

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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[Wisconsin State Website](#)

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Super Sunday

In February many Americans will gather together with Family and Friends to watch a 60 minutes of game-time event. Winning at this spectacle is something that 32 teams and hundreds of players aspire to attain each year. Fans of these teams will spend months of time dedicated to following their team, attending games or watching games on weekends and talking about the last game or upcoming game for many hours each week amongst co-workers, friends, and even people they just encounter on the street.

For just a 60 second commercial at this spectacle it will cost a company \$6,000,000.

This year in a few weeks a team from the NFC and AFC will match up in the 56th Super Bowl.

Imagine how much has changed in our society since January 15, 1967, the day of Super Bowl I.

The famous winning coach of this first game, whom the victory trophy is named after, Vince Lombardi, simplified for all what is truly important in his life: God, Family, and the Green Bay Packers.

Imagine a world instead where we didn't have 60 minutes of a Football Game to watch on Sundays a few months out of the year, but instead 60 minutes of reflection and centering ourselves on our Faith?

What a gift we all have that is the Mass. Think if we would celebrate each week by inviting our friends and family to attend with us. Celebrating in the end the ultimate victory that all of us can achieve, which is the gift of eternal life in Heaven. Further, if instead of millions upon millions of dollars being spent on a funny commercial, what if it were spent feeding the hungry and caring for the needy and the outcast?

Just some food for thought prior to this Super Bowl Sunday, commonly referred to as Super Sunday coming up in a few short days. Instead of treating one Sunday a year as 'Super' what if we truly recognized how great every Sunday is that we can partake in Mass!

If getting together with family and friends this Super Bowl Sunday, I would like to encourage each of you to at least spend '60 seconds', the same time it is for a commercial, to have every person say what they are thankful for and what they would like to pray for that day. The impact of prayer can have a greater impact than what money can buy.

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy

District 47 is excited to welcome Council 17889 at **St Maria Goretti Parish** on Madison's Westside. Council members will be meeting in the next few weeks to elect officers and select a Council name.

Ron Faust - New Council Development
Rick Raulin - District 47 Deputy



A Call to Creative Courage

As State Chaplin of the Knights of Columbus here in the Great State of Wisconsin I want to call all of my Brothers with a Rosary to some Creative Courage.

Though we may all still be a little disappointed with the Packers not moving on toward the Super Bowl we will most likely still be getting together with family and friends for that event. What I want you all to consider is what you will be doing once the T.V. station breaks for half time. The Half Time Show seems to have become its own thing that has little to nothing to do with football and also seems to have become a neo-pagan event to the detriment of our Nation.

What I am suggesting is for Knights to lead a charge during this world's neo-pagan Super Bowl Half Time show by turning off the T.V. and leading your family and friends in praying the Rosary. This will take courage. Some might think with the mind of this world and see this idea as crazy. We must see it as obvious that the Rosary is not crazy, the ways of the world are. We have an event in the Super Bowl that we can take and make into something positive for our society by praying for our Nation, or we can sit back and allow it to continue to bring our nation down. I hope we will all respond to this call with creative courage.

Fr. Andrew Kurz



Hello Brother Knights!

Per Capita. We still have a few councils with their Per Capita assessment not paid. These are overdue. Please address with your councils immediately. If you are not sure if your council has paid, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My email is mcasey@wikofc.com

State Convention Portal is now open and active! I highly encourage you to take a moment and sign your delegates up for the 2022 State Convention at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. An added benefit for this year's convention, we will be hosting a lunch on Saturday afternoon for delegates.

Highly suggestion you sign up and pre-pay for this event, as well as the State Deputies Dinner and the Ladies Luncheon. Early sign up could save you a few dollars and help the state plan to make your State Convention as enjoyable as possible.

Charity Raffle. You and your councils should be in full swing selling State Charity raffle tickets. You guys did an amazing job last year. Hopefully we can top that this year! If you need additional tickets, contact your District Deputy, or your Diocesan Charity Committee member.

Lastly, the ID checks were recently distributed at your Diocesan meetings. Those have a shelf life of 90 days. We highly encourage that you get these checks to their destinations as soon as possible.

