

# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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## ***'Won't you be my Neighbor?'***



*'It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood, A beautiful day for a neighbor, Would you be mine? Could you be mine? It's a neighborly day in this beautywood, A neighborly day for a beauty, Would you be mine? Could you be mine? I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you, I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you. So let's make the most of this beautiful day, Since we're together, we might as well say, Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?'*

Growing up in the late 80's, early 90's, a figurehead that was instrumental in teaching many of the youth was Fred Rogers from the PBS show, 'Mr Roger's Neighborhood.' I was reminded of these simple teachings when watching the recent movie 'Won't You Be My Neighbor' starring Tom Hanks.

I took time to reflect on our current State in the Knights and in our communities. Following the Covid19 pandemic, and the following changes to our normal daily routines such as attending mass, Knights of Columbus meetings, etc. the Knights of Columbus encouraged an 'active' approach to making sure that 'No Neighbor was Left Behind.' Making constant contact with our members, our Priests, and others in our community to 'check-in' to see how they're doing in this trying time is vital to not only our organization but being the leaders that our community and Parishes need. Being a neighbor to someone means that you're there to help and care for them in times of need.

Another part of this re-enactment/documentary that stood out to me was how much prayer was apart of daily life for Mr. Rogers, but also how he would 'pray' for those he encountered throughout the day—those he knew who were having pains and struggles. As kids we are taught that prayer is an opportunity to talk with God, whether it be to pray for those that you love and want to see happy and healthy, for things that you hope to change, and to pray for those needing 'prayers.' As Knights, prayer is our powerful weapon we have to try and change the World. Prayer does not 'hurt' anyone. Prayer does not 'dismiss' anyone or their viewpoints. Prayer does not discriminate based off of race or creed, based off of political affiliations, etc. Prayer helps us along the path to having a better understanding of the struggles others face or are inflicted with. Instead of dismissing others' thoughts or actions because we don't agree with their stance, we should have open conversations so that we can not only share our viewpoints but understand theirs as well. We can always pray to change their minds, much like we take action to do with the 40 days for Life marches outside of clinics and Planned Parenthood centers coming up later this Fall.

Lastly, I have seen and heard many share their viewpoints on the current pandemic on Social Media. I had an article shared with me on Social Media. It was an opinion article written by John Lestock, a Lutheran Pastor from Hudson that was featured in a River Falls newspaper that I thought was very poignant along the theme of 'loving thy neighbor.'

*'If Jesus were walking our streets today, do you think he would wear a mask in public? How do you think Jesus would suggest we best 'love our neighbor?' Would Jesus be concerned about being uncomfortable or inconvenienced? Would his concern be with his vanity and appearance? Would he insult or make fun of those who were frightened for their lives?*

*Think of it: The Jesus we preach was willing to experience humiliation, suffering, and death to save the people he loved. It seems to me, if Jesus would die on a cross for us, he would wear a mask for us.' (John Lestock, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 'RiverTowns Newspaper')*

That really struck a chord with me, as I feel at times in these past few months it has been hard not to react to frustrations that have occurred as a result of the pandemic. Our 'normal' lives and what we had become accustomed to have changed, and maybe at times we were quick to react or judgment.

So I challenge each of us this next month—love thy neighbor, don't judge them. Pray for thy neighbor and let's build up our community. 'Our' neighborhood on earth is temporary, let's pray for all of 'God's neighbors' as one day they may be our neighbor in Heaven!

Corey Christopher Coonen

State Deputy

## Message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Brother Knights:

We are all aware of the troubling events that are occurring today, including attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order's namesake, Christopher Columbus. Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junípero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked. These are not merely attacks on statues and history. They are increasingly attacks on Catholics and people of faith.

In the late 19th century, the Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism. Our founding members wanted to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America since its earliest days, and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.

However, anti-Catholicism persisted. In the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed Columbus statues simply because Columbus was a Catholic. We opposed the KKK then and have continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.

We stood up against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, spoke out for the Jews of Germany in the 1930s and worked for religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. Today, we are rebuilding Christian communities in the Middle East that were targeted for genocide. Each of us can be proud of our history of standing up for the most vulnerable among us.

While our faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect. The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence. With churches, statues, and religious symbols subject to vandalism and attack, we call upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Carl A. Anderson  
*Supreme Knight*

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## Defending an American Hero

As I stated in my letter last month, “Violent people have attacked symbols of some of our hero’s, like Christopher Columbus, and are even suggesting that symbols of Our Lord and Our Lady need to come down.” We live in a time where it is very important to stand up and defend Blessed Michael McGivney’s choice of a figurehead for our fraternal organization. Defending Christopher Columbus should not be difficult because with an honest look at history we find that he was a fine Christian gentleman who lamented the treatment his crew members inflicted upon the indigenous peoples they encountered. He stood up for those people by calling for punishments on those who would mistreat them and he appealed to the Queen of Spain to protect the rights of those peoples. The very sins that Christopher Columbus is slanderously accused of were sins he tried to prevent. Statues of our hero, Christopher Columbus, have been attacked and if we have regrets about this it should be that we were not there to stop such ignorant behavior. We need to have the courage to rebuke the slanders and defend the truth otherwise we lack courage. To call ourselves Knights is to answer the call to do defend what is true, good and beautiful. We must not fail to stand up against the evil upon us today, because if we don’t we will not be ready to stand up against the greater evil that will be upon us tomorrow.

