

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

February 2021

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A Time for Reflection and Celebration!

It's amazing to think that it seemed like just yesterday I was writing this newsletter submission for January following the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth and now we are entering into the season of Lent this month.

Often Lent is a time for reflection. During this time many individuals commit to a stronger devotion to our Catholic faith. As a child, Lent always meant having to give up something meaningful or 'a challenge' such as TV during a certain time of the day or candy (or both depending on how misbehaved we were that year 😊).

As I have grown older I have very much enjoyed the season of Lent to a renewed focus of improvement of one's self. Each year many do Resolutions on the New Year, and Lent is another 'awakening' of sorts to a resolution to improve one's self.

I hope that this year during Lent we can take the time to reflect on the challenges of this past year, as March will mark the one year of time that many of our lives and daily habits were changed. For many this was a challenging year—but for many it allowed us a renewed focus to evaluate our lives and the things that are important. More time was spent with family. New technology was learned by many that can help enrich our lives in the future.

Taking this time to reflect this Lenten season, I hope that you're able to celebrate the 'victories' that you or your council have achieved this past year! Trying times have led to us to adapt to new ways to communicate and new methods for doing our service and charitable works! How often we spend our lives busy with the hustle and bustle, but not take the time to reflect upon all the great achievements we have made this past year. I hope all of you can do this self-reflection and 'council' reflection this Lenten season as we hope to soon return to a more normal daily life.

Lastly—take this time to 'challenge' your council members to help bring the Knights of Columbus to a Catholic man on fire for his faith! Many councils are conducting Church Drives this February. Many are focusing time on celebrating the Family, such as our Marriage Prayer program. What better month (albeit the shortest of the calendar year) to invite a man, strong in his faith and focused on his family, into our order?

I challenge each of you reading this—to engage a man of your Parish each week during Lent to thank him for coming to Mass and if a Father, for being an exceptional role model for his Family! At this same time, 'invite' him to learn more about the Knights by simply stating 'we would love more men like you to be involved in our great 'family' organization.

Hopefully by taking the time to observe and 'ask' these men of your Parish you will also help your council achieve it's membership quota to not be assessed its April 1st per-capita payment! What a great way to celebrate this achievement than during the Lenten season!

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



Lent is Coming Prepare Now

The challenge of the Lenten season took us a bit by surprise last year but I think we can all agree that it will be a challenge again this year. When looking forward to a long walking pilgrimage I know how important it is to prepare by planning and training. I think the same could be said about this Lent in that it will be a challenge we need to prepare for.

I want to encourage all the Knights of Columbus to prepare for this Lent by taking a small step in getting ready. By this time Lent is only about two weeks away or less. The small step I want all of you to engage in is to make sure you are praying from the prayer card for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney everyday until Lent. This is with the hope that you will continue to pray it throughout the season of Lent and it will establish a foundation for more prayer when that season comes. Before Lent begins we need to ask our founder what we can do and how we can follow the Holy Spirit to become a greater disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a journey with Jesus. This journey leads us to a new life gained through our participation in His life. Saints help us to walk with Jesus and with the help of Blessed Michael McGivney we can get on the right track. Please pray with Blessed Michael McGivney so that we might walk more closely with Jesus.

Sincerely, Fr. Andrew J. Kurz,

Knights of Columbus, Wisconsin State Chaplin

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle

Hope everyone had a joyous and safe Christmas season. You don't need to be reminded of all the need that this pandemic has caused. This makes the selling of your raffle tickets more critical than ever before. I do have a couple reminders;

Council Raffle Chairmen need to be turning in raffle stubs and associated money to your Diocesan Charity Committee Coordinator. Holding tickets and money for months increases the chances of errors and undue stress to the council officers. **Please don't wait** until the State Convention to turn in tickets.

Council Charity Grant Fund Request Forms must be filled out and sent to the state office prior to May 1 by every council, to prevent delays in receiving council payments.

All Knights are eligible to fill out individual grant requests for families in need. Please download the form off the state web site.

God Bless,
Bernie Heit
Charity Director

Cancellation of 2021 State Bowling Tournament

BOWLERS- the 2021 State Bowling Tournament that had been awarded to Wausau Council has after a Phone conference with the Host Council and the State Bowling Committee on October 18th, 2020, has been cancelled for the year 2021 due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus.

The 2022 Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Sun Prairie Council #4879, and the 2023 Bowling Tournament will be re-awarded to Wausau Council.

