

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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GLORY DAYS

'I had a friend was a big baseball player back in High School / He could throw that speedball by you make you look like a fool boy / Saw him the other night at this roadside bar I was walkin in, he was walking out / We went back inside sat down had a few drinks...but all he kept talking about was 'GLORY DAYS' well—they'll pass you by... (Bruce Springsteen, AKA 'The Boss', 1984)

Now—it's interesting to think that this song is over 37 years old (Fun Fact—I was born in 1984). Now you may wonder why I'm quoting 'The Boss' in this month's newsletter. Beside the fact that it's a great song, I was reminded of 'The Glory Days' when having a conversation at a recent 4th Degree Exemplification. Past leaders that talk about past successes of our State or Membership we once had almost 40 years ago is focused on 'The Glory Days' not what we have become since. Back in 1984 when Bruce sang about a high school colleague who hasn't been able to move past his high school 'glory days' of maybe 20 plus years past, we are very much the same! We continually strive to get back to the time in our Church of the 1950's and 60's wherein the day of the Sabbath was a day where businesses were closed and families gathered in prayer and reflection, having family meals and attending Mass as a family. But the times have changed—but we can still STRIVE to get back to this glory time!

We all know the problems that have troubled our Catholic Church, ones that haven't just started in the last decade, nor last year. Mass attendance is declining. Families are focused more on sporting events that attract their time and attention than on 1 hour of time devoted to Christ. We have become materially centered in ways on 'events' rather than 'Christ Centered.' Think of what our families and our nation would become if we return back to this 'CHRIST CENTERED' way of life! So—how do we do this and promote this?

I'm writing this article following a great presentation we had done this past weekend by Madison Diocese Bishop Donald Hying. To quote him—'God gives us 168 hours a week, and all he asks for in return is 1 hour a week.' As Knights—we have been challenged by our Bishops to be leaders in our Parishes regarding the 'Eucharistic Revival' that you will be reading and hearing more about over this next year. As a State—I am challenging EVERY ONE of our Councils with assisting their Priests with their Eucharistic Procession at their Parish on Corpus Christi Weekend. Father's Day Weekend—June 18th-19th, 2022. What a tremendous opportunity to have bestowed on us by our Bishops—to help lead our Parish Priests with these Processions and AS A FAMILY to focus back on the Eucharist.

Change is continuous—and as Knights, we experience change—but as Catholics—the Eucharist and what it represents has always been CONSTANT. Our role in this revival is to help lead the charge in helping educate our families and our Parishioners on the TRUTH of the Eucharist. If we can help better educate our Youth and our Neighbors on this TRUTH—then not only will we hopefully see this revival come to fruition of keeping our Youth in the Faith, but we also may WELCOME BACK our neighbors and those that have 'fell off' through the years. WHAT A PROFOUND WAY FOR US TO RETURN BACK TO THE GLORY DAYS....WITH THE GLORY OF GOD THAT IS GIVEN TO US IN THE EUCHARIST!

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



Entering Advent with Christ our King

As we have celebrated Christ our King a week or so ago and enter into the season of Advent we are led by the truth of Christ who asks us to pick up our cross and follow him. This is a fitting thought because Advent is a penitential season that will bring us to the joy of God's Love for us in this world. He came into this world in all humility to save us. In this saving mission He first experienced the vulnerability of being a small child under the care of Mary and Joseph. In our penitential journey through the Advent Season we are called to imitate Mary and Joseph by trusting in God's providence and showing care for the vulnerable. May we see Christ in them and with the help of the Saints always lend a helping hand of sacrificial love.

Fr. Andrew Kurz



Brother Knights! Hopefully you all had blessed and fulfilling Thanksgiving! I have a few items that need to be addressed.

Per Capita. As of Dec 1st, Per Capita is overdue. Please address with your councils immediately. If copies are needed for your invoice, please let me know as soon as possible so we can resolve the issue. My email is mcasey@wikofc.com

Checks cut from the State. Any check cut from the state has a shelf life of 90 days. All of your councils should have deposited your Rebate checks from the Charity raffle already. Your council should be receiving the ID checks very soon at your diocesan meetings. These checks need to be presented to your selected charities as soon as possible to ensure they can be deposited in the timely manner and avoid re-issuing them. Also, PLEASE snap a picture when presenting your checks. You can use these pictures for your History Book, as well as sending it on to the myself (mcasey@wikofc.com), or our State Secretary John Huttenhoft, to add to a future edition of our Badger Bulletin.