Blessed Michael McGivney chose Christopher Columbus as a figurehead that represents our love for this nation and this love is what we call patriotism. If we turn away from this love by passively witnessing the slanderous attack being waged upon Christopher Columbus we are losing sight of the original vision that Blessed Michael McGivney had in mind. At the very least we need to pray the Rosary and ask Our Lady to increase our love for God, family, and nation. The attack is against all these loves and we should not allow ourselves to discard a single one of them thinking it will preserve the others. In prayer with Our Lady may we find the courage to truly be Knights.

Pray with Mary, walk with Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Fr. Andrew Kurz  
State Chaplain

## Share Your Council Programs in the Badger Bulletin



Plans are to publish the Badger Bulletin 4 times a year to highlight programs that Wisconsin Councils are running. This is a great opportunity to share your great programs with other Councils, to both celebrate success and to inspire others. We expect to publish the next edition sometime in late September or early October. Articles and Pictures can be sent to [jhuttenhoff@wikofc.com](mailto:jhuttenhoff@wikofc.com). Councils are also encouraged to share their programs on Social Media.

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### Official Notice – Diocesan Meetings

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid 19 Virus and social distancing requirements, we will not be having Diocesan Meetings this September. This has a number of implications:

- Diocesan Program Coordinators will need to communicate electronically (e-mail and virtual meetings) with the Councils in their Diocese to share Diocesan Program Plans.
- The Supreme Council will offer a number of Virtual Trainings for Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Membership Directors, and Program Directors. Councils should take advantage of these trainings when they are offered.
- The Wisconsin State Council will offer additional training opportunities to supplement the training offered by the Supreme Council.
- Handouts that would normally be distributed at the Diocesan Meetings will instead be posted to the State Website.

The Council Charity Grant checks from the Charity Raffle will be mailed to Councils via First Class mail.

District Deputies will attend a Diocesan Huddle with the State Officers and other District Deputies from their Diocese in September. Awards, Raffle Tickets, and Lifesavers will be distributed to District Deputies at the Diocesan Huddles. District Deputies will then deliver these materials to the Councils in their respective districts. Councils should work with their District Deputies to arrange for Award Presentations and delivery of Charity Raffle Tickets and Lifesavers.

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### Official Notice – Diocesan District Deputy Huddles

District Deputies should plan to attend the Diocesan Huddle for their Diocese in September to get updates from the State Deputy. District Deputies will also be collecting Awards, Charity Raffle Tickets, and Lifesavers for the Councils in their Districts. Diocesan Huddles will follow all local health department and diocesan restrictions related to Covid 19. The tentative schedule of the Diocesan Huddles is:

Superior Diocese - Saturday, September 12, 2020, 9:30 am.

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 1121 Nunn Ave Rice Lake, WI

La Crosse Diocese - Saturday, September 19, 2020, 9:00 am.

Location: Tomah KofC Hall, 202 E Juneau, Tomah, WI 54660

Green Bay Diocese - Saturday, September 26, 2020, 8:00 am

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, 1305 Lourdes Ave, De Pere, WI 54115

Archdiocese of Milwaukee - Saturday, September 26, 2020, 2:00 pm.

Location: KC524 Center Inc, 16334 W Glendale Dr, New Berlin, WI 53151

Madison Diocese - Sunday, September 27, 2020, 1:00 pm.

Location: [kofcroundtable.com](http://kofcroundtable.com), 1611 N Bristol St, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Huddles will last no longer than 2-3 hours.

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### **Council Charity Grant (Charity Raffle) and Tootsie Roll Checks.**



My Brother Knights. With the challenges we are all facing with Covid, everything has been impacted, even the State Raffle and Tootsie Roll programs. Here is the latest on the 2019-2020 Charity Raffle and the Tootsie Roll Program.

The Charity raffle rebate checks will be sent **directly to the councils** by the end of August. If you have not received these checks by early September, please contact your District Deputy. IF you have not submitted your Council Charity Grant Request form, please do so NO later than 15 August. If we do not have your Council Charity Grant Request form, you will not get a check.

With regards to the tootsie roll program, we are still operating it at this time. Please have your funds turned in by November 1<sup>st</sup>. The checks will be distributed to the District Deputies at their winter meeting, and in turn to the councils shortly thereafter. Please try to continue to support this program remembering safety measure set fourth by your local heath department and in cooperation with the parish if on parish grounds.

Vivat Jesus

Miles Casey

State Treasurer

## Safe Environment Update from State Advocate Paul Lang



Dear Worthy State Deputy, Corey C. Coonen, Brother State Officers, DDs and Brother Knights,

We are nearing the end of our first month as your elected officers for 2020/21. It's been a busy pace, and I hope this finds all of you healthy and good spirits. In my role as your state Advocate, I monitor the State's compliance for the Safe Environment program as one of my leadership accountabilities.

I want to take this opportunity as my contribution to our newsletter, to remind those members serving in key leadership positions to complete the Safe Environment Training as soon as you receive your invitation.

There are three training modules designed to teach members about abuse prevention best practices, either online or via workbook self-study guides. If you are a member of one of these key leadership positions, you are required to complete all three training modules: (1) Meet Sam, (2) Duty to Report, and (3) Know Your Policies.

Now that most councils completed their elections, you can quickly identify those directors and officers required to take the Safe Environment training and also those who are required to submit background checks. The chart below identifies the council and officer roles as are necessary for this program:

| Roles                      | Training Required | Background Check Required | ARAMATUS Administration |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Grand Knights              | ✓                 |                           | ✓                       |
| Faithful Navigators        | ✓                 |                           |                         |
| Program Directors          | ✓                 |                           | ✓                       |
| Family Directors           | ✓                 | ✓                         |                         |
| Community Directors        | ✓                 | ✓                         |                         |
| Adult and Chief Counselors | ✓                 | ✓                         |                         |

If members in certain positions are not compliant within 30 days of notification, they are subject to removal from those positions.