If you have questions please email the State Bowling Secretary at planteb@live.com, Thanks for your understanding!

Bill Plante

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

There are now over 177,000 Guild members, 1,194 from Wisconsin. The Roman process of investigation into his life and holiness is nearing completion, and the investigation into a reported miracle is progressing. The Guild plays an important role in making Blessed McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

Do not be fooled! Our growth in membership is but one step along the way. There are just over 34,000 Knights in Wisconsin. Why are so many so hesitant to join the Guild? The Guild depends on us to further the message of the Beatification Father Michael McGivney and increase the Guild membership.

The establishment of the Father McGivney Guild was certainly a milestone marking the path to our founder's canonization. It operates out of the Supreme Council office in New Haven. The guild serves as a clearinghouse for information regarding Father McGivney, promotes devotion to his memory, develops and distributes materials about his life and virtue, receives reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession, and receives news of possible miracles. Membership in the guild is open to anyone interested in Father McGivney and his cause, including members of the Knights of Columbus and their families. A guild newsletter is sent to members several times a year. All materials produced to promote information and devotion to Father McGivney are automatically distributed to members of the guild and, once a month, a mass is offered at St. Mary's Church in New Haven. Membership in the Guild is FREE! Please consider joining today! Visit <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/join-the-guild.html> today!

Learn more about the Guild as well as other resources about Blessed Michael McGivney by visiting kofc.org. The spiritual heritage of Father McGivney is a precious gift to each of us and we owe it to him and the church to share his gift with those we meet and with whom we work.

Jack Wrbanich – IPSD
Fr. McGivney Guild State Chairman



**Call all MEN of your parish to a short, 4-hour:
“Bishop’s Retreat on Charity!”**

Invite them to join with other men to:

- Experience the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ thru His Sacraments!
- Spend quality time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
- Learn the Power of Charity in Action in:
 - Your Life
 - The Lives of Your Brothers in Christ
 - The Life of Your Family
 - The Life of Your Parish
 - The Life of Your Community

How do we pack all that into only 4 hours?

Easy! Our Bishops deliver their Apostolic Teaching directly to busy men, getting right to the point, no wasting time. As busy men themselves, they totally relate to us!

How can our Bishop’s be in all those parishes at the same time?

LOL!! Via pre-recorded video, of course! **REGISTER TODAY!!** Please have the GOTO person for your council enter their contact information at this link and we will make sure they can download the videos in advance.

[Parish Men's Retreat Videos](#)

Suggested Schedule:

8:00 AM	Mass
8:45 AM	Adoration with Confession
9:45 AM	Break with Light Refreshments
10:00 AM	Presentations

NOON Prayer and Dismissal

COST: Free will offering. With many parishes hurting financially these days, we suggest 80% stay with the parish and 20% be used to thank your Bishop! We will create a way for you to make the Bishop's donation online, or you can mail a check to the State Council.

For more info, contact: Ron Faust
ronaldfaust@reagan.com
Cell: 608.225.7281

Worthy District Deputies,
Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,
Brothers,

This is a friendly reminder of some important upcoming deadlines for the 2021 State Convention.

*** RESOLUTIONS: Due by February 15th**

ALL RESOLUTIONS MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND SENT TO:
State Advocate Paul Lang
730 Apollo Way
Madison, WI. 53718

*** 50, 60, or 70 Year Members: Due by February 15th to State Advocate Paul Lang: plang@wikofc.com (or send to the address listed above)**

*** DELEGATE CERTIFICATION: Due by March 15th**

*** PRE-REGISTRATION: Due by March 15th**

*** IN MEMORIAMS: Due by March 15th**

Per previous communications, this year's State Convention will be conducted in person with limited capacity. We will also be telecasting this 'VIRTUALLY.' More details to come on this in future communications.

Please reach out to your State Officer with any questions or concerns!

Thanks,
Corey Coonen
State Deputy

Membership

We have seen an uptick in New Members since January started, due in no small part because of an old (MCGIVNEY2020) and a new incentive program (Per Capita). We had 37 members added as of Jan 29th, which does NOT consider the new members I received as ONLINE new members on the 31st. It also does not include the numerous members who have joined in Multi-Degree Exemplifications at councils around the state. As we all know, "The job isn't finished until the paperwork is done!" We know there are more members to be counted but the reports are not fully processed or even sent in. We encourage our District Deputies or RMC's to attend Exemplifications in their area, then get the forms in so credit can be given where credit is due.

