1 so that Councils can review the information and provide voting instructions to their delegates. Materials can be emailed to State Secretary John Huttenhoff at <u>ihuttenhoff@wikofc.com</u>.

The following have expressed an interest in being a Delegate for the Supreme Convention:

District Deputy Roland Breunig (Edgerton) Administrative Manager Steve Geishirt (Waunakee) District Deputy Tre Waldren (Kiel) District Deputy Andrew Orgovan (Brookfield) Former District Deputy William Hitt (Sturgeon Bay) Past Grand Knight LaVern Pottinger (Rice Lake)

Eastern District Exemplification

Saturday May 14, 2022

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community 9520 W. Forest Home Ave. Hales Corners, WI 53130

Exemplification Honoree: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz

9:00 AM	Degree Team and Color Guard Practice
9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Registration
11:00 AM	Luncheon
12:15 PM	Dressing Room – Candidates
1:00 PM	Ladies Program
12:45 PM	Master Meets with Candidates
12:30 PM	Honor Guard Inspection
1:00 PM	Exemplification
3:30 PM	Dressing Room for Clergy
4:00 PM	Holy Sacrament of the Mass

Western District Exemplification

Saturday May 21, 2022

Immaculate Conception Church 1712 Highland Avenue Eau Claire, WI 54701

Honoree – Sir Knight James Otto

- 10:00 A.M. Honor Guard Practice Immaculate Conception Church
- 10:00 A.M. Candidates Registration Fr.Klink Hall
- 11:00 A.M. Banquet-Fr. Klink Hall (Special needs meals upon request)
- 1:30 P.M. Candidates Line up Fr. Klink Hall
- 1:30 P.M. Ladies Registration Fr. Klink Hall
- 2:00 P.M. Ladies Program Fr. Klink Hall
- 2:00 P.M. Men's Exemplification -Immaculate Conception Church
- 5:00 P.M. Holy Mass Immaculate Conception Church

State Advocate Updates



Brother Knights,

There are still some councils who have yet to turn in a forms 185 & 365. Ask yourself, why do baseball teams have a roster? It lets the team know who is responsible for each task of the team. This is the true purpose of these forms. How can you function without it?

For those councils who have already achieved their membership quota, I sent out the SE Status. Please be sure to fulfill this criterion in order to qualify for Star Council.

I will be sending out Safe Environment updates in early April to let you know where you stand. I hope all of you that have received the link from Supreme have had the opportunity to complete this Safe Environment training. Remember it is for the protection of those we serve as well as for us. For those of you who are in the running for Star Council you absolutely must have your Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors fully compliant with SE training. This is mandatory.

Does your council have liability insurance? Events that your council runs such as a pancake breakfast are not covered. If something should go wrong, you could be in for a major expense. This insurance is affordable, typically around \$200 per year. We recommend you get it ASAP.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the State Convention; registration is already open and early registration allows you to get a discount on meals. Entries for the Resolution book have already been made for service anniversaries, however if you have one the you did not submit, we will still generate a certificate for them if you send it to me.

We are continuing an analysis of councils who have their own club house. There are regulations from Supreme that must be followed. You will be receiving a query from your DD requesting a photo of your club house signage if you have one. This is something that was first brought up about a decade ago.

Don Schoenherr

Worthy State Advocate

District Deputies Needed

We still have a few Districts in Need of a District Deputy. This truly is one of the most rewarding positions within the Knights of Columbus. District Deputies visit each of the Councils within their District Quarterly, Attend District Deputy Meetings in June and December, attend the State Convention, and Diocesan Huddle, and host District Meetings in July and December. Training and support are provided. If you are interested in being a District Deputy, please reach out to State Deputy Corey Coonen or any of the State Officers for more information.

Districts currently in need of a District Deputy are: 1, 6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 31, 40, 44, 51, 66, 85.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle

One month before the drawing of:

\$50,000

Could it be you? No limit to how many tickets **you** can purchase.

Could it be a family member, a close friend, or someone you know? Not if **you** don't sell them a ticket.

Deadline is fast approaching to get the Council Charity Grant Fund Request Forms sent to the state office **May 1**. Missing the deadline could cause delays in receiving council payments.