Vivat Jesus!
Myles Casey
State Treasurer

Due Dates

- January 31 – Fraternal Survey – Form 1728
January 31 – Special Olympics – Report on Form 10784
February 1 – Tootsie Roll Orders due to District Deputy
February 1 – History Books due to District Deputy
February 10 – Resolutions due to State Advocate/State Office
March 15 – Delegate Certifications due to State Secretary/State Office
March 15 – In Memoriam forms due to State Treasurer/State Office
March 15 – Convention Book Ads due to State Treasurer/State Office
March 15 – Convention Registrations due Online/State Office
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State Convention Registration is Open

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

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

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

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

Candidates for State Officers

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

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

DELEGATES TO THE 140th SUPREME CONVENTION

Nashville, Tennessee AUGUST 1-4, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

State Advocate Updates



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 will be sending out Safe Environment updates after the 1st of the year to let you know where you stand. I hope all of you that have received the link from Supreme have had the opportunity to complete this Safe Environment training. 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. Remember it is for the protection of those we serve as well as for us.

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

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the State Convention; registration is already open and early registration allows you to get a discount on meals. Keep in mind to send in a list of members in your council that are celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th year as members of our Knights of Columbus. We only want these anniversaries not others like the 53rd as an example.

Keep in mind you must take care of your Affiliate Member knights immediately. They must be turned into your DD or if you do not have a DD, send them to your SOIC. These must then go to the State Deputy and then to Supreme. If you have no members to submit, please send a file with 0 members. If you do not do anything you will have them on your roster until next year.

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.

Remember Feb 10th is the deadline for submitting resolutions. The Resolutions Committee will be meeting in February 26, 2022, more info to follow. Vivat Jesus!

Don Schoenherr
Worthy State Advocate

District Deputies Needed

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

Districts currently in need of a District Deputy are: 1, 6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, 31, 40, 42, 44, 51, 66, 85.

Membership Notes



IS EVERYONE IN?

Wisconsin boasts over 300 great councils in five dioceses throughout the state.. Wisconsin council provide unparalleled opportunities to serve our parishes and our communities. Our members are our greatest strength and through strong membership that we are able to live Fr. McGivneys vision. Faith in Action, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are just words if we are not growing our order. It's been said, and I have found it true, that nothing happens unless you hit your intake goals for the year. No fan fair, no awards, no walking across the stage. We can raise all the money in the world for our good works and talk up our programs, but unless we are preparing for the future, by growing our membership, nothing happens. As we enter the final quarter of this fraternal year I ask every Knight to do the following so we can end the year strong and begin the next year even stronger:

- Pray for the Knights of Columbus, its leaders, and the Church that it serves
- Invite an eligible Catholic man to become a Knight of Columbus
- Invite a member that you haven't seen recently to attend a meeting or participate in a service program – find out why he hasn't been active and do something about it
- Learn about the Online Membership program and tell prospective Knights about this option for membership
- Consider filling a void in your council
- Be a leader, in your parish and council.

Doing these simple things over the next months, we will have enough Knights to continue the great works of our Order in Wisconsin for years to come.

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

(UNOFFICIAL RESULTS as of 1/25/2022)

WISCAPITA

- Council reaches & maintains Supreme Membership INTAKE Quota by March 31st - 50% reduction of their April per-capita
- Halfway There
- Council who reaches 50% of their quota by March 31st receive a 25% per-capita reduction

**STATE COUNCIL
THIRD QUARTER MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE**

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

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

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from the State Council, giving councils an even better opportunity to do good works in their parishes and communities.

50% per-capita relief (provided they maintain their 100% standing):

WISCAPITA 100% CLUB (Council/District/Location/Percent)

| | | | |
|-------|----|------------------|----------|
| 4648 | 64 | Brookfield | 500% |
| 6568 | 47 | Madison | 212.5% |
| 1864 | 50 | Jefferson | 200% |
| 17135 | 32 | River Falls | 200% |
| 6718 | 23 | Adams-Friendship | 166.67%* |
| 9546 | 87 | Birchwood | 166.67% |
| 1133 | 90 | Merrill | 150% |
| 2836 | 3 | Shawano | 133.33% |
| 12596 | 15 | Mackville | 133.33% |
| 17035 | 29 | Abbotsford | 133.33% |
| 4869 | 2 | Oconto Falls | 125% |
| 4706 | 69 | Milwaukee | 120% |
| 1647 | 73 | Lake Geneva | 116.67%* |
| 710 | 12 | Manitowoc | 112.5% |
| 973 | 67 | Kenosha | 111.11% |
| 1922 | 3 | Clintonville | 100%* |
| 2770 | 20 | Mauston | 100% |
| 5008 | 3 | Tigerton | 100% |
| 5127 | 29 | Colby | 100% |
| 5844 | 13 | Luxemburg | 100% |
| 6508 | 50 | Edgerton | 100% |
| 6630 | 42 | Belleville | 100% |
| 7319 | 83 | Bruce | 100% |
| 10715 | 63 | Germantown | 100% |
| 16298 | 82 | Amery | 100% |
| 16765 | 67 | Kenosha | 100% |
| 16863 | 47 | Monona | 100% |