Lastly, State Convention will be here soon!!!! You will be getting your 2022 State Convention Announcement packets at your Diocesan meeting. Inside will be all the information you will need for registering. I strongly urge you to register for the convention early. This will ensure that we have enough rooms blocked off with the Chula Vista resort, as well as helping us plan for the events during the 2022 State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

Miles Casey
State Treasurer.

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, 42, 44, 51, 66, 85, 91.

Winter District Meetings/Diocesan Meetings

In December, we will be holding Diocesan Meetings in place of the traditional Winter District Meetings. These meetings are being scheduled early in December to avoid Holiday conflicts. All Councils should make plans now to have their Grand Knight, Membership Director, Program Director, and Financial Secretary attend the meeting for their Diocese. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

La Crosse/Madison – Sunday, December 5, 2021, 1:00-5:00 PM – Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells
2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Milwaukee/Green Bay – Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Fond du Lac – Holy Family Catholic Community,
271 Fourth Street Way Fond du Lac, WI 54937.

9:30-10:30: Adoration and confessions with State Chaplain

10:30-11:30: Registration

11:30- 3:30 Diocesan/District Meeting-Membership, Programs, Training, Working Lunch

4:00: Optional Parish Mass with Archbishop presiding

Superior – Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Rice Lake, Knights of Columbus Hall
1121 Nunn Ave Rice Lake, WI

State Convention Registration is Open

Convention Announcement Packets are being 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>

Safe Environment – Home Corporations



Brother Knights,

There are still many 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?

I have sent out Safe Environment updates to let you know where you stand. Supreme does appear to be overrun with forms and may be a bit behind in updating records, please bear with us on this. 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.

Please keep in mind that if you do not complete the training you will be removed from that position, it is not an option. We have had a few instances where the member failed to fill out the Background Check.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the December Diocesan Meetings, there will be much information shared at this meeting as well as your Tootsie Roll checks.

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.

The Resolutions Committee will be meeting in February 2022, more info to follow. If you have a resolution to submit please do so ASAP, we currently have received one minor amendment to the resolutions.

Vivat Jesus!
Don Schoenherr
Worthy State Advocate

Membership Notes



Greetings Brothers, and Happy New Year! To early? Not really, every Advent, we mark the beginning of a few year with a special season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. As we celebrate the beginning of a new church year, we also reflect on our the pervious year,

one of many, many challenges, I for one am happy to put the year behind us, and am looking forward to a wonderful new year. Lisa and I hope each of you have a blessed Advent, and a wonderful Christmas.

We are half way through the Fateranl year as well, so how is your council doing? Are you growing or shrinking? Active or still hambernating? What's stopping you?

Keys to Successful Growth

1. Focus on the "WHY" Message
Why are you a Knight? Are you 'Inviting' members to join or are you recruiting? Do you know the difference? We give men the opportunity to "be someone" vs "to do something".
2. Find out what men are looking to get out of their membership and give them a chance to get it.
3. ATTITUDE – make growth a council attitude and team effort – growth is everyones responsibility
4. Get moving, an active council builds momentum in growth – like the old Nike commercial – 'Just Do It'
5. Communcate, communicate, communicate. When scheduling degrees, church drives and activities, let your District Deputy know, let your Diocesen Membership Coordinator know. Encage your members!
6. Council leaders, make training a priority. Supreme and State have many resources reach out and use them. DMCs are available as well as others.
7. Can overstate, Faith in Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind programs and models are excellent ways to encage and talk to your pastor and parish leaders.

8. Turn Clergy and Field Agents into your best recruiters! Strong relationships with both can pay dividends in growth.
9. Leverage both Supreme and State Incentives, promote at council meetings.
10. Online Membership and exemplifications. Both good tools to grow you council.

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
La Crosse Diocese
Scott Frome
Madison Diocese
Doc Casey
Milwaukee ArchDiocese
Les Kostera
Superior Diocese
Mark Rasmussen

WISCAPITA LEADER BOARD



This year's State Membership Incentive programs titled "WISCAPITA" gives your Council a chance to reduce or eliminate per-capita billing from the State Council.