Council chairman please get as many tickets turned into your diocese chairman prior to state convention for safety and security reasons. Cash for raffle tickets should not be brought to the state convention, have the financial secretary send a check for all tickets you are bringing to the convention.

"Buy Raffle Tickets"

God Bless, Bernie Heit Charity Director

Council PKD and Culture of Life Contributions

It's that time of year again where PKD and CoL collection will come due. I'd like to review how a council can verify what they owe for each, and where to send payment.

As you know, PKD or Penny a Knight a Day supports Catholic Education across the dioceses of Wisconsin. Your contribution stays in your diocese, and a check is provided by the State Council each year to your bishop to be used in supporting your local Catholic schools.

PKD is calculated by multiplying \$3.65 (a penny each day of the year) based in the number of members un each council as of July 1st for each member of your council minus Inactive members and Exemption (formerly disabled) members. Last year this article incorrectly indicated to remove honorary life and exemption members; consider this a retraction. The amount due for your council can be found on the

State Council Website. To get there, type WIKOFC.com into a web browser and it will forward you to UKnight for the St Council, or use link <u>https://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=WI</u>. Scroll down the main page to Penny-A-Knight-A-Day where you'll see the fearless Knight in armor. Click on "Read More" which will open a window, then click on the red button on labeled "Council P.K.D. Contributions As Of xx/xx/xxxx" date. This will open a PDF of a spreadsheet where you can look up your council and see what you owe. As checks are deposited you will see the updates and verify your contribution has been received. This is the current hyperlink for those of you who like to bookmark these key pages <u>https://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=51</u>

For Culture of Life (CoL), amounts due are calculated similar to PKD except the rate is \$3.50 per. To look up what your council owes, again go to the State Council webpage, but this time click on the gold button "State Forms" under the picture of the Brother Knight praying the Rosary. Scroll about half way down the page to Community, then sub title Culture of Life, then click on Culture of Life Council Fund Donations FY 2021-2022 (xx/xx/xxx) date. {*The link to this page can change so the best way to access this is to follow the above instructions*} A PDF of a spreadsheet will open allowing you to look up your council's Donations and Amount above or below goal. The amount is a combination of donations from the CoL mailer that went out in November and your council's contributions. Both the PKD and CoL donations are listed on member dues each year but are not required to be paid by members or councils, yet highly encouraged. CoL contributions help fund grants to Pro Life agencies and services across the state.

Checks should be written to Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus or WI State Council Knights for short. Payments should be sent to the State Council office: Knights of Columbus, 4297 W Beltline Hwy, Madison WI 53711.

Administrative Manager, Steve Geishirt

Tootsie Roll Update

Tootsie Rolls have been delivered. Now what?

Now is the time that we can make our drives to assist those with intellectual disabilities amazing for 2022.

Set dates that are best for your town. Why did you pick the weekend you selected?

Check with businesses to hold your drives. Some past businesses are happy to have us back after Covid while others are not.

Ask ALL members of your council to help with the drive.

Take some time make a plan which will make your drive successful and it will make a huge difference for those with intellectual disabilities.

Mark Jelinek

WI KC ID Director



Public Relations Corner

Social Media start small, is your council on Facebook? That is probably the simpleset thing you can do. Link to your parish page as well as our Wisconsin State Council page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/WISKOFC/</u>)

• Start with Facebook. Your Facebook page (and all social media) is public, always keep that in mind everything is public.

- Be positive
- An investment of time in social media is worthwhile.
- If an account is disabled (Facebook will disable accounts that might not follow Facebook Terms), here are some reasons why:
 - Posting content that doesn't follow Facebook terms
 - Using a fake name
 - Impersonating someone
 - Continuing behavior not allowed on Facebook.
 - Harassing other users
- If disable visit the Facebook Help Center.
- Good best practice appoint a social media "Czar" who can oversee everything being posted to ensure quality and good tone. A new Supreme Public Relations and Publicity Guide Handbook has been published. You can download the 40-page document from Supreme website using the URL: https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/public-relations-handbook/2235-pr-guide.pdf