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|------|-----|------------------|---------|
| 6718 | 023 | Adams-Friendship | 166.67% |
| 1647 | 073 | Lake Geneva | 116.67% |
| 1922 | 003 | Clintonville | 100% |

Halfway There

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|-------|----|-----------------|-------|
| 531 | 47 | Madison | 80 |
| 2487 | 63 | Oconomowoc | 77.78 |
| 6228 | 14 | Wautoma | 75 |
| 524 | 64 | Milwaukee | 66.67 |
| 8985 | 87 | Webster | 66.67 |
| 9082 | 47 | Madison | 66.67 |
| 10522 | 30 | Pittsville | 66.67 |
| 11129 | 61 | Sheboygan Falls | 66.67 |
| 15090 | 64 | Waukesha | 66.67 |
| 16217 | 9 | Combined Locks | 66.67 |
| 16333 | 13 | Green Bay | 66.67 |
| 6279 | 6 | Howard | 62.5 |
| 499 | 91 | Superior | 60 |
| 6690 | 48 | Lake Mills | 60 |
| 7775 | 48 | Cottage Grove | 60 |
| 1957 | 12 | Two Rivers | 57.14 |
| 6460 | 51 | De Forest | 57.14 |
| 2137 | 83 | Rice Lake | 55.56 |
| 1257 | 22 | Eau Claire | 50 |
| 1478 | 48 | Watertown | 50 |
| 4592 | 23 | Sparta | 50 |
| 4735 | 13 | Denmark | 50 |
| 6547 | 50 | Milton | 50 |
| 6754 | 83 | Chetek | 50 |

Made quota by December 31: April 1 per-capita will be waived

*Made quota by March 31st: 50% April 1 per-capita will be waived

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If a Council reaches and maintain their Supreme Membership INTAKE quota by March 31st they will receive 50% off their April per-capita. Halfway their kicks in if councils can reach 50% or greater but less than 100% will receive a 25% reduction.

Congratulations to the following Councils who now belong to the 100% Club and have earned

Affiliate Member Initiative

Supreme Council Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI) recognizes that some members, who share our values and support our mission, are unable to remain active in their local councils. This may be due to poor health, financial stress, family problems, lack of transportation, medical concerns, or many other reasons. The AMI allows these men to be designated as affiliate members and removed from their local council rosters. The Supreme and State Councils will then engage affiliate members by keeping them informed of major initiatives and giving them opportunities for volunteer service and charitable contributions.

This article is meant as a summary only. Please refer to AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP on the State website under the Forms menu, for a link to THE AFFILIATE MEMBER INITIATIVE GUIDEBOOK, and THE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP FAQs for detailed instructions.

Councils will have the month of February to prepare, review, and submit a list of members to be transferred to affiliate status. All councils should submit a list even if they have no members to move to affiliate status. Submitting a list shows Supreme as ‘participating’ and they must be participating to be eligible to move men to affiliate membership in the future.

NOTE: Only councils with a Financial Secretary and Grand Knight may designate members for Affiliate status.

Eligibility for Affiliate Membership

1. Members exempt from dues may not be designated for Affiliate status. Such members include Honorary Life members, Priests, and members with an exemption waiver.
2. Inactive Insurance (designated as “N” under member type) members may not be designated for Affiliate status.
3. Members who ask to withdraw from the Order may not be designated for Affiliate status. The normal withdrawal process must be followed for these members (email or snail mail a signed request for withdrawal from the member).
4. Other members may be designated for Affiliate status if they have not responded to council engagement efforts for the most recent 18 months or longer. Specifically, all of the following engagement methods must have been attempted and failed:
 - Regular dues notices were sent, and dues were not paid
 - Emails were sent and ignored or bounced, and - Postal mail was sent and ignored or returned undeliverable
 - Phone calls were made and ignored or number not in service, and - The member has not been seen at Mass, meetings, or events
5. Exception: College councils may list members who graduate and leave campus without arranging to join a local council in their new location, so long as the member has not expressed interest in remaining in his current college council. It is not necessary to wait for 18 months of non-engagement with these members.