INCENTIVES: *"Per Capita" Forgiveness for the Second Half of the Year – Jan 1st to March 15th*

- ✓ Each Council in the state has been given a target to hit for adding members to their ranks... for 169 councils the target is ADD ONE MEMBER. Another 101 councils are asked to add TWO NEW MEMBERS, 34 councils are to ADD THREE, and so on.
- ✓ When a council meets or exceeds their target number, their "Per Capita" payment is forgiven for the back half of the year (**\$4.25 SAVED** for every billable member)
- ✓ As of January 29th, we have:
 - FIVE councils that have **EXCEEDED** the target: Councils 1964, 2845, 4648, 4706 & 11305
 - FIVE councils that have **MET** their target: Councils 6702, 12588, 16280, 16440 & 16821
 - A total of 21 councils that are on the board, out of 304 councils

DID YOU KNOW?

A council with 75 billable members would save \$317.75.

130 billable members in a council could save \$552.50.

✓ **If ALL COUNCILS met their target number, we would add 493 new members in 74 days.**



MCGIVNEY2020 is Back:

Supreme has extended the **MCGIVNEY2020** Promo Code for Prospects to Become a NEW ONLINE MEMBER for FREE! **Extended until June 30th.**

Click onto the link <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and put **MCGIVNEY2020** (all CAPS) in the Promo Code.

Once they are in, we need to have the Council contact that new member and get them into a **Multi-Degree Exemplification** then the FS can transfer them into the Council.

We see some light at the end of the tunnel, as people are starting to come back to church and the pandemic is starting to ease. This means we need to get ready and take advantage.

- ❖ Every District should get their Councils to **schedule Multi-Degrees** (LIVE or ONLINE) so that they can count on one EVERY MONTH. *“If you build it, they will come!”* Brothers do this NOW!
- ❖ **Training:** Regional Trainer has some excellent classes coming up in February & March – Check them out!
 - State Membership Rick Raulin also has some “Outside the Box” ideas for Growing Membership, with training classes in February. Email Rick at rickraulin@aol.com to register.
- ❖ **Membership Drives:** NOW is the time to schedule them so we can grow the order this spring. Schedule the DEGREE then work backwards... Open House, Drive at Church, Pulpit Announcement & Ads, Print Invites, Assemble the Team, Contact your DD, SO and RMC.



Rick Raulin – State Membership



Online Membership



First a little housekeeping.

Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies:

It has come to my attention that some of my messages to you have been sent to ‘spam’. Therefore, please check your spam folders for any messages from me with a subject line “FW: A New Brother Knight” or “New 3rd degree Knight”, or similar, and put me on your ‘whitelist’. These are my notifications to you that a new online member was assigned to your council or that someone has successfully participated in an online degree and that action on your part is required to fully integrate the new or advancing member. Remember that Supreme does not enter second- and third-degree dates into the members’ record. That is up to the FS to do, and unless done, membership cards will not show third-degree status.

29 men joined the Order via e-membership during December and so far, 15 during January. Men participating in an online degree and advancing to 3rd degree were 17 in December and 10 in January. 23 of these men are now members of a council, but only 6 are designated as 3rd degree on rosters. Currently there are 84 e-members assigned to councils. Total e-membership in Wisconsin stands at 165 (134 Associate, 19 Insurance, 12 Inactive) with one Honorary Life and three Exempt members.

Let's get all these e-members through the degree ceremony and transferred into a local council. You need their help to perform your charitable acts, and they want to help as indicated by their action of joining online.

Here are the upcoming online degrees by the state officers:

2/11/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	State Feb 11, 2021 7:00 PM
2/16/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	State Feb 16, 2021 7:00 PM
2/25/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	State Feb 25, 2021 7:00 PM
3/8/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State March 8, 2021 7:00 PM
3/15/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State March 15, 2021 7:00 PM
4/12/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State April 12, 2021 7:00 PM
4/22/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	State April 22, 2021 7:00 PM
5/13/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	State May 13, 2021 7:00 PM
5/25/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	State May 25, 2021 7:00 PM
6/14/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State June 14, 2021 7:00 PM
6/29/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	State June 29, 2021 7:00 PM

All these State offered degree links are also available on the state website degree schedule page.