Ukraine Solidarity Fund

- Currently at \$9.3 million raised
- Our brother knights and their families are among the refugees and its our duty to stand with them.
- Visit kofc.org/Ukraine on how to donate.
- We are in this for the long-term so funds are needed
- Watch social channels, kofc.org/Ukraine for continuous updates.
- Always be specific on who is running the fundraiser (state council, local council) so people know who to talk to and how to get involved. This will help avoid confusion.
- Questions on how to fundraise better <u>info@kofccharities.org</u> can help answer questions. Answers make take a while because charities is swamped dealing with the donation volume.
- Make sure its not a flash in the pan thing, we need to keep the effort moving forward.
- Several local parishes and each of the diocese are doing fundraisers, remember 100 percent of every dollar given though the Knights Ukraine Fund go directly to Ukraine.

Jack Wrbanich, IPSD State Council Public Relations





Officers Online Access

Members in a role permitted access to Officers Online will be emailed an invitation code once the Supreme Council receives the appropriate form from the state council, local council, or assembly indicating the election or appointment, and records this information. If you do not receive an invitation code within a reasonable time, click "Account Assistant" on the sign in page and follow the instructions.

If you previously held a role with access to Officers Online, you do not need a new invitation code. Your access will automatically be reactivated once the appropriate form is submitted.

If you do not remember your log on credentials, click "Account Assistant" or "Password Reset" on the sign in page and follow the instructions. If additional assistance is required contact our Customer Service Department at 800-380-9995, option 2 and provide your membership number and role.

	Role Description										
Applications by Roles	Officers Online	Officers Desk Reference	Office of Youth Protection	Home Corporations	Member Management	Member Billing	By Laws Online	Knights Gear	Supplies Online	Prospect Tab	Candidate Tab
Jurisdiction/ State											
State Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Secretary	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Treasurer	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Advocate	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Warden	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Immediate Past State Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Executive Secretary	Х	X	X	X				X	X		
State Membership Director	Х	X	X	Х				X	X	Х	
State Program Director	X	X	X	X				X	X		
State Round Table Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Council Reactivation Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Council Retention Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Member Retention Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Insurance Promo Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
NCD Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Ceremonial Chairman	X		X	X				X	X		
Hispanic Council Growth Coord.	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Chairman	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Additional Membership Roles	X		X	X				X	X		
Online Membership Coordinator	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
State Trainer	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		
4th Degree / Provincial											
Vice Supreme Master	X	X	X	X				X	X		
District Master	X	X	X	X				X	X		
District											
District Deputy	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Council											
Grand Knight	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Financial Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Advocate	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		
Deputy Grand Knight	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Treasurer	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Membership Director	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Assembly											
Faithful Navigator	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Faithful Comptroller	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Faithful Admiral	X		X	X			X	X	X		
Faithful Pilot	X		X	X			X	X	X		
Faithful Purser	X	X	X	X				X	X		

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Membership Notes

April 2022



Greetings Brothers,

With less then 100 days until the end of the fraternal year, our membership intake has been tracking well – okay, it could be better, with only 60% of our our council active in recruiting this year, we are well on our way in

meeting our State goals! Thanks for all the councils who are doing so well.

Looking to get that Star Coiuncil or Star District recognition? Make sure all your requirements have been met. Check out Supreme resource page:to ensure you have met all your requirements go to <u>https://kofc.org/en/formembers/resources/index.html</u> click on Fraternal Operations.

Instructions for Bringing a Candidate into Your Council - REVIEW

Yes, with 100 days left, we are still getting this question - so bare with me.

Step One – Sign them up

- Regular member: Use a Form 100 or follow the instructions on the use of the <u>Candidates</u> <u>tab Video</u> (GK and FS only)
- Online Member
 - English: <u>www.kofc.joinus</u>
 - Spanish: <u>https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/es</u> /registration/index.html

Tip: Remember to give the candidate your member and council number so you get credit and so he appears on your council's Prospect Tab

Step Two – Vote on your council's candidate(s) during your council meeting or by emailing council members.

Step Three – If approved for council membership, your candidate(s) takes the exemplification:

 Council-held: Schedule and hold exemplification.