When completing the Service Program Personnel Report (#365) **Essential Item**: ensure that all member email addresses are accurate. **Praesidium**, the Order's safe environment partner, will use these email addresses to send email notifications to the program directors and chairs who are required to complete safe environment training and to provide authorization for a background check. Directors and chairs in your respective councils should look for email notifications from Praesidium in their inbox or spam folder. These will provide the assigned username and password to complete the required training and the link necessary to provide background check authorization. The Knights of Columbus covers all costs associated with these requirements. After submitting the 365, if you find a director, chair or officer required to take the training did not receive an invitation from **Praesidium**, within two weeks of the council filing the form, please reach out to Paul Lang [plang@wikofc.com](mailto:plang@wikofc.com) or [pelang60@hotmail.com](mailto:pelang60@hotmail.com)

Email notifications are unique to each recipient and cannot be forwarded or used by another director or chair. The time-sensitive notifications **require the recipient to complete training and background check authorization within 30 days of receipt.**



## Membership

My Brothers. Wisconsin is out of the gate with 24 new members in the first 24 days of the Fraternal year; that is not the number we were looking for. Our communications and inspiration will be picked up a notch or two; We have some ideas on how to fix that problem.

Our **WSD Corey Coonen** has been getting the latest and most useful information, especially contact information – **WSS John Huttenhoff** has been incorporating that information into a State Directory. The State Membership Team will be using it to great purpose starting very soon... check your email, text, and voicemail.

Supreme has made our job of inviting men to join the Knights **a LOT easier**. For a limited time, men who join online will do so **FOR FREE**, as a way to honor our Founder, the **Blessed Michael J. McGivney**. *“The Supreme Council will pay the first-year dues for every man who joins online between now and 11:59pm on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this special offer.” They can join using the following link. <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>.*

### UPCOMING EXEMPLIFICATIONS:

The State Council hosts Live Multi-Degree Exemplifications. The dates include Tuesday – Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> (Starting at 7pm). To register, please contact **State Ceremonials Director James Zoellner** at (715) 389-2025 or email him at [cmsgtjza@charter.net](mailto:cmsgtjza@charter.net). Supreme is also hosting ONLINE and even ON DEMAND Exemplifications. The process starts here: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>.

Here are some ideas for getting New Members even in a COVID environment:

- Sit down with your Pastor, Chaplain, Deacon and/or Parochial Vicar to get name lists of men they know who ought to be Knights – give them a copy of our roster to have them check off the leaders they see in areas outside of the KC’s.
- Call all members and parishioners to check on them. Ask what we can do to help them. Then ask them if they know anyone who might want to help the council advance its mission of service.
- Our “Everyday Heroes” and “Into the Breach” video series can fill a void with parishioners who are not able to attend masses – put the links into your parish bulletin and website as well as your own website.
- Get out into the community to help in this time of pandemic. Food drives, volunteering at food banks and hosting blood drives are especially important. When you meet other volunteers and those giving blood, talk to them about the services and charity the Knights provide and invite them to learn more – bring some literature for them to take and information on how to sign up online.
- Get in touch with past members to see if they want to get back into the fold

- Prospect seminarians and priests in your area; not all of them are knights. If the seminarian if from your parish, send their parents a “Thank You” note for helping their son become a priest, then ask the father if he would like to join our ranks to help other seminarians achieve their dream of becoming a priest.

**You became a member because somebody asked you to join. Honor that gift you have received. Take personal responsibility to “pay the gift of membership forward” by inviting someone else to join.**

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## 2019-2020 Top Recruiters

The 2019-20 Fiscal Year had 5 Knights recruit at least 10 new members. They included:

Richard Forseth, 614, Oshkosh

Father William Hoffman, 617, Green Bay

Donn Foote, 3955, DePere

Erik Stanton, 4520, Cedarburg

Father Mauricio Fernandez-Bosca, 6436, Dousman

The top recruiters in Wisconsin between January 1-June 30 were:

Erik Stanton, 4520, Cedarburg, 11 new members

Father Mauricio Fernandez-Bosca, 6436, Dousman, 11 new members

John Schleicher, 4240, Menomonee Falls, 5 new members

Rufino Arce, 6371, Waunakee, 5 new members

Donn Foote, 3955, DePere, 4 new members

Tom Eder, 974, Chippewa Falls, 4 new members



# Programs



Brothers,

I hope your summer is going well considering the challenges we have all been facing. The COVID crisis has most certainly complicated the process of planning for fall programming with its effects on schools, parishes, communities for August-December unknown at this point. Further muddling the situation is the fact that it has affected some parts of the state much more than others.

Nevertheless, I advise you to stay positive and hope for the best, lead the way whenever possible, plan as you normally would and adjust to your local situation based on Supreme, State (KC), local, state and national guidelines and restrictions.

Continue to run your “Faith in Action” and “No Neighbor Left Behind” programs as best you can; assist you pastor, parish, and community all that you can! Download needed materials from the Supreme and State websites and order supplies and kits from Supreme soon.

Try to run the ID Drive yet in August and September even in abbreviated form. Plan to do the LifeSavers for Life in October if you can or try a Baby Bottle Drive. Secure your coats for the Coats for Kids and continue your Food for Families Drives. Plan to do Sentiments for Seminarians in November and try to get your RSVP support out to those you support in August-September instead of later in the year. Work with the seminaries to spread that support out to those most in need as well.