Simple steps:

1. FS prepares list of council members 2 or more years in arrears, exporting an excel list from the data extract tool in member management that is emailed to the GK for review.

2. The GK, along with the Trustees and/or other knowledgeable leaders, reviews the tentative list and remove the names of members for whom extenuating circumstances apply.
3. GK emails the adjusted and final file to the DD with attestation that the approved criteria were satisfied.
4. The DD reviews the file within 10 days of receiving the council's list and once approved, electronically submits it to the Membership Records Office at affiliate@kofc.org with copies to the GK, FS, and SD and with his attestation that the approved criteria were satisfied. Sample emails are provided in the guidebook
5. The District Deputy returns the list to the GK for corrections if criteria were not satisfied, copy to SD.
6. When a council does not have a DD, the State Deputy has appointed the State Officer in Charge to complete these actions.



Online Membership



Current e-membership in the state stands at:

| CLASS / TYPE – as of date | 12-22-2021 | 01-26-2022 | Monthly Change |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| ASSOCIATE | 169 | 167 | - 2 |
| INSURANCE | 36 | 38 | + 2 |
| INACTIVE | 11 | 11 | No change |
| HONORARY | 0 | 0 | No change |
| HONORARY LIFE | 1 | 1 | No change |
| AFFILIATE | 8 | 8 | No change |
| EXEMPT | 2 | 2 | No change |
| ASSIGNED | 126 | 120 | - 6 |
| UNASSIGNED | 1 | 7 | + 6 |
| TOTAL | 216 | 216 | No change |
| | | | |
| New e-members YTD # | 169 | 195 | + 26 |
| New e-members YTD % of target (422) | 40% | 46% | + 6% |
| Conversion into a council YTD # | 105 | 132 | + 27 |
| Conversion into a council YTD % | 62% | 68% | + 6% |
| All time intake # | 853 | 880 | + 27 |
| All time conversion into a council # | 589 | 622 | + 33 |
| All time conversion into a council % | 69% | 71% | + 2% |

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.

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

REMINDERS:

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

REQUIREMENTS:

- Every man who joins online needs to access kofc.org/joinus from a compatible device, **personally** complete the online application testifying to all the attestations, and submit the online application **himself**.
- When possible, the member should use his own compatible device.
- The member must use their own valid email address when completing the online application.

NOT ALLOWABLE:

- Completing the online application for a member even if they have asked you to do it for them.
- Collecting information from a proposed member on a form 100 or prospect card and using the information to sign the member up for online membership.
- Creating an email account for a member so they can complete the online membership process.

RESOURCES:

Please watch the short videos on the Supreme website [Membership Training](#). Click on Membership in the left menu and you will see the available videos. Here are direct links to each.

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

PROCESS:

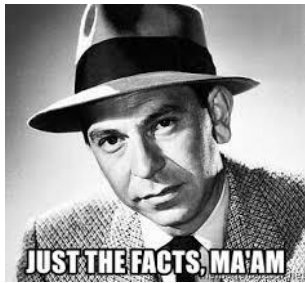
Follow the standard procedures for a new e-member as with all new members:

- Completed form 100 or assigned e-member status in Prospect tab of Officers Online (OO).
- Admission committee vetting
- Council action (voting) – see [Guidelines for Online Voting - Motions](#) if holding virtual meetings
- Degree – Member must take the degree prior to being transferred into a council.
- Process new 3rd degree member into your council via
 - Form 100 submission or
 - Online form 100 (Candidate tab) entry and transfer or
 - e-member transfer (Prospect tab).
- Update degree status by entering degree dates for 2nd & 3rd degrees in Member Management.

You may notice that I keep repeating myself as it seems that the word is not getting out there.

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

‘New Handbook’



A new Supreme Public Relations and Publicity Guide Handbook has been published. You can download the 40-page document from Supreme website using the URL:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/public-relations-handbook/2235-pr-guide.pdf>

The handbook outlines how to recognize a news story, use of various print and social media to get your story out. Guidelines on Media Materials, Tips for Better Photography, photo caption, feature stories guidelines, council website and newsletters. Sample press releases and much more. Get this handbook into the hands of your Council Public Relations coordinator or whoever does your communications for your council.