- Online: Send the appropriate link to your candidate(s)
 - English https://bit.ly/372wxQ6
 - Spanish <u>https://bit.ly/310mtDu</u>
 - State online check State Website for next schedule exemplification.

Note: DD or GK submits <u>Form 450</u> to <u>ceremonials@kofc.org</u>, State Deputy, State Membership Director, Diocesen Membership Coordinator using <u>Forms@wikofc.com</u>. Form 450 can be found

Step Four - Bring your candidate(s) into your council.

- Regular Member: Send the Form 100 to Supreme transferring the member(s) to your council, OR
- If you used the Online Form 100 method for the candidate(s), follow the instructions in the Online Form 100 video below.
- Congratulations, you are done!
- Online Member: After the candidate takes the degree, the council GK and FS receive an email indicating the candidate's completion of the degree. In Member Management, the GK or FS navigates to the Candidate tab and enters the date the candidate took the degree in the Ceremonial/Process Date field, then click Process.
- Remember to update exemplification date in Member Management to include 2nd and 3rd degree completion

Well done! The candidate is now a member of our council!

Don't forget the interest survey and assigning him to a mentor

Helpful Links

Online Member Application Walkthough Online Form 100 (Candates tab)

This information can also be found on our State Website under State Forms Page Membership Forms

Membership Notes

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Diocesan Membership Coordinators

Holding councils accountable for recruitment and scheduling of exemplification is one of our primary goals this Fraternal year; your Diocesan Membership Coordinator (DMC) is there to help and assist you; please give them your attention when they call.

> FY 2021-2022 DMC's Green Bay Diocese Chuck Rohr (wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com) La Crosse Diocese Scott Frome (safro.1616@gmail.com) Madison Diocese Doc Casey (doc karencasey@charter.net) Milwaukee ArchDiocese Les Kostera (leskostera@yahoo.com) Superior Diocese Mark Rasmussen (rasmussenm82@gmail.com)



Jack Wrbanich, IPSD State Membership Director <u>wrbanich@att.net</u> (920) 246-4281



Online Membership

Current e-membership in the state stands at:

CLASS / TYPE – as of date	02-23-2022	03-23-2022	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	163	170	+ 7
INSURANCE	38	40	+ 2
INACTIVE	11	11	No change
HONORARY	0	0	No change
HONORARY LIFE	1	1	No change
AFFILIATE in 97048	350	1961	+ 1611
EXEMPT	2	2	No change
ASSIGNED	115	124	+ 9

UNASSIGNED	4	4	No change				
TOTAL	212	221	+ 9				
Goals for Assigned and unassigned e-member prospects are ZERO							
New e-members YTD #	219	247	+ 27				
New e-members YTD % of target (422)	52%	58%	+ 6%				
Conversion into a council YTD #	150	168	+ 18				
Conversion into a council YTD %	68%	68%	No change				
All time intake #	902	925	+ 23				
All time conversion into a council #	639	653	+ 14				
All time conversion into a council %	71%	71%	No change				

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, please check your Prospect lists in Officers Online at least once a week. If you have men showing there, CONTACT them. INVITE them to your Council meetings and activities. While you are together, invite them to attend an in-person or online DEGREE ceremony. **After <u>completing</u> the degree**, PROCESS them into your council. It is as simple as entering the degree date (or council approval date for a prior member or transfer in) in the field and clicking the TRANSFER button. If the member does not wish to join your council, please REJECT him and select the appropriate reason. Please note the bold above. I have noticed recently a number of previous online members who have been transferred into a council who are taking a degree online and stating they have no degree, or are still an online member.

REMINDERS:

When joining online, the requirement is that each new member must sign up himself.

Online membership is a way for men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus to do so online, it is <u>not</u> to be used as a data entry system to enter new members from form 100s, prospect cards or parish lists. Use the Candidate tab for that. Online membership requires a member to join with full knowledge, consent, and active participation in the process. As a reminder, if an individual does not truthfully answer all application declarations, his membership in the Knights of Columbus is void.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Every man who joins online needs to access kofc.org/joinus from a compatible device, **personally** complete the online application testifying to all the attestations, and submit the online application **himself**.
- When possible, the member should use his own compatible device.
- The member must use their own valid email address when completing the online application.
- There is a new (as of 02-22-22) process in joining online. Instead of having to enter a verification code (a source of error), after the member completes and submits the first page of the online join process, which include his email address, he is sent an email to verify the email address. That email will contain a clickable link (available for only 24-hours) to complete the join process. Should he fail to act within the 24-hour window, he will see an error message and must restart the join process.