Membership Notes

WISCAPITA 100% CLUB (11/25/2021)

| | | Council/District | |
|-------|-----|------------------|---------|
| 4648 | 064 | Brookfield | 225% |
| 6568 | 047 | Madison | 212.5% |
| 17135 | 032 | River Falls | 200% |
| 1864 | 050 | Jefferson | 185.71% |
| 2836 | 003 | Shawano | 133.33% |
| 12596 | 015 | Mackville | 133.33% |
| 973 | 067 | Kenosha | 100% |
| 1133 | 090 | Merrill | 100% |
| 4869 | 002 | Oconto Falls | 100% |
| 5008 | 003 | Tigerton | 100% |
| 5127 | 029 | Colby | 100% |
| 6630 | 042 | Belleville | 100% |
| 7319 | 083 | Bruce | 100% |
| 10715 | 063 | Germantown | 100% |
| 16298 | 082 | Amery | 100% |
| 16863 | 047 | Monona | 100% |
| 17035 | 029 | Abbotsford | 100% |

Every Council Active Leader Broad (11/25/21)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Green Bay (69 Councils) (26) Active | 38% |
| La Crosse (61 Councils) (26) Active | 43% |
| Madison (63 Councils) (28) Active | 44% |
| Milwaukee (70 Councils) (25) Active | 36% |
| Superior (41 Councils) (16) Active | 39% |
| Wisconsin (304 Councils) (121) Active | 40% |

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 State Membership Director
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Second Quarter Expanded!!

WISCAPITA +

* By December 31--if a Diocese achieves 75% ACTIVE COUNCILS then the Councils in the specific Diocese that are 'ACTIVE' for the Year to that point will receive a 10% reduction of their April 1 Per Capita.

* By March 31--if a Diocese achieves 90% ACTIVE COUNCILS then the Councils in the specific Diocese that are 'ACTIVE' to that point in the Year will receive an additional 10% reduction of their April 1 Per Capita (or a 10% reduction only for those that only became active between January 1st-March 31st).

If a Council reaches and maintains their Supreme Membership INTAKE quota by December 31, their April 1 per-capita will be waived.

For this incentive, growth is considered a net increase over losses through suspension or withdrawal. **Deaths do not count against your quota, and transfers in or out of your Council do not count for or against your quota.** Your council quota can be found under the Membership tab in Officers Online, which is updated daily



Online Membership

Free Online Membership Extended to June 30, 2022

Supreme Knight Kelly announced on November 5 – at the Midyear Meeting of State Deputies in Nashville, Tennessee – the extension of free online membership to June 30, 2022 using the promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**. As we come out of the COVID-19 global pandemic, some areas are opening up more quickly than others. The opportunity to offer free online membership to prospective members allows all councils to continue to attract and engage men the critical work of growing the Order. (Quoted from Fraternal Leader Advisory.)

Current e-membership in the state stands at:

| CLASS / TYPE – as of date | 10-26-2021 | 11-23-2021 | Monthly Change |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| ASSOCIATE | 241 | 159 | - 82 |
| INSURANCE | 55 | 36 | - 19 |
| INACTIVE | 11 | 11 | No change |
| HONORARY | 6 | 0 | - 6 |
| HONORARY LIFE | 1 | 1 | No change |
| AFFILIATE | 113 | 8 | - 105 |
| EXEMPT | 2 | 2 | No change |
| ASSIGNED | 119 | 121 | + 2 |
| UNASSIGNED | 2 | 1 | - 1 |
| TOTAL | 310 | 206 | - 104 |
| | | | |
| New e-members YTD # | 108 | 139 | + 31 |
| New e-members YTD % of target | 26% | 33% | + 7% |
| Conversion into a council YTD # | 56 | 86 | + 30 |
| Conversion into a council YTD % | 52% | 62% | + 10% |
| All time intake # | 795 | 824 | + 29 |
| All time conversion into a council # | 535 | 572 | + 21 |
| All time conversion into a council % | 67% | 69% | + 2% |

The Online Join process has been changed slightly. As of November 1, there is a one-time verification email sent to the member prior to his being placed into the Online Membership roster.

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 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.

For other Candidates, have them complete a form 100 document. Enter that information into the Candidate tab of Officers Online and SAVE. Once the candidate has taken his degree, enter the degree date and click PROCESS. You can use this for new members and for Transfers into your council. There is no need to submit a paper form 100 – although you may, but it will take longer to process. Remember, do not do both a form 100 and the candidate tab.