Anyone may go to [Online degree info](#) at **any** time to access links to the Supreme on-demand degree and invitation letters. Please share these links with your new member candidates and existing members wanting to advance to 3rd degree.

State Online Membership Coordinator
William G. Hitt



Programs

Brothers,

Hope you're navigating the winter weather well, staying healthy and safe, and helping your councils to be as active as possible. There are many programs under the auspices of Leave No Neighbor Behind and Faith in Action which Councils can and should be doing, as well as many State- and parish-based and local programs (eg. Food for Families, blood drives, ministry, helping get parishioners back to Mass and checking on their welfare and that of Brother Knights and widows, Knowledge and Free Throw Contests, etc.). Most of these can be done remotely, virtually, drive-by and no contact delivery, etc.

In that same vein, let me remind you of several upcoming deadlines for major programs and forms to be submitted:

1) January 31 – Your Fraternal Survey and Special Olympics participation forms were due. If done, great; if not, please get them in promptly. These are very important – the Fraternal Survey because it helps Supreme to both account for our charitable outreach activities and preserve our 501c8 tax free status. The Special Olympics form because it generates money back to the State for Team Wisconsin for every form submitted regardless of the level of participation in 2020 from Councils, even if it's all 0s!

2) February 1 – Your Council History Books are due to your DDs. If not already turned in, please do so soon as DDs need to grade these and get them to their Diocesan Program Coordinators between February 15-28. Remember, History Books, in some form, are a requirement for the Wisconsin Outstanding Council award (ie. regular, simple, electronic – pdf, DVD, Zip drive). Accommodations in grading will be made for grading Councils' History Books who have been active throughout the pandemic and those who've been severely handicapped by the pandemic.

3) February 15 – Medallion Award nominations are due to Coordinator Tim Genthe. Family of the Year Award nominations are due to State Family Coordinator Joe Uchytel. EVERY COUNCIL should submit a nominee for each of these prestigious awards!

Resolutions for the State Convention are also due to State Advocate Paul Lang by this date as well. This includes your list of 50-, 60-, 70-year members (continuous membership) to be listed in the Convention booklet.

4) March 1 – EVERY COUNCIL should also choose their best program in each of the 4 Faith in Action areas (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) and submit a State Service Program Award nomination (form STSP 11/18) to State Office or to the State Program Director by this date. Be sure the form is completely and accurately filled out with plenty of supporting information, documentation, pictures, etc. in a binder or folder.

5) March 15 – Your Convention reservations and delegate certification forms, In Memorium/Memorial Card request forms, and advertising forms must be in to the State Office by this date.

If you have questions on any of these items, please contact your Diocesan Program Coordinator, State Coordinator for that specific program, State Officer in Charge of your Diocese or State Program Director.

Finally, I remind you that the Knowledge and Free Throw Contests are still on at the local level (and District level for Free Throw) until April 1. Run them however you can. Submit your winners and scores (1st, 2nd place, and 3rd place alternates) to your Diocesan Program Coordinator by April 1 or ASAP thereafter. Diocesan and State awards will be determined based on those places/scores by drawing. Those awards will be sent to Councils to get to the students. Councils still give out their local awards. DDs can hold District Free Throw Contests and secure those medals from Supreme Supplies Online as they so choose. The local tests can be obtained from the State website through the secure Sharefile portal.

The Soccer Challenge is still on as scheduled with local contests able to be held in- or outdoors from March 1-May 31. Diocesan Contests will be held June 1-June 20 with the State Finals in the Madison area on June 26. Submit 1st and 2nd place winners and alternates with scores to your DPC as soon as your competition is completed. All necessary information can be obtained from the State and Supreme websites.

Have a great February and do something special for Valentine's Day. Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

Fraternally,

Bill Frayer

State Program Director



General Agent Message

Dear State Family, Worthy State Deputy

Happy New year to all and here is hoping the longer days will be a blessing for us all. With a new year is always the start of new habits. So, I would make a humble suggestion that we all start by bringing in at least one new member into your favorite organization, the Knights of Columbus. We will be having a statewide event in February on the 23rd at 7pm, another Fraternal Benefits Night. I hope you will promote the new live event at your parish and council to get as many parishioners to Zoom with us. The event will be with Brother Daniel Purtell who is an Estate Planning Attorney and Myself the General Agent discussing the benefits of a proper plan and how by doing a few basic steps you can be prepared for all the coming years in your families lives. Please spread the news and look for ways to promote the Benefits night in February.