*Jack Wrbanich, IPSD
State Council Public Relations*



Programs

Brothers,

Although February is the shortest month, there’s certainly no shortage of things to be done this month. If not already done, be sure to get that Fraternal Survey in (due January 31) as well as your 185 and 365 if they are missing or need to be received (updated). Also, fill out a 10784 with the participation of your Council for 2021 in Special Olympics (no matter how large or small) and be sure that’s in to Supreme and the State Forms address if not already done. Very Important!

That said, recall that your 2021 History Books are due to your DD by February 1. If you have no DD, then forward them directly to your Diocesan Program Coordinator (James Vosters – Green Bay, Gary Wolf – La Crosse, Bil Paar – Madison, Dave Sytkowski – Milwaukee, Michael Frase – Superior). Your Medallion Award nominations and Family

of the Year nominations are due February 15 to State Medallion Coordinator Tim Genthe and State Family Director Joe Uchtyl respectively. Also due February 15 are your Winter Audit (Form 1295 to Supreme and State Forms address) and Resolutions for the State Convention to State Advocate Don Schoenherr.

All Councils should be selecting their best program from each of the 4 Faith in Action areas (Faith, Family, Community, Life) and filling out a State Service Program Award Form (STSP) with supporting evidence by March 1 to either myself or to State Office. Winners from each category will receive their award at the State Convention Civic Opening session. They will then be entered into Supreme competition where winners receive their awards at the Supreme Convention.

While nearly all your Faith in Action programs are relevant in February, as well as numerous local parish and community programs as well, a couple of areas you should really be concentrating on this month include:

- 1) Completing your Knowledge and Free Throw Contests – you have until March 20 to do so.
- 2) Planning and securing the materials needed for your Order-wide Church Drives and Knighthood Exemps in March.
- 3) Determining your delegates and alternates for the State Convention, as well as their compensation and that of your DD. Sending your registrations and credential forms in to State Office as well as Memorial cards, Honors for 50-, 60-, 70-year members, etc.
- 4) Arranging to celebrate National Marriage Recognition Week with the Marriage Prayer (February 5-6 or 12-13).
- 5) Completing your Council's Child Safety Training Requirements if not already done. Note that you cannot qualify for Columbian Award, Star Council, Wisconsin Outstanding Council Awards if you are not CS compliant.
- 6) Plan to participate in the Statewide Fraternal Benefits Evening this month (contact your field agent or General Agent Tim Nowak for more information). Also participate in the Training webinars hosted by our Regional Coordinator Jon Olson. See the State website for more information.

Finally, with Valentine's Day this month, do something really special for the lady in your life! Have a great February – stay warm, safe and healthy.

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director



General Agent Message

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



We are excited to offer our First live event statewide in February, please advertise and have a watch party during the month to make this a successful council FBN.



Nowak Agency WI & UP Fraternal Benefit Night

**You're Invited to a Virtual Zoom Fraternal Benefit Night
All Councils are encouraged to have a "Watch Party".
February 28th at 7 pm**

**We are Excited to have Special Guest
Supreme Regional Training Director
Jon Olson with us to discuss:**

- 1) Benefits of the Knights of Columbus.**
- 2) Why these benefits are a reason for joining the Knights of Columbus.**
- 3) Along with other ideas for 2022.**



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



I also wanted to encourage everyone to think a little bit of who you could invite that has never seen our live event before. Having all parish members be invited is very important for you to enlarge you circle of influence.

As today in the reading on St. Timothy and St. Titus, Paul writes that it is important for us to know when two people put their time into anything it will be more successful and then if three or more believers are gathered Jesus is present. We will be doing several events in the coming months as will councils to promote charity and unity. Please take this opportunity to invite your parish to participate in learning about our benefits of membership.

Vivat Jesus, Tim

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

www.kofcwi.org

Round Table

Attention Grand Knights and Round Table Coordinators

Round Table reporting requires only two forms to be filled out per year:

1. The Report of the Round Table Coordinator form #2629 that is filled out by the Grand Knight and
2. The Annual Report of the Knights of Columbus Round Table form #2630 that is filled out by the Round Table Coordinator. (Due Jun 30)

Since we are closing in on the time of our State Convention and because I would sincerely like to have all the Round Tables entered to compete for the "Most Outstanding Round Table" or MORT award, please send these forms to forms@wikofc.com as soon as possible!