NOT ALLOWABLE:

• Completing the online application for a member even if they have asked you to do it for them.

- Collecting information from a proposed member on a form 100 or prospect card and using the information to sign the member up for online membership.
- Creating an email account for a member so they can complete the online membership process.

RESOURCES:

Please watch the short videos on the Supreme website <u>Membership Training</u>. Click on Membership in the left menu and you will see the available videos. Here are direct links to each.

- An Introduction to Online Membership 5:36
- <u>Online Join Process</u> 6:22 This video will be updated soon to reflect the new join email verification process.
- Prospect Tab 3:55
- Candidate tab 4:00

PROCESS:

Follow the standard procedures for a new e-member as with <u>all new members</u>:

- Completed form 100 or assigned e-member status in Prospect tab of Officers Online (OO).
- Admission committee vetting
- Council action (voting) see <u>Guidelines for Online Voting Motions</u> if holding virtual meetings
- Degree Member must take the degree prior to being transferred into a council.
 - Process new 3rd degree member into your council via Form 100 submission or Online form 100 (Candidate tab) entry and transfer, or e-member transfer (Prospect tab).
 - **<u>REMEMBER</u>** If you use either the Prospect tab or the Candidate tab to process your new members, do NOT submit a mailed paper or scanned pdf of the form 100. It just confuses the issue. Use only one of the available methods.
- Update degree status by entering degree dates for 2nd & 3rd degrees in Member Management.

WI Online Membership Coordinator William G. Hitt www.kofc.org/joinus



Programs

Brothers,

Here in April, I believe the overwhelming #1 priority for us is to support he effort to aid those in and from Ukraine, as well as seeking a swift end to the fighting there. This includes Novenas, Holy Hours, Rosary and Prayer Services for those causes. It also includes donations to the National KC Drive to aid Ukraine refugees, Councils and those affected by the chaos there. To date, the Supreme Council has been able to donate some \$6.2 million to the cause. But, there is still much to be done and many to be helped. Do your own program (parish, community, Council) to raise funds and secure donations for the cause. Check the Supreme website for more information. When

working at those fundraising events, be sure to wear your KC gear – Be Visible! Thise is also true for your Good Friday Family Attendance Programs and all your Ministry and service programs at your parish. Remember to include efforts to ask guys if they'd like more information on the benefits of being a Knight.

Also this month, continue your efforts to reach Star Council, including Fraternal Benefits Nights, Church Drives and other recruiting efforts, with Knighthood Exemplifications as well; also working on filling out your Columbian Award and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award forms so they are ready to turn in by May-June.

If not already done, you should be certain that all your reservations and paperwork is in for the State Convention, May 6-8 at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Also this month, it's really important that you round up your PKD and State Culture of Life Fund donations; forward them as soon as possible to the State Office. Try really hard to reach that 100% goal for your Council.

Another important program that most Councils are usually doing in April is the ID Drive. Hope you have your Tootsie Rolls ordered, sites and dates and volunteers confirmed, and materials ready to go. The ID Drive and Easter are always good signs that spring is finally here!

Finally, April is a good time to 1) get your final donations in for Team Wisconsin and Special Olympics. The National Games are coming up in Orlando in June so we need to get that \$125,000 goal met as well as helping at the local and regional contests. 2) In addition to your St. Joseph Icon Prayer Services, now is the time to be working with your parishes, clusters and neighboring Councils to be setting up those Father's Day (Corpus Christi) Eucharistic Processions requested by Pope Francis, the U.S. Bishops and State Council. 3) Councils should be holding, if at all possible, local Soccer Challenge Contests in April-May. Get your Council out there and active and give kids something to do outside.

Enjoy spring weather – Happy Easter; may the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you all!