We had a live event in October in which 35 council were credited for having a FBN, we have had another 20 councils that have had other events to get credited as well. So, if I or an Agent can help you in anyway just let us know. Vivat Jesus

Tim Nowak

Please find the information for the event below,



Estate Planning
By

Daniel Purtell
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Tim Nowak
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GENERAL AGENT

WEBINAR
FEBRUARY 23, 2021
7:00PM ~ 8:00PM

Please come and join us as we
learn about Estate Planning
with Knights of Columbus

[HTTPS://WWW.KOFCWI.ORG/LIVE-EVENTS](https://www.kofcwi.org/live-events)

4th Degree Exemplification

Worthy Sirs:

We will be having one more Exemplification for this fiscal year. This, I hope, will be that last Virtual Exemplification that we will need to do. I will make plans for an in-person Exemplification for sometime in October. I realize that some are not happy with doing a Virtual Exemplification but because of where we are with Covid I have no choice. Maybe by May we will be in a better situation with Covid but for now I can't take that chance. The Exemplification will be on May 15, 2021 at the KC Center in Sheboygan.

I would like to do a full Virtual Exemplification omitting certain sections of the beginning if we have enough of the Degree Team to do it and if Peter can do his magic with the audio and video, otherwise we will have to do a condensed version. One other reason to do the full Exemplification is that it is good practice for the team. It has been too long since we all worked together.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing to do this Exemplification so I can move forward,

Thank you all and God Bless

James TenPas

jamestenpas53@gmail.com

920 207-6007

Supreme Training Webinars

Brothers,

Here are the upcoming training sessions I have scheduled for the months of February and March. Please note which time zone you are in. I have also attached some graphics you can use for publicizing the training session. The RSVP link will let you pick which date for that presentation.

Delta Drive

Dates: 2/22/21 at 7PM CST (8PM EST)
3/9/21 at 5PM CST (6PM EST)

Presentation will cover The Prospect landing page and interaction with the prospect. Come learn how to adapt the Delta drive Method to your council's next event.

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5225935198970840847>

Council Growth

Dates: 2/24/21 at 8PM (9PM EST)
3/8/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)
3/16/21 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)



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 ceremonies, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives.

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2443777155535353868>

Enhancing Member Experience

Dates: 2/15/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)
3/1/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)
3/22/21 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

We will cover in this training

- Understand what's meant by the terms membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.

- Complete the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.
- Understand that member engagement is the council's responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.



Enhancing Member Experience

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 council's 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.

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5746747468787826448>

You are your programs

Dates: 2/16/21 at 7PM CST (8PM CST)

3/3/21 at 7PM CST (8PM EST)

3/24/21 at 7PM CDT (8PM EDT)

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. 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.

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7809145409472604432>

Ultrasound Project Update

We have a special opportunity for your council to get involved in **TWO** ultrasound fundraisers in the great state of Wisconsin. As you know, raising funds in these times is extremely difficult, so we are casting the net into the deep and could really use your help! If your council has funds set aside for ultrasound projects, here is your chance to save hundreds, if not thousands of babies, from abortion in Wisconsin.

Thank you to all those who helped get the Oconomowoc #2487 Council ultrasound project funded! There are now two active ultrasound campaigns in our great state – here they are!

Msgr Heim Council #15665
FS Mark Mandry
513 Lewis St
Burlington, WI 53105-1021

Ashland Council #832
FS Robert Eaton
1321 6th Avenue West
Ashland, WI 54806

If you have individual donors who want a tax credit, 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 or #832 ultrasound).

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc
Memo: Council #(*insert council number*) Ultrasound
4297 W Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53711-3859

Once these two ultrasound campaigns are funded, Wisconsin Knights of Columbus local councils and Supreme Council will have purchased 45 ultrasound machines for our precious Wisconsin babies! Vivat Jesus!

Through Christ,



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

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

November 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.

This is followed by information on the **Our Marriage Prayer** programs.



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/10583509>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is in 2nd place in the order with 48 FOMs representing **11.1%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Sean and Paula Hanson Family** (Chippewa Falls Council 974, District 24, La Crosse Diocese). Please read about them in their section below.

Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **85%** district participation and Green Bay lead by submitting 14 families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month. Read about them in Flocknote link above.

Green Bay	Dan and Lori Matthews	La Crosse	David and Carol Bittner
Madison	Steve and Laura Karlen	Milwaukee	James and Lori Helnen
Superior	Rick and Bonnie Edwardsen		

District

62% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Two districts submitted three or four families and nine districts submitted two families.