Work with your parish on a blood drive, Into the Breach, Sacramental Gifts, Mass for People with Special Needs, Family Fully Alive and Family Week programs (especially in August). Find a way to assist in the community with Habitat, Helping Hands, Global Wheelchairs or Disaster Preparedness. Start now on a solid Family of the Month program. This is just a sample of what can be done. Do what works best for you but be active and lead!

As to youth programs, plan, if possible, to do your PPK early. We still intend to hold Diocesan (Regional) contests in October with the State finals at Eau Claire Regis on October 31. (Stay tuned for continued developments!) Soccer can be done in fall, but we suggest waiting to spring when Regionals and State are planned for June 2021. Travel cards will be available from DDs, Diocesan Program Coordinators, State Officers, and me.

The Culture of Life Essay Contest and Supreme Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest are still on for October and November and can be done from home rather than in the classroom. All materials can be downloaded from the State website for Culture of Life and from the Supreme website or ordered from the Supplies Online for Catholic Citizenship, including the theme for 2020. Information for both Christmas Poster Contests can be downloaded from the State website and materials for the

Supreme Contest can be downloaded from the Supreme website and kits ordered from Supplies Online.

Finally, a reminder that the annual Diocesan Tour in September will not be held this year as usual but replaced by Diocesan DD Huddles done virtually. Awards from the State Convention, 2019 History Books and other materials will be given to them to be returned to Councils along with 2019-20 PKD, CoL and Outstanding Council Awards as well as most Supreme Awards (Columbian, McGivney, Founders).

Let's all pray to our soon-to-be-Blessed Founder, Fr. McGivney, for guidance as we navigate these trying times. We'll continue to do all we can to help you along. Have a great August.

Fraternally,

Bill Frayer

State Program Director

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### Free Throw and Knowledge Contest

For several reasons, a proposal was made earlier this year to change the dates for the Free Throw Contests, especially the District, Diocesan (Regional) and State Contests to later in the year (March-May). This could also affect the Knowledge Contests on the Diocesan and State levels as they are usually held together by site and/or date with the Free Throw Contests and thus poses the question of whether they should stay as is or move with the Free Throw Contests. There are pros and cons for both sides of this issue.

So, a survey of DDs, Councils and Diocesan Program Coordinators will soon be coming out so that we can seek the views and impact of Brothers on these issues and make a final decision accordingly. The survey will be sent directly to Grand Knights, District Deputies and Diocesan Program Coordinators. We ask that you consider the questions carefully, discuss with Council members and other Brothers and respond as directed by September 15.

Questions and comments welcome – contact your Diocesan Program Coordinators, Youth Academics Coordinator Alex Osterkamp (nosterkamp18@yahoo.com), Youth Athletics Coordinator Ernie Reinhart (majernie@sbcglobal.net) or me. Thanks!

Fraternally,

Bill Frayer

State Program Director

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## General Agent Message

The Month of July was warm and little confusing as many of you know with the do you wear a mask, or do you not wear a mask? Can we go to church and do we have to sign up on-line and do we get our temperature taken? As I was getting my temperature taken with a gun before mass one Sunday I ask if it was set to stun or not.

It is always a challenge to get with membership during the summer months because we have so much going on with camping and sports activities and vacations. This year the agents got to add the troubles of social distancing and don't answer the phone it is a Political ad as well. I would ask all members to please add your agents phone number to the known caller list and at least let them check in on you from month to month. With the Supreme Initiative to leave no neighbor behind we have been calling and emailing with mixed results. Here at the office we receive plenty of calls from people who say they haven't talked to their agent in a long time. We also have agents that say they can't get ahold of a lot of their membership because of phone changes. It appears the members do want us to be contacted just by the sheer number of calls that we get into the office weekly, but it also appears that a lot of people aren't answering the phone when the phone is being dial by our agents. I have a humble request going forward as a member moves or as we stopped having home phone numbers altogether we reach out and share with our Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries our cell numbers so that in times like COVID-19 we still have a way to get ahold of each other. We still have a way to put our manpower to use for the greater good and the vision of Father McGivney. Yes, life is difficult, troubled times are not behind us but in front of us. Together with charity in our forefront and fraternity as our rear guard, we should be able to withstand these trying times.

My wife and I have been in Wisconsin for six months. We've had little to very limited contact with the outside world. The Knights are our world. So we continue to work toward finding more good and holy men to join the ranks of our insurance agency and to bring in more members into the Knights of Columbus, to meet more and more of our Holy Priests and to enjoy the Holy places in the state of Wisconsin. As I pray for you, I ask you to pray for me as well. I can't wait until we can Meet in person at council meetings social events and at a holy mass without masks and without fear.

Vivat Jesus  
Tim J. Nowak, General Agent  
Wisconsin/UP

## Be a Leader

In these challenging times, it is important to take a step back and take stock of what is truly important. The Knights of Columbus has been and is a proactive, leading organization that stands for traditional values. Fr McGivney has given us a great gift. Are we living up to his mission? Are we reflective of his vision? Are we protecting this gift?

We can promote the order in many big ways and in the little things we do. As leaders, it is very important to lead by example. Are we promoting the order? Are we owners of the order? Are we protecting the brand of the Knights of Columbus? Remember that members will notice you, and more importantly, men who are looking for more will notice you.

We need to keep our order strong, so we can continue to provide for charitable causes and promote our Catholic values. Put your faith in action and become an insured member with the order.

Use Knights of Columbus supplies and promotional material when appropriate. It can help to recruit new members. Wear the Knights apparel with pride. Use the Knights gear to supply council members and council functions. Creating your own or wearing another organizations logo when meeting or during a council activity deludes our brand and is inappropriate.