I previously told you about the AFFILIATE member program. When a council suspends a member for cause: if an Insurance member, he stays on your roster as an Inactive member; if an Associate member, he will no longer be ‘removed’ from the member rolls, but will be reclassified as an Affiliate member and removed from the council roster but placed into the state 97xxx (97048 in Wisconsin) roster, where he will still be engaged by Supreme and State officers.

Don’t forget to visit the Degree schedule page of the state council website to find an upcoming exemplification near you.

If you need help using Supreme’s online tools, go to the training ‘how to’ video pages of the Supreme website.

- [An Introduction to Online Membership](#) 5:36
- [Online Join Process](#) 6:22
- [Prospect Tab](#) 3:55
- [Candidate tab](#) 4:00

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



Programs

Brothers,

Here we are approaching the Holiday season and the New Year, halfway through the 2021-22 Fraternal Year. Are you halfway or more toward reaching your membership quota for the McGivney Award? Do you have your first Fraternal Benefits Night under your belt for your Founders Award? Have you completed at least half the programs you need for your Columbian and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Awards? If so, great. If not, now’s the time to get back on track. Before the end of the year, meet with your pastor or pastoral team and align your programs with their needs and wishes. Look back at your COVID Recovery plan and see where you can use the

Leave No Neighbor Behind program and Giving Tuesday to truly make a difference in your parish, community, Council and families. Remember also that your Child Safety Training Compliance needs to be up to date!

In December, it's a great time to be doing one of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Besides in school or CCD class, have kids do the posters at a Christmas Fair or party. Remember that the "True Meaning of Christmas" posters (grades 104) are due to your Diocesan Program Coordinator by December 31. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters (ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-14) are due to me by January 15, with proper entry forms.

Do the Posada in your parish. Promote the Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs. Have bulletin announcements for Keep Christ in Christmas ideas. Have your entire Council and parish do the "Spread the Light of Christ" promotion at 8 PM on Tuesday, December 7 at which trees, Advent wreaths, outside displays, etc. are all lit, together with activities of your choosing – caroling, prayer, refreshments or a meal, etc. Have Father bless the wreaths and Nativities.

Be sure to order your "Consecration to the Holy Family" prayer cards for December 26. Have Knights and their families stand and lead the prayer at Mass after the Homily or after Communion.

With the colder weather upon us, the Coats for Kids program is most appropriate. Beside coats, scarves, gloves and mittens, snow pants are fine items to collect and give out as well. Families in need can certainly use food this time of year as well, so a Food for Families Drive, perhaps ending in the distribution of Christmas food baskets or helping with a Christmas dinner can work well. On a spiritual note, December is also a great time for councils to lead Holy Hours, Days of Reflection, Rosary services, etc. leading up to Christmas.

The window is now open for Councils to run the Free Throw and Knowledge Contests. Due to issues of finding sites and maximizing the chances for students to be available to compete while avoiding conflicts with league, tournament and playoff games, etc., they can be run up to mid-March. District and Diocesan (Regional) Contests will be at the end of March and in April. The State Contests are tentatively set for April 30 in Wisconsin Rapids. Materials for these can be obtained from the State (Knowledge) or Supreme (Free Throw) websites.

Remember also that our Essay Contests (Culture of Life and Catholic Citizenship) are now wrapping up in December with the collection of entries and Council judging. Culture of Life winning essays should be to your Diocesan Program Coordinators by January 15 and Citizenship winning essays should be to me by January 15 also.

The District Deputy Meeting in the Dells on December 3-5 is the place where we will be receiving and distributing the "Sentiments for Seminarians" gift cards that Councils collected in November. Also at that meeting and at the following Diocesan Meetings (Dec. 5, 11, 12), District Deputies and Councils will be hearing about program updates on such areas as the St. Joseph Icons, Ultrasounds, Marches for Life, Novenas for Life, Silver Rose, Special Olympics, Global Wheelchairs, Family of the Month, etc. Many of these will be points of emphasis come January.

Supreme has begun a new program for those looking to do "a little more," especially in the political arena. Called the "Faithful Citizenship Initiative," it allows KC members to receive a monthly newsletter on various issues with commentaries regarding pending federal legislation, regulations and legal issues. Included will be action items! To receive this, you need to sign up – check the Supreme website for more information.