Fraternally,

Bill Frayer State Program Director



General Agent Message

Worthy state Family, Bishops and Members,

Two things are certain, light is a great part of who we are as people of God, and the other



is that it is not fun getting older. I have always looked forward to springing forward

with the clock. However, this year it appears that time is playing tricks on us. If you ever get a ground hog, you might want to avoid letting him see the light, as it makes for a longer winter.

We have had success with the Fraternal Benefits nights; they are going well, and we have another planned for April 28th as well. I am happy to say we have a special guest in Bishop Hying. We will be discussing the true presence in the Eucharist, the benefits of membership and how they work together to help us be and stay good Catholics. If you have a question regarding the Eucharist, please email me before April 28 and I will ask the Bishop about it during the live Event. <u>Timothy.nowak@kofc.org</u>

<u>www.wikofc.org</u> live event to register and I hope to see you there, bring or invite all in the parish to sign on and join us.

Tim Nowak, GA

Tim J. Nowak, FICF General Agent 429 S. Commercial Street Neenah, WI 54956 Office:1-920-462-4100 Mobile: 1-920-810-6188 FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY PLEASE VIEW; http://www.kofc.org/careers

www.kofcwi.org





You're Invited to a Virtual Zoom Fraternal Benefit Night All Councils are encouraged to have a "Watch Party".

April 28th at 7 pm

We are Excited to have Special Guest The Most Reverend Bishop Donald J Hying From the Diocese of Madison to discuss:

- 1) The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!
- 2) Benefits of the Knights of Columbus.

Please Register by going to Live Events at our website (kofcwi.org) or QR Code







Culture of Life Happenings

Council #524 Pere Marquette has taken on the most recent ultrasound initiative for WELS Lutherans for Life, 8501 W Lincoln Avenue, West Allis, WI 53227-2562. If you'd like to help them raise funds for this project, please send your council checks to:

> Pere Marquette Council #524 FS Patrick Reiff PO Box 270411 Milwaukee, WI 53227-7210 (414) 327-0821 H (414) 403-7504 Cell—Preferred preiff@gmail.com

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction for an ultrasound project, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they

MUST include the council number in the memo portion of the check (eg: #524 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc Memo: (**#524 ultrasound**) 4297 W Beltline Highway Madison, WI 53711-3859

Through Christ,

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Dan Miller State Director Culture of Life Committee State Council – Knights of Columbus Oconomowoc Council #2487 4th Degree Assembly #1304 Dan.M@ProLifeWl.org – 262-993-6262

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

TEAM WISCONSIN DRIVE

"WE MADE IT"

A THANK YOU to ALL Councils, that have donated to this drive over the last 3+ years. Our drive to fund the travel expenses of Team Wisconsin athletes to the National games in Orlando, Fl in June 2022 is coming to an end. The goal of this drive is **\$125,000.00** which needed to be collected before the Wis K of C Convention in 2022. At the time of this writing, (2-18-22) we have received \$125,138.11. We have made this worth will cause despite the Covid problems of the last few years. Any additional funds received before our May State Convention will be a bonus to Special Olympics.

I would expect that this program will continue for the 2026 Team. Any funds received after Convention will be credited to the 2026 drive.

PLEASE mail checks made out to **Wis K of C Charities**, **Wis State Council**, or **Special Olympics** that are for the drive to me for recording. I will process and get to the appropriate places for deposit.

John Benisch Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator 4645 State Hwy 80 Pittsville, Wi 54466

Please keep our Special Olympics athletes in your prayers. John Benisch Special Olympics Coordinator



Now the Journey Begins





2022 State Golf Tournament Register Today!

EVENT DATE: Saturday & Sunday / July 30th & 31st 2022

EVENT TIME: Registration @ 7:30AM / Shotgun Start @ 9:00AM

Merrill Golf Club / 1604 O'Day Street, Merrill, WI Phone: 715-536-2529 / Email: manager@merrillgolfclub.com

Established in the late 1920's, **Merrill Golf Club**, is the one of the oldest 18-hole golf facilities in the <u>Northwoods</u>. After the completion of the back nine in 1986, Merrill Golf Club is one of the more challenging and longest courses in Central Wisconsin. With banquet facility, two bars, and patio overlooking the 9th hole, Merrill Golf Club makes a welcome environment for our visiting Knights and their guests!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:June 30, 2022EVENT COST:\$85 / Day / Person\$150 / 2-Days

If a foursome, please list your team captain & all team members below. <u>Each team member</u> <u>is responsible for their own registration form.</u> No metal spikes or "cutoffs" please.

	TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME	l	E-MAIL	PH	PHONE		
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		Council Number	Golf Sat. & Banquet	Golf Sun. & Banquet	Golf Both & Banquet	Total	
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Note: If golf events for both Saturday & Sunday are not filled, we will put teams together as necessary. <u>Special Note:</u> I have members of my party that are not golfing but wish to attend the banquet at the course on Saturday evening:

NUMBER of GUEST DINNERS @ \$16.00 / Person _

Send / Fax / E-mail this Entry Form to:

Fr. Rene Menard Council #1133 1708 E. 10th St. Merrill, WI 54452 <u>cohrs@charter.net</u> Ph: 715-218-1791; Fax: 877-577-5971

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Please return form w/check payable to: Fr. Rene Menard Council #1133

LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS:

- AmericInn by Wyndham Merrill: 715-536-7979
- Cobblestone Inn in Merrill: 715-539-6880
- Wausau area hotels (Near \$hopping)
- Hilton Garden Inn: 715-298-5775
 - Wausau Hampton Inn: 715-848-9700



Supreme Training Update

Below are the trainings being offered in April along with the Registration links.

Delta Drive

Come learn how to do the Delta Church drive method. this highly effective process of growth through communication will help you go from prospects to members and answer the why of growth.

4/4/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/610002875808488208

Council Experience

We will cover in this training

- Understand what's meant by the terms membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.
- Complete the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.
- Understand that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.
- Learn the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again.
- Discover tools that will help address deficiencies in your council's current member engagement as based on your councils engagement score.
- Understand that retention issues result when a council has failed to engage a member and show the value of his membership. These issues can be overcome by discovering where this breakdown occurred.

4/5/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5875511284669727758

You are your programs

We will cover in this training

- Understand the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members.
- Construct a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. u Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories Faith, Family, Community and Life.



- Identify the council's flagship program(s).
- Access the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendars.
- Develop a calendar for the next 6-12 months that responds to the council's mission statement and addresses some of the council's strengths and weaknesses identified above.
- Understand the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

4/11/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6041939961719697678

Forms and the Supreme website

Many councils have been struggling with where and how to fill out the form on the Supreme website. Where do we find them? How do we fill them out? Who can fill out the online forms? Who has access? Lots of questions to go through and we will get the answers together.

4/18/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/252370226200083984

Council Officers Overview

The Leadership of the council is important to the success of it. Good leaders make good council and to pick good leaders we must first know what the responsibilities of each position. During the webinar we will cover the main responsibilities of each officer position. This will be an overview to help us select the next leaders for our next successful year

4/25/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/87188395338119691

Grand Knight Overview

I have been elected Grand Knight. Now what do I do? Meetings, Appointments, Star Councils, Growth, and many other things a Grand Knight has in front of him. How do I do it? This webinar will cover duties of a Grand Knight and keys to success that will help Grand Knights be the best they can be.

4/26/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6238828409396360461

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

This month continues the great progress for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below but click on the Flocknote link below for all the details.



Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <u>https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/16066603</u>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is tied with Michigan for 1st place in the order and have submitted **9.9%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **John Daniels family**. Due to a reporting error at Supreme, they were not able to provide me with the correct council number that submitted this family.

Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **85%** district participation with Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **14** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	Kevin and Amy Huggett	La Crosse	Mark and Ann Weiler
Madison	Thomas and Robin Fonfara	Milwaukee	Jack and Rina Eschbach
Superior	Roy and Jodi Oscarson		

District

62% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire**: Five districts submitted three or more families and twelve districts submitted two families.

Council

There were no new councils submitting a family of the Month.

Golden Family Councils

Golden Family Councils are those that submit a family of the month each month of the fraternal year starting in July and ending in the following June. There are 35 Golden Family Councils that submitted families for the fraternal year so far. Thank you, councils, as you are demonstrating true leadership in this program.