Leadership in the Knights is a great privilege that comes with great responsibilities. Be a true leader!

Vivat Jesus

Joe Molosky, General Agent

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<http://www.kofc.org/careers>

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## ID Director Don – Update on Tootsie Roll Drives 20 July 2020



Brother Knights,

I hope this message finds you well during this pandemic. I do realize that the media is not helping to ease anyone's mind, but I am sure that since there is more testing occurring, one would expect more positive results. As long as we practice common sense we can get through this difficult time.

We have come to our latest plan in dealing with the COVID-19 situation. Councils, who run their drive and submit money by Nov 1 will get their

checks during the December DD meeting, please be on the lookout for them from your District Deputies. I have already received money from councils via our former ID Director, Mark Jelinek. Somehow, some way we need to get our councils to look in their packets and use the current form.

Councils, who choose not to run the drive, must send a check to me for the cost of their Tootsie Rolls along with the Council Disbursement Form. If you are unsure as to how many cases you ordered, please contact me and I will be happy to give you that information. These checks should be sent in as soon as possible but no later than November 1st.

I will be sending out information to organizations seeking grants from our State ID Fund shortly. Our success in helping these organizations depends completely on our councils' efforts in the Tootsie Roll Drive. Some councils have chosen not to run a drive this year due to the COVID pandemic. These councils must submit a check to pay for their tootsie rolls. They should use the Council Disbursement form and send their check as instructed to me. We have some councils who still have not paid for their tootsie rolls from the year before. These will be collected this year to close out the billing. Please keep in mind that payment is not optional.

We recommend that your council members wear gloves and masks to put the public at ease during the drive. It may be helpful to have a small table setup so that they can avoid all physical contact. Early reports have indicated that those who do donate are more generous due to the circumstances we all face. Please stay safe and continue to help your neighbors during this time.

Vivat Jesus.

Don Schoenherr

WI KofC

Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities – Director

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## Supreme Training Seminars

Brothers,

I am offering 4 different training sessions for State, Regional, District and Council leaders in the month of August. They are Delta Drive, Council Growth, Council Experience and You are Your Programs. Let me give a brief statement on these trainings.

- Delta Drive: This training session talks about what items should be part of every organized growth drive. It also talks about planning and organizing the drive to make them effective
- Council Growth: This training talks about the “why” of growing your council and how together we can be successful at it.
- Council Experience: This is the training that we start talking about how as a council should engage and know how the council members feel about what we do at local events.
- You are Your Programs: This is a new training presentation that we start talking about what programs we do and how we are looked at by the community by what the program that they see.

All these sessions will be under one hour long including a Q&A period. These 4 sessions are designed to compliment each other and make councils look and take action on the whole council success.

Here is the dates for the trainings (all times are at Central Daylight time, Eastern times will be one hour later (7 PM CDT would be 8 PM EDT))

Council Growth  
8/10 at 7PM CDT  
8/11 at 8PM CDT

Council Experience  
8/17 at 6PM CDT  
8/18/ at 8PM CDT  
8/19 at 7PM CDT

Delta Drive  
8/12 at 5 PM CDT

You are your programs  
8/24 at 6PM CDT  
8/25 at 8PM CDT  
8/26 at 6PM CDT

Here is the Form link to sign up for these

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZUbXsiH6IFPmYE9oU\\_ezIX11tT9Xvy\\_LkhwbAOWQOt-NS4w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZUbXsiH6IFPmYE9oU_ezIX11tT9Xvy_LkhwbAOWQOt-NS4w/viewform)

Finally thank you for your help with promoting these training sessions I am truly grateful for your efforts and humbled by your commitment to the order

Jon Olson  
Regional Training Director  
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## State Training Schedule

Brother Knights,

With the ever changing situation we are in, we are looking at doing virtual training through the rest of the year. If circumstances change, and it becomes safe to do so, we will again do physical training sessions. Following is our schedule through the end of the year. There are 2 sessions of each, in the hope that one fits your schedule. They will be Zoom meetings, with graphics being shown. If you are unable to join us on a computer or tablet, please try to find someone you can view with or use the option of joining us by telephone. We plan to get the slides available to you if this is the case.

Please also take advantage of the training being done by our Supreme Regional Trainer, Jon Olson, and Supreme Webinars and presentations archived on the website. Take a minute, go to [www.KofC.org/training](http://www.KofC.org/training) and look at the resources available. If you need help navigating the website, please contact me.

### Schedule

#### Grand Knight Training

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

#### Financial Secretary Member Dues Billing Training

Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm

#### Financial Secretary Training

Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

#### Membership Methods in our Trying Time (and other times also)

Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

If you need anything, please call me at 920-540-4486. *Please note, while working at home, my voicemail says not to leave a message, this does not apply to you. I want to hear from you!!* You can also email me at [wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com](mailto:wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com).

Thank you, and God Bless all you are doing.

Chuck Rohr

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## Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

June was another fantastic month for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below but click on the Flocknote link below for all the details. Also included is information on four Family programs that can count as two credits towards the Family category of the Columbian Award. This is followed by planning steps for programs this fall/winter.





## Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** June! 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/8128659>. Check it out!

### Supreme

Wisconsin is still in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the order with 37 FOMs representing **15.6%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is **Michael and Carmella Cartina Family** (Council 3464, District 70, Milwaukee Diocese).

### Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **85%** district participation and leading with submitting 13 families. Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month. Read about them in Flocknote link above.

|                  |                           |                  |                          |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Green Bay</b> | Michael and Karen Winrich | <b>La Crosse</b> | Jerry and Sue Bloom      |
| <b>Madison</b>   | James and Priscilla Esser | <b>Milwaukee</b> | Scott and Karen Bednarke |
| <b>Superior</b>  | Ron and Cyndi Rineck      |                  |                          |

### District

52% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Three districts submitted 3 families and four districts submitted 2 families. There were no new councils.

July Family of the Month deadline is August 15.

### Fraternal Year Summary

The full details are in the Flocknote link above.

- 568 Families were submitted with the leading dioceses being Green Bay (148) and Madison (143).
- Green Bay District 2, DD Chris Mosconi, submitted 42 Families, averaging 3.5 families each month!
- Superior District 81, DD Paul Krenik, submitted 35 Families which was 61% of all Superior Families submitted!
- There were 14 councils that submitted a Family every month of the fraternal year
- There were 33 jurisdictions that submitted 9 or less families for the fraternal year. **Wisconsin had 22 councils that submitted 10 or more Families for the fraternal year! Well Done!**

## Two Credit Family Programs

### Columbian Award Family Category

The Columbian award Family Category requires four credits. Each of the eight Supreme family programs and the Wisconsin Our Marriage Prayer program count as one credit. According to the **Featured Programs Minimum Requirements** document, there are FOUR family programs eligible for **two credits** towards the Family category of the Columbian Award. <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10746-fia-council-requirements.pdf>

- **Food For Families** - Councils are required to
  - collect a minimum of \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food for a parish or community food pantry.
  - In addition, councils must contribute a minimum of 100 total man-hours in preparation/distribution/service of meals.

- **Family of the Month** - Councils are required to
  - recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year: one for each month.
  - In addition, each council should submit a Family of the Year to their jurisdiction's competition.
- **Family Fully Alive** - Councils are required to distribute and actively promote the use of the Family Fully Alive Booklets.
- **Family Prayer Night** - Councils are required to organize at least four Family Prayer Nights, one for each quarter of the year.

If your council would like to earn two credits in these programs, you will want to start working on them right away, especially if you want to use the Family of the Month program since it requires a Family submitted for each of the twelve months.

The July Family of the Month deadline is **August 15**.

## Planning

Two family programs are coming up quick: Keep Christ in Christmas and Consecration to the Holy Family. Here are some things to consider doing soon.

### Keep Christ in Christmas

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes, and communities. Councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations, and a variety of activities.

**Guide Sheet:** <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/10604-keep-christ-in-christmas-guidesheet.pdf>

- Read through the guide sheet and determine what you need to order
- Order the supplies from Officers Online
- Ask your district deputy what the deadlines are in your diocese

### Consecration to the Holy Family

Revitalize our parishes by urging our parish families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Invite each family in your parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. **The feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is December 26/27, 2020.**

**Guide Sheet:** <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family/10605-consecration-holy-family-guidesheet.pdf>

- Read through the guide sheet to prepare for the event
- Order prayer cards (and other supplies) from Officers Online (they will go quick)

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 Uchytel  
Wisconsin Family Coordinator

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS: TEAM WISCONSIN 2022

Attention Brother Knights, The Team Wisconsin athletes are depending on the KC's to raise the \$125,000.00 to cover travel expenses to Orlando Fla. in 2022. As of July 25, 2020 we have raised \$77,296.83 of this goal. With everything going on with the pandemic and not having Tootsie Roll Drive yet and unable to do a fund raiser of most types, I am asking Councils to look at making a donation from their council or charity account to help to reach this goal by April 15, 2022. We have only 19 months to raise the rest of the funds. When you do your Tootsie Roll Drive remember Special Olympics as a recipient.

It would be the best to have checks made out to Wis K of C Charities and note for SOWI 2022. These can be mailed to me, my address is in the directory, so that I can keep an accurate accounting of funds received.

It has come to my attention that not everyone has been notified that the Recycling program has been discontinued a few years ago. I have check and they would only take certain ink cartridges or toner cartridges and the average price is about .10 to .15 cents each. What they take changes weekly. They also would charge us postage for sending them in. Thank You for your support over the years. If you have any questions, please call me.

Special Olympics Coordinator.

John Benisch

## Leave No Neighbor Behind – Council 4648 Fill the Boat

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Brother Knights,

Our first ever "**FILL THE BOAT**" **LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND FOOD DRIVE** ended this past week end.

***It was Simply Amazing to say the least.***

The response we got from both St. John Vianney & St. Dominic Parishes was outstanding. The goal was to collect 1000lbs. of food & supplies over the two week end period however, we crushed that goal and as

they say in baseball

***"It Was Hit Out Of The Park".***

Because of the generosity from the parishioners at both parishes and the surrounding community **4593 lbs. of food and supplies were collected.** In addition, \$580.00 in cash donations.

The donations from SJV went to St. Josphats's on the Southside of Milwaukee while the donations from St. Dominic went to the Waukesha Food Pantry. These donation were very much needed at both of these pantries because of the over whelming need created by of the COVID-19 crisis.

We had some surprises over the two week ends...

1). Mayor Steve Ponto stopped by at SJV and helped with the collections plus he posted on Facebook a picture and words of support for the food drive.



2). TMJ4 TV had a photojournalist at SJV interviewing & videoing the event, which aired on July 11th, Saturday night at both

5:07pm and then again at 10:47pm news casts. Thanks goes out to TMJ TV for the coverage.

3). The weather Saturday at St. Dom's created some challenges but with the help of some brave Knights we "held" on and made it through.