2021 History Books will be due to District Deputies by February 1 of 2022. The updated pages for the 2022 books will be on the State website by the end of December or early January 2022. Remember that a History Book, in some form, is required to be eligible for the Wisconsin State Outstanding Council Award.

Finally, I wish all of you and your families a Blessed, Holy, Wonderful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Safe New Year 2022! God Bless! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director



General Agent Message

Worthy State Family and
Members of the Knights of
Columbus, Wisconsin, and
Upper Michigan,



Advent is surely the best time of the year as we await the Savior. I hope you are getting ready for the coming of Christ into your lives. Each year we try to set time aside to do something to prepare. The last two years, my Wife Judy and I have read the book of Luke a chapter day in the Bible. There are 24 chapters in Luke, and in doing so you and your family are preparing the way for the coming of Jesus. It has worked for us to help us look with Hope to the blessing at Christmas. I hope the idea will help you this year in some way.

I wanted to revisit the last 30 days with everyone as well, during that time we had a lot of activity across the state. Starting with October Blessed and move on to the Men of the Cross in Lacrosse, and then Women of Christ in Milwaukee, and finishing up with the St. Joseph Strong Men of Christ in Madison. As we participated in these great conferences, we were finally able to meet and be with so many people. Perhaps the length of time apart helped us to appreciate the time together. Praying for each other and supporting the different conferences has allowed us to see the great movement of St. Joseph and the Holy Spirit. People are needing community and needing support of one another, now more than ever, may we continue to be open to all our programs and church activities as they are expressly needed.

I read something over the last two weeks that I'd like to share. **We are the stones of faith that keep it strong, solid, and stable.** Not just the Knights themselves, but the marriages, our participation in the sacraments and the commitment to live Holy lives.

Our history of being both charitable and united in action places us in very prominent place at this time in history. Whichever way you want to look at the end of the year and the coming of our Savior, either as new beginning or joyful ending we can be grateful and blessed. Challenged, yet again, to carry on such great traditions that were began by a parish priest on his way to sainthood. Driven to care for those less fortunate, those forgotten in our time, as this time of year just helps us to look up and see Christ everywhere. May your lives slow down so you can grow closer to one another, and then be the light you were created to be.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from our family to yours,

Vivat Jesus,

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FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY PLEASE VIEW;

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

www.kofcwi.org

Charity Raffle Update

In this season of advent the best way to prepare for the birth of our savior is by helping out our brothers and sisters. Many families throughout this great state, by no fault of their own, get into desperate situations. We have all heard of the heart wrenching stories of families devastated by the monumental circumstances they are placed in and many of us have experienced them first hand. We need to be the beacon of hope in these times. This raffle does that in a way that no individual or council can. As we get together with family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Lord, give them the chance to participate in this great program of charity.

DO YOUR PART to help Wisconsin families, **SELL, PURCHASE, or TRADE**

Knight of Columbus Charity Raffle

Total Prize List - \$124,000

1st - 2022 F150 XLT Super Cab or \$50,000
2nd - Harley Davidson Motorcycle or \$25,000
3rd - 100th - \$500

Tickets \$5.00 each

Drawing Saturday May 7, 2022
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

A blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas
Bernie Heit, Charity Director
bernieheit@gmail.com

ID Program Update

The ID Committee is putting the wraps on one year and kicking off the next all at the same time. The numbers for the Councils who ran the program were very impressive. Below are the highest total amount raised and highest amount raised per member. The top Council in each Diocese in each category will be presented with a plaque at the State Convention in the spring.

Highest total raised per Diocese:

Green Bay: DePere 3955, \$13,364.75

La Crosse: Wausau 1069, \$15,784.86

Madison: Fort Atkinson 3396, \$6,071.00

Milwaukee: West Bend 1964, \$14,127.00

Milwaukee Honorable Mention: Fond du Lac 664, \$13,242.38

Superior: Woodruff 7827, \$10,485.14

Highest amount raised per member per Diocese:

Green Bay: Hortonville 7895, \$69.97

Green Bay Honorable Mention: Mackville 12596, \$69.84

La Crosse: Wausau 1069, \$75.89

Madison: Sullivan 12709, \$65.01

Madison Honorable Mention: Waterloo 1669, \$64.47

Milwaukee: Whitefish Bay 4706, \$71.19

Milwaukee Honorable Mention: Slinger 12588, \$70.28

Superior: Woodruff 7827, \$77.67

Superior Honorable Mention: Chetek 6754, \$75.21

As the Council drives for 2020-21 have ended you should be thinking about your drives in 2021-22. We will begin ordering Tootsie Rolls in January. I will confirm our prices with Tootsie Rolls and will get the order forms out to the DDs, GKs, and FSs. When will you run the drive? How many cases will you need?