Council

There was one new council submitting a family of the month. Welcome **St Mary's Council 6547** from Milton!

January Family of the Month deadline is February 15.

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 **40** Golden Family Councils that submitted for the months of July through December. Thank you, councils, as you are demonstrating true leadership in this program.

Council Family of the Year

Council Family of the year submissions must be a Knight family. If your council has not submitted a Knight family yet, there is less than **one month** left to submit them. **The deadline is February 15.** Please use the form

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf>



PLEASE plan to submit **ONE** PDF document as your complete submission. If your family is selected as the Wisconsin Family of the Year, this is how Supreme wants your family submitted to them for inclusion into the International Family of the Year competition. **PLEASE DO NOT** plan to mail a physical booklet to me. *Doing so will force me to scan each page into a PDF myself and I will have to return the booklet afterwards.*

The Bishop will celebrate mass in their Diocesan Family of the Year's home parish! Be sure to submit your awesome Knight family and the Bishop could very well be coming to your parish!

Supreme News

To simplify form submissions, Supreme would like all councils to begin using the new **online** version of the 10784 form. Here is their training video on how to fill out the form

https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLiia0f_default/index.html?videoId=6196175376001.

Please start using this form to submit your Family of the Month. 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.

Unless you hear otherwise from other state leadership, **please use the online 10784 to submit all other programs** as it will help Supreme understand how to help the organization.

Supreme Wisconsin December Family of the Month – Sean and Paula Hanson

Chippewa Falls Council 974, District 24, La Crosse Diocese

Sean and Paula Hanson are active members of Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls. They have 3 children who are enrolled at McDonnell Area Catholic Schools (MACS). Sean and Paula also both work at MACS. Sean is the Band Director and Paula is the Faith Formation Coordinator. Both Sean and Paula are very gifted musically and they lend their talents to their parish during weekend Mass. Their daughter, Megan, plays the organ regularly at those Masses.

They both take their faith very seriously and pray regularly together and frequently take part in Eucharistic Adoration. Paula started a family group called EPIC (Engaging Persons in Christ) where families can get together, share a meal, watch something and talk about their faith. Sean is an active member of the parish men's group that focuses on faith formation. He is also currently studying to become a deacon.

Overall, Sean and Paula serve as a wonderful model for Catholic families in our community.

Family Programs

Our Marriage Prayer

The event is normally celebrated on World Marriage Sunday which this next year will be on Valentine's Day February 14, 2021. If this date doesn't work for your council, discuss with your priest to find the best date. Check out the training video at <http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

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

Tootsie Roll Drive – ID Program Update

Brother Knights,

On January 9, 2021 the ID Committee held their annual meeting to distribute monies collected during the Tootsie Roll Drive. We had requests totaling over \$192,000 and only a little over \$110,000 to distribute.

For more detail please refer to the Minutes of the Jan 9 2021 posted on the state website.

All Tootsie Roll orders need to be in by March 15. Councils must send their requests to their respective District Deputies. There is free shipping for us if an order is 33 cases or more. The state will pick up shipping costs for 18-32 cases. No orders can be processed if less than that amount which is why we combine districts when necessary. Orders must be in writing, do not send a phone message as there must be a written record.

Monies from the drive must be submitted by September 1st of this year. Due to the COVID situation we were down roughly \$100,000 from our normal intake. I hope that your council will have great success in their drive.

Have a wonderful New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Don Schoenherr

WI KofC ID Director

Women of Christ

The Women of Christ Leadership Team is grateful for the support of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Council and for the various chapters who sponsored us in 2020 (and also January of 2021). As you may be aware, we did not charge for our event this year, rather, any money collected was given to the hosting parishes to cover their costs. The Knights' \$1000 contribution covered almost 10% of our expenses. We thank you for your help!

We know that about 1500 women attended the WoC Morning of Grace, many more than we'd have been allowed if we 'd had a regular conference. This was an in-parish, in-person event, not a "virtual" conference. Mass, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation were available at each site. We cancelled the original conference and instead asked three local priests to speak. We believe the entire event, from start to finish was a gift of the Holy Spirit. The message is timeless and there are still parishes requesting to host the program.

We have enjoyed having the Knights serve at our November conference since 2008, and over the last few years it's been a joy to see them present in the vendor area. It is an honor to be associated with you and to be supported by you. Thank you!