4). A filming crew from Supreme showed up and spent over 4 hours taking pictures, interviewing Knights and parishioners.

Once they have completed editing the video and pictures will show up on the Knights of Columbus uTube site. When we get word that the editing is done that information will be give to you. We hope to also get copies of the pictures and video.

5). The K of C Columbia magazine and the Milwaukee Catholic Herald got wind of our food drive and have reached out to us for a story and pictures to be in an upcoming issue.

Finally, I'd like to say Thank You to the Food Drive Team of Brain Herczeg, Chuck Kallinger, Dennis Skrajewski, Thomas Kraus and Todd Jordan for all the assistance in helping to make this event so successful. Also, a big THANK YOU to all those Knights who signed up for various time slots to work the event from set-up to being there for collection times to the take down. All of the work would not have been done with out you. This truly was a total team effort with many hands helping. The results of the what we collected and the help it is providing was what we did it for.

Many blessing to all of my fellow Knights.

Doug Wildes

Holy Ghost Council 4648 Warden & Food Drive Chair

***WE OPENED OUR HEARTS, YOUR MINDS AND OUR SOULS TO  
THE MIRACLES OF GOD WHO WANTS TO WORK IN AND THROUGH US.***

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## Knights Pray the Rosary at Marshfield Columbus Catholic High School



Worthy State Officers and Brother Knights,

I wanted to update all of you on the below situation. We prayed the Rosary on July 15<sup>th</sup> with about 75 people in attendance (see pictures in the attachments). Through GOD'S intercession, I am happy to report, per Mr. Eaton, that the petition has died online. CCS will not be changing its name and the statue of Columbus will not be taken down.

I also would like to report that after we prayed the Rosary, the group assembled stated they would like to pray the Rosary every Wednesday night through August 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Council will be leading the Rosaries if none of the Fathers can. We will be praying in front of Columbus Catholic High School starting at 7:00 PM. We will be asking GOD, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, for the safety and health of all area (Marshfield, Stratford, Spencer) school Staffs, Faculties, Families, and Students as they open their schools this Fall. We will also be praying for the protection of, and peace in, America.

I have asked all the churches in our Council's jurisdiction to put the information about the praying of the Rosaries in their church bulletins. I have also sent and posted the information on our Facebook and e-mail accounts. We also have a flyer circulating about praying the Rosaries.

May GOD guide us in all our decisions,

Scott Frome, Grand Knight

Marshfield Knights of Columbus

Fr. John Eisen Council 1799

E-mail: [grand.knight1799@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight1799@gmail.com)

Phone: 715-712-4071



## Sauk Prairie Councils raising money to help those in need.



Blackhawk Council 3099 (Roxbury/Sauk City) sponsored a Brat Stand at the Piggly Wiggly on July 24th and July 25<sup>th</sup>. They were able to sell brats, hotdogs and soda's to support local youth events and local families in need. NEW THIS YEAR was that the stand was a "Grab and Go" brat stand, all brats

and hotdogs were wrapped, all Knights wore masks and gloves, stayed 6 feet from customers and the pickup line had social distancing. Knights also did deliveries.



PGK Eric Bruenig Commented: "The AMAZING part was doing something that felt "normal" in a safe way. Seeing the faces and talking with some of our older members that stop over for brat (who we have not seen since winter) was by far hands down the best part FOR SURE!!" They even had a Past State Deputy visit their stand.

Divine Misericordia Council 16994 also in Sauk City has successfully run Taco Stands for the past several Sundays. Proceeds from those stands have gone to support the Hispanic Community. This Hispanic Council is *working* to support their member families and their parish families who have lost significant income due to the pandemic. What a great example of what a difference a KofC Council can make! Where there is a need, the Knights will find a way. Congratulations to both of these Councils for running successful events.



# MEN'S CONFERENCE COMING TO THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

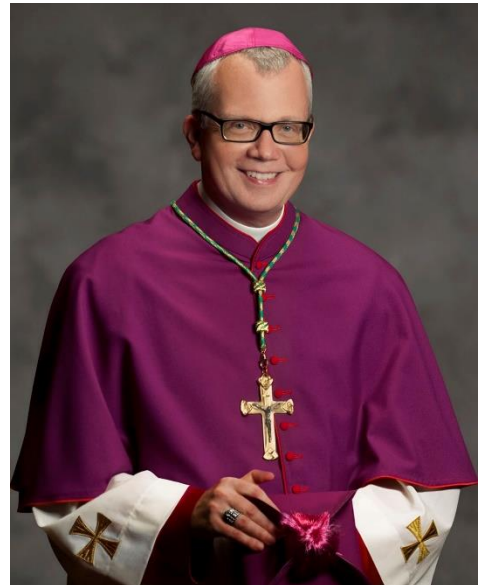


PLEASE LET IT BE KNOWN!! The October 24, 2020, first ever Men of Christ Conference in the Madison Diocese, **IS NOT CANCELED!** The "**LIVE TRUTH. DEFEND TRUTH.**" Catholic men's conference **WILL BE HELD** at the stunningly beautiful St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Wisconsin Dells.

The speaker lineup is amazing! Jason Simon of Evangelical Catholic leads off, followed by Dane County Sherriff, Sir Knight Dave Mahoney, with EWTN's "Battle Ready" Doug Barry batting third, and none other than His Excellency, Bishop Donald Hying, batting cleanup!

A letter is being mailed to every council in the Madison Diocese with all the details about how to buy tickets. Keep an eye out for it as in-person attendance is limited!