At the December meetings the ID checks will be distributed to the Councils. Please get the checks out to your groups. Consider taking a picture of the distribution and putting it in your local paper, bulletin, newsletter and/or your Council's social media accounts.

Did your Council run your drive late and didn't get a check back at the December meetings? Don't worry, we will be running a second batch of checks in late winter/early spring. This is to encourage Councils to run the drives at times that work best for your town. We are going to attempt to continue to do a fall and spring batch of checks to get the money back to your communities a bit faster.

The ID Committee is planning their annual meeting in early January to go over the grant applications from groups from around the state of Wisconsin who assisting those with intellectual disabilities. We will plan to send out a Flocknote after the meeting and have the minutes on the state website for everyone to review.

Thank you for all you do for the Order and in assisting those with intellectual disabilities in Wisconsin.

Mark Jelinek

WI KC ID Director

Culture of Life Happenings

Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552's ultrasound is going to St. Gianna Clinic in Green Bay. Council #10552 has asked that you write the check out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. in Madison – BUT PLEASE EARMARK IT FOR COUNCIL #10552 ON THE MEMO LINE!

Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552
FS Michael Bors
c/o Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.
42697 W Beltline Hwy
Madison, WI 53711-3859
mikebors@icloud.com
920-639-2636 (C)

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction, 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: #15665 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc
Memo: (**#10552 ultrasound**)
4297 W Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53711-3859

Any councils interested in sponsoring students to go to the March for Life DC trip, please send your contribution to: Pro-Life Wisconsin, 15850 W Bluemound Rd – Ste 311, Brookfield, WI 53005. We have three buses going to DC and HUGE student interest. Our cost is \$378, but in an effort to keep it somewhat affordable, we are only charging \$348. With over 150 people going, so right off the bat, we are under water by \$4,500. Seats are still available, for those Knights who'd like to come with.

Through Christ,



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Councils need to report their participation in Special Olympics activities using the online #10784 **immediately after their Special Olympics event**. This will allow for a better report of the extent of participation each month. Timely reporting will also mean less headaches trying to collect reports at the end of the year. Data for the 2021 calendar year is due by January 31, 2022. **Please note that the Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report Form #4584 is no longer being accepted.**

A how-to training video for the #10784 is available in the [Fraternal Training Video Library](#).

TEAM WISCONSIN DRIVE

A THANK YOU to ALL Councils, that have donated to this drive over the last 3 ½ years. As we are going into our final 6 months of our drive to fund the travel expenses of Team Wisconsin athletes to the National games in Orlando, FL in June 2022. I ask that all Councils make an effort to help financially. The goal of this drive is \$125,000.00 which needs to be collected before the Wis K of C Convention in 2022. At the time of this writing, we have received \$100,529.20, leaving us to raise another \$24,470.80.

I hope that Council's have remembered this drive in their Tootsie Roll Drive. When you receive your check, **PLEASE** send any checks made out to Wis K of C Charities, Wis state council, or Special Olympics to me for recording. I will process and get to the appropriate places for deposit.

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

John Benisch
Special Olympics Coordinator

State Training Update

Brother Knights,

As we come to the end of the calendar year, many Councils will be sending out billing statements and membership cards. Prior to doing so, we recommend that the Financial Secretaries review the resources located on the Supreme website. Log into Officers Online as a FS. Open Member Billing. In the upper right corner is the "Expert" icon. Open the Expert icon. When the next window opens, the right side under Member Billing, are 7 categories, and each contains 2-6 subcategories. On the left side of the page under recent updates are Video Tutorials. There are 6 tutorials listed under Member Billing. Take the time to review the information these sections contain.

There are also 8 short "How To" videos under "Member Management / Member Billing at the Supreme FRATERNAL VIDEO LIBRARY, which can be found at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/videos/fraternal-training-library.html>

Supreme assistance can be reached at the Member Management, Member Billing and By-Laws Online Call Center's new telephone number of 203-752-4210. When calling, please select option 1.