We are praying and discerning about our 2021 conference. We hope to see you in November!

God bless,
Elizabeth Meier, President

State Youth Membership Coordinator



Dear Fellow Brother Knights,

As the State Youth Membership Coordinator I would like to inform you that January 31, 2021 through February 6, 2021 is CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. This annual event is designed to bring awareness of and appreciation for Catholic education at all levels of academic life. From Pre-kindergarten classes through Catholic colleges and universities, the unique advantages of a Catholic education are undeniable.

High school is a particularly important time in the life-journey of all youth. Most, if not all, of a person's values and morals are solidified during these formative years. And those values, along with individual moral compasses will be the foundation for their adult life and drive their relationships with God, our Father; Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; our Catholic Church and others whom they will meet along the way.

So, it is important, I would even suggest that it is critical, that we introduce the Knights of Columbus to our youth at an early age. We can do this through our various Community and Faith programs such as: Punt, Pass & Kick; Free Throw Contest, Knowledge Contest, Christmas and Citizen Essay contests and Poster contests. We can also invite our young men, typically seniors in high school, who are 17½ years old to join our Councils. These candidates are your sons, grandsons and nephews along with the sons, grandsons and nephews of your friends, neighbors and co-workers. **And right now they can join on-line**

for FREE! And how “cool” would it be for them to add the Knights of Columbus graduation cord to their graduation attire and collection of high school memorabilia afterwards.

Do you believe, as I do, that we need more “Men of Faith”? Do you believe we need more “Enlightened Leaders” who “walk the talk” as “Servant Leaders”? Do you believe that high school graduates should be academically prepared for college and life? Should high school graduates be “Community Builders”? Well, that’s the profile of an active Knight of Columbus Brother. Someone introduced you to the Knights of Columbus. Shouldn’t we do the same for others?

The more active our Councils are in our respective parishes, the more visible we become in our communities! And the more attractive we become for those younger, energetic and enthusiastic new members.

So, make a personal commitment to talk to at least one person under the age of 20 about the Knights of Columbus. Actually, anyone under the age of 50 is “youthful” in my book. Seriously, talk to one man – young or older – about the Knights and how rewarding it will be for him and his family to join us and become a fellow Brother Knight. Don’t delay. Do it today.

Vivat Jesus,

Tre Waldren
WI State Youth Membership Coordinator
District #11 RMC & DD
SLS Donor Relations Officer

P.S. I failed to include the two-sided flier in last month’s article about Saint Lawrence Seminary (SLS). My apologies for that oversight on my part. So, in honor of Catholic School Week and the many SLS graduates who are fellow Brother Knights, I have included it with this article.

**THE PROFILE OF A
ST. LAWRENCE GRADUATE**

He is....

- A Man of Faith
- Enlightened
- A Servant Leader
- Academically Prepared
- A Community Builder

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31st Annual WI K of C Campout

When: June 25, 26 & 27, 2021

**Where: Chapparral Campground
and Resort**

316 Dreamland Drive
Wonewoc, WI 53968

Reservations: 608-464-3200

Host Family:

Paul and Mary Quigley
Reedsburg, WI 53959
608-393-1623 or 608-524-6711
pwqkoc@gmail.com

Camping Information:

A 10% discount rate has been offered.

**Reservations must be made
between Jan. 2 – Feb. 28, 2020.** This
is the campground policy.

After Feb. 28th it will be open to the
public and you may not be with the
group, but will still receive the discount.

*****You MUST mention you are with
the KC group to get the discount!**

Weekend Activities:

Friday: Registration

Rosary

Ice Cream Social & Campfire Gathering

Saturday: Registration

Welcome Coffee

Officer's Meeting

Afternoon Organized Games

Mass

Dinner

General Meeting

Campfire Gathering

Sunday:

Farewell Coffee

Look for the Registration Sign

Most activities at the Pavilion

For reservations call 608-464-3200. If no answer leave a message with your call back number. Chapparral Campground and Resort also has cabins to rent.

On Saturday for the evening meal, the Reedsburg Knights of Columbus Council #3805 will be making their famous Chicken Barbeque which includes a half chicken with secret sauce, potato, applesauce and corn, complete with dessert! Price is \$15.00 for adults, special children's pizza meal ages 3 - 10 is \$6.00. Pizza choices will be cheese, sausage or pepperoni.