Please pray the Father McGivney prayer for the success of the conference, with special emphasis on the line, "Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and **building up his Body which is the Church.**" This conference helps us grow stronger for the work of evangelizing, to which we are all called.



**Donations** should be sent to the Conference Accountant, Brother Knight Russell Yount, at:  
MOC Madison, Inc.  
Attn: Conference Accountant Russell Yount  
702 S. High Point Road  
Madison, WI 53719

To **volunteer** (there are various jobs to choose from!), contact Brother Knight Dave Yanke at:  
Email: [Dave.Yanke@gmail.com](mailto:Dave.Yanke@gmail.com) Phone: 608-843-9542

**BONUS!!** This conference represents an excellent way to fulfill one of the 4 required programs of our Faith in Action program model; namely, "Spiritual Reflection".

Respectfully Submitted by PSD Ron Faust  
Email: [ronaldfaust@reagan.com](mailto:ronaldfaust@reagan.com) Phone: 608-225-7281





## Silver Rose

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### A Higher Purpose

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

**Silver Rose Schedule Wisconsin 2020 Semi Final 6/30/2020**

| Day                        | District | Council | City                      | POC                   |  |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Wednesday, July 29, 2020   | 28       | 4628    | Schofield                 | Nathaniel Krautkramer | <a href="mailto:njkrautk@yahoo.com">njkrautk@yahoo.com</a>                   |
| Thursday, July 30, 2020    | 28       | 5488    | Mosinee                   | Jacob Grzywacz        | <a href="mailto:djwacks@mtc.net">djwacks@mtc.net</a>                         |
| Friday, July 31, 2020      | 30       | 1799    | Marshfield                | Scott Frome           | <a href="mailto:grand.knight1799@gmail.com">grand.knight1799@gmail.com</a>   |
| Saturday, August 1, 2020   | 27       | 1558    | Wisconsin Rapids          | Darrel Anderson       | <a href="mailto:darrel.d.anderson@gmail.com">darrel.d.anderson@gmail.com</a> |
| Sunday, August 2, 2020     | 23       | 6718    | Hancock/Adams Friendship  | Dennis Koranda        | <a href="mailto:jdkoranda@charter.net">jdkoranda@charter.net</a>             |
| Monday, August 3, 2020     | 5        | 7895    | Hortonville               | Luke Rasmussen        | <a href="mailto:lukerasmuss1@gmail.com">lukerasmuss1@gmail.com</a>           |
| Tuesday, August 4, 2020    | 7        | 617     | Green Bay                 | Matt Wolcanski        | <a href="mailto:mwolcan1@yahoo.com">mwolcan1@yahoo.com</a>                   |
| Wednesday, August 5, 2020  | 9        | 1033    | Kaukauna                  | David Vanderloop      | <a href="mailto:Vanderloop2@gmail.com">Vanderloop2@gmail.com</a>             |
| Thursday, August 6, 2020   | 15       | 12269   | Appleton                  | Mark Koth             | <a href="mailto:mbkoth@gmail.com">mbkoth@gmail.com</a>                       |
| Friday, August 7, 2020     | 11       | 5539    | Kiel                      | Barry Blatz           | <a href="mailto:barry.blatz@sargento.com">barry.blatz@sargento.com</a>       |
| Saturday, August 8, 2020   | 69       | 4520    | Cedarburg                 | Eric Stanton          | <a href="mailto:e-stanton@sbcglobal.net">e-stanton@sbcglobal.net</a>         |
| Sunday, August 9, 2020     | 63       | 3562    | Hartland St Charles       | Mark Becker           | <a href="mailto:mwbecker08@att.net">mwbecker08@att.net</a>                   |
| Monday, August 10, 2020    | 63       | 2487    | Oconomowoc St. Jeromes    | Jim Houk              | <a href="mailto:jimhouk1@hotmail.com">jimhouk1@hotmail.com</a>               |
| Tuesday, August 11, 2020   | 63       | 3562    | Silver Lake St. Theresa's | Mark Becker           | <a href="mailto:mwbecker08@att.net">mwbecker08@att.net</a>                   |
| Wednesday, August 12, 2020 | 65       | 1709    | south milw                | Les Kostera           | <a href="mailto:leskostera@yahoo.com">leskostera@yahoo.com</a>               |
| Thursday, August 13, 2020  | 63       | 4240    | Menomonie Falls           | John Scheicher        | <a href="mailto:jmsbas@wi.rr.com">jmsbas@wi.rr.com</a>                       |
| Friday, August 14, 2020    | 67       | 16022   | Pleasant Prairie          | Richard Mich          | <a href="mailto:shercookr@yahoo.com">shercookr@yahoo.com</a>                 |
| Saturday, August 15, 2020  | 67       | 973 ?   | Kenosha ?????             | Richard Mich          | <a href="mailto:shercookr@yahoo.com">shercookr@yahoo.com</a>                 |
| Sunday, August 16, 2020    |          |         | Illinois                  | Paul D. Isherwood     | 708-227-2740   |

This is hopefully the final draft of the Wisconsin Schedule. We do realize that with the Corona Virus different parishes have different restrictions set by their Bishops and Pastors and local governments. Please try to hold to this schedule as closely as possible while observing the rules. . Please contact the Council your receiving from as well as that will follow you to assure smooth transfers as conveniently as possible between each other.

Kof C Knights on Bikes Wisconsin Chapter may also be willing to help escort transfers of the Rose. Please contact their President Darrell Tolh at 224-659-1979 or [Darrell.yorkieltd@gmail.com](mailto:Darrell.yorkieltd@gmail.com). Remember to contact your local Assemblies as well to assist you.