Help can also be found at the State website. Home page > State Forms > Council > 2021-2021 FS Videos > Member Billing slides print out.pdf.

For the other officers and directors, the Supreme website also has videos in FRATERNAL 'HOW TO' VIDEOS <https://www.kofc.org/en/videos/fraternal-training-library.html> specifically for Communications, Council Operations, the District Deputy, Forms, Meetings, Membership, Officers Online and Programs.

Other resources include:

FRATERNAL TRAINING WEBINARS <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/our-webinars.html>

OFFICER RESOURCES <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/fraternal-training/top-officer-resources-page.html>

FAITH IN ACTION RESOURCES

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab0>

Please make use of the resources. They are there to help you succeed. If we can be of assistance, please let us know.

Chuck Rohr, Jr.

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Please 'CC both of us on any correspondence and include "K of C training" in the subject line.

Thank you, God Bless and have a very Merry Christmas

Supreme Training Update

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

Enhancing Member Experience

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.

12/7/21 at 6PM CST (7pm EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5788771909230539788>

Council Growth

The presentation will help Fraternal leaders resolve to leave councils, parish, and community better than how they found it. Leader should also learn how to develop a simple, specific, year-round plan in place for growing council membership, that involves participation from the whole council. Attendees should commit to work with their pastor(s), field agent, and DD to accomplish their goals. Leaders should understand the importance of hosting regular ceremonials, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives.

12/8/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2137571969828320524>

Delta Church 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.

12/15/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3322457376966271504>

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 calendar.

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.



12/6/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5045371206970221070>

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 <https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/14418201>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is in 2nd place in the order and have submitted **9.2%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **David Haack Family** (Madison Council 531, District 47, Madison Diocese).

Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **69%** district participation with Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **13** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

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| Green Bay | Dennis and Helen Brost | La Crosse | Rita Ulesich |
| Madison | Steve and Linda Harrington | Milwaukee | David and Nancy Loomis |
| Superior | Jerry Van Zeeland | | |

District

53% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Three districts submitted three or more families and eleven districts submitted two families.

Council

There were two new council submitting a family of the Month.

- **St Joseph the Worker Council 5539, District 11, Green Bay Diocese**
- **St Stanislaus Papczynski Council 16765, District 67, Milwaukee Diocese**

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 39 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.

https://site-842560.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/forms_/video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-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 forms@wikofc.com** so that your family can be considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award.

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 though the guide sheet and determine what you need to order
- Order the supplies from Officers Online
- **In a hurry?**
 - Print off the entry forms <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>
 - Buy some 11x17" paper
- One suggestion is to offer a monetary award for the 1st place winner for each age division. Your council may choose a different amount, but my council gives our winners \$25.
- The deadline for sending in your 1st and 2nd place winners to our State Program Director **William Frayer** is December 31st. His address is 2339 Meachem Street, Racine, WI 53403-2463.

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 25/26, 2021.**

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)

Our Marriage Prayer

The event is normally celebrated on World Marriage Sunday which will be on Sunday February 13, 2022. Check out the training video at <http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

I plan on being at the December district meetings to provide Our Marriage Prayer cards. The price will be \$7 per pack of 125 cards which is about half the price I need to sell them on Amazon due to Amazon and shipping fees. If your council would like some cards, please bring cash/check.

Start planning seeds with gentlemen to see who can lead the Our Marriage Prayer during mass.

Council Family of the Year

Council Family of the Year **MUST** be a knight family. If your council has not submitted a knight family as a family of the month, you still have November and December to do so.

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

Vivat Jesus!



SK Joe Uchtyl
State Family Coordinator

Silver Rose – Tentative Schedule

This year's Icon Program is with the St. Joseph Icon. We have the Icons and they are being distributed at the Diocesan Meetings to the first District on the Schedule. We are still waiting on the Cases, Books, and Prayer Cards to arrive. 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>

Assuming Books, Cases, and Prayer Cards arrive, we will start January 1. If these are delayed, then the schedule may be updated. Please contact State Coordinator Dennis Bednarek with any questions on this program.

| Transfer date | Icon 1 | Icon 2 | Icon 3 | Icon 4 |
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| 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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