Supreme News

There is a problem with the online 10784 where the family summary is restricted to 250 characters. Supreme is aware of the problem and there is not estimated time of repair.

Here is a link to the video on how to fill out the new **online** version of the 10784 form. <u>https://site-842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/forms_/video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-</u> 10784-training-video?autoStart=true After you fill out the online 10784, you will receive a PDF file that you can include in your council history books. **Please forward this PDF to <u>forms@wikofc.com</u>** so that your family can be considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award.

Good Friday Family Promotion

This Supreme program promotes our parishes and Knights to attend the Good Friday service. With Good Friday on April 15th, about 3 weeks away, what can we do to promote it? Here is Supreme's guide sheet on things your council can do. <u>https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/good-friday-family-promotion/10611-good-friday-family-guidesheet.pdf</u>

- Promote Good Friday services at Friday Fish Fries and other parish and council meetings and events throughout the Lenten season. Be sure to give plenty of reminders in the weeks leading up to Good Friday.
- Ask council members to take direct action and encourage their family and friends to attend.
- Provide council members and the parish community a copy of Christ: Lord and Savior (#358) to help them contemplate who Jesus is and the sacrifices he made.
- Have the Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards (#10340) available in the parish and council hall to raise visibility of the issues affecting the Middle East.
- Request the contact information for elderly, sick or non-driving parishioners from your pastor and assist them in attending Good Friday services.
- Prior to Good Friday, use the sample News Release (#10639) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.
- Prominently display the promotional Horizontal Poster (#10573) or Vertical Poster (#10638) in your parish and council hall. Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order these resources through Supplies Online via Officers Online.
- Develop bulletin announcements explaining the central nature of Good Friday.
- Make pulpit announcements on the central nature of Good Friday.
- Post on your council and parish website / social media pages

The Good Friday Family Promotion program fulfills one of the Family points on your Columbian Award.

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!

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SK Joe Uchytil State Family Coordinator







THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Many families have been struck by the horrible misfortune of miscarriage. Families have been left wondering if it was caused by something they did or didn't do. The grief is sometimes overwhelming.

There is now a place in Kenosha where those struck by miscarriage can go to sit, contemplate, and pray for the souls of these Innocents lost.

We would be honored if you could join us for the dedication of the **Monument to the Unborn**, located at the **Site of Holy Innocents** at All Saints Cemetery in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. The Most Reverend James T. Schuerman -Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will celebrate Mass followed by the dedication ceremony. A light meal and refreshments will be provided after the ceremonies.



- Date: Saturday, June 18
- Time: Mass begins at 4:00 pm followed by the monument dedication, followed by repast and refreshments
- Where: All Saints Cemetery, 3300 Springbrook Road, Pleasant Prairie, WI
- BYOC: Bring your own chair!
- RSVP: Please RSVP by June 11 to: Terry Glidden taglidden@gmail.com (262) 951-6689

St. Joseph Icon Program – Schedule

This year's Icon Program is with the St. Joseph Icon. We have the Icons, Books, and Cards and they are traveling with the Icons. For more information, please see the Supreme Resources at:

http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html

Please contact State Coordinator Dennis Bednarek with any questions on this program.

Transfer date	Icon 1	lcon 2	Icon 3	lcon 4
Saturday, January 1, 2022	64	6	47	25
Saturday, February 5, 2022	65	7	45	23
Saturday, March 12, 2022	70	3	43	21
Saturday, April 16, 2022	68	4	51	31
Saturday, May 21, 2022	72	5	52	32
Saturday, June 25, 2022	67	8	42	22
Saturday, July 30, 2022	73	13	40	24
Saturday, September 3, 2022	49	2	41	30
Saturday, October 8, 2022	50	1	26	29
Saturday, November 12, 2022	48	80	46	27
Saturday, December 10, 2022	63	85	44	28
Saturday, January 21, 2023	62	91	14	90
Saturday, February 25, 2023	69	83	10	89
Saturday, April 1, 2023	60	81	25	87
Saturday, May 6, 2023	61	82	11	
Saturday, June 10, 2023	66		12	
Saturday, July 15, 2023	71		9	

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