Vivat Jesus!
David Keeney
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Niagara Falls, New York City & New Haven, CT Trip

Join us for a fun filled week of travel next May! Beaver Dam Knights of Columbus will be hosting a 6-Day / 5-Night tour to Niagara Falls, New York City, and New Haven CT with Lamers Tour and Travel.

Visit our web page at <https://bit.ly/3zVZs3j> to access our full

trip packed which includes our advertisement flyer, detailed itinerary, a list of our features and registration details, common questions and answers, and a registration form. You may also email beaverdamkcmail@gmail.com or call Alex Williams at (920) 392-2642 to request additional information.



The February 25th Registration Deadline is coming up fast! Please stay tuned for a flocknote with dates and times for a zoom meeting where we will present all the details of the trip and try to answer any questions that you may have!

Culture of Life Happenings

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

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

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction for an ultrasound project, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they **MUST** include the council number in the memo portion of the check (eg: #524 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

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

Through Christ,



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

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IMPORTANT CHANGES

Councils need to report their participation in Special Olympics activities using the online #10784 **immediately after their Special Olympics event. Please note that the Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report Form #4584 is no longer being accepted.** The deadline for filing for the 2021 year is extended to Feb 15th, 2022.

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 (1-19-22) we have received \$119,058.03, leaving us to raise another \$5,941.97.

PLEASE mail 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
Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator
4645 State Hwy 80
Pittsville, Wi 54466

Please keep our Special Olympics athletes in your prayers.

John Benisch
Special Olympics Coordinator

Supreme Training Update

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

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.

2/14/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5649647405751735820>

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.



2/15/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6932080384994326800>

Delta Drive

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

2/16/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/9006764268607553295>

Council Experience

We will cover in this training

- Understand what's meant by the terms membership experience and membership engagement and how the two terms are related.
- Complete the Council Engagement Assessment to assess their council's strengths and weaknesses with regards to member engagement.

- Understand that member engagement is the council’s responsibility. Successful council engagement leads to members having positive opinions about their membership.
- Learn the five steps in the engagement cycle and how they relate to one another, ultimately leading a member to go through them again.
- Discover tools that will help address deficiencies in your council’s current member engagement as based on your 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.

2/17/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1434108829742353934>

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/15245081>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is in 1st place in the order and have submitted **15.2%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Jacob and Beth Leahy Family** (Chippewa Falls Council 974, District 24, La Crosse Diocese).

Diocese

La Crosse Diocese led with **69%** district participation with Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **16** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

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| Green Bay | Pat and Diane Eichmeir | La Crosse | Tom Frey |
| Madison | Reedsburg Area Help | Milwaukee | Jim and Colleen Kramer |
| Superior | Jim and Inez Utecht | | |

District

58% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Three districts submitted three or more families and nine districts submitted two families.

Council

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

Golden Family Councils

Golden Family Councils are those that submit a family of the month each month of the fraternal year starting in July and ending in the following June. There are 36 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.bcvportal.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.

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>

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

Council Family of the Year

Every council should submit one knight family as their council family of the year! Due to Supreme requiring that all State Family of the Year submissions be in a digital format, I would be extremely grateful if everyone would submit

their council family of the year in digital format as well. **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL ME A PHYSICAL BINDER**

- The council family of the year **MUST** be a knight family
- Use Form 10680 <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf>
- Save the form on your computer so it can be used for your council history book.
- Submit your council family of the year to the state by emailing the PDF files to forms@wikofc.com
- Additional supporting documentation such as letters of recommendations and pictures can also be submitted
- but they need to be in PDF format. It is extremely appreciated if all supporting pictures and documentation
- could be combined into a single PDF file.
- Deadline: **February 15th**

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

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.

This year the Silver Rose will come to Wisconsin from Iowa on Sunday July 17th, 2022, and will be transferred to Rockford Illinois on Saturday August 13th. I am currently looking at creating a route for this year based on the councils that are requesting to host the Silver Rose. Preferences will be given as always to Councils who have not hosted the Rose last year, to expose more individuals to the Rose and this fantastic Supreme sponsored Life Program.

Hosting the Silver Rose in your parish is very rewarding. The first step is to get permission from your parish to host this event. Once you have their permission review the Prayer Service booklet on line at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose/4841-silver-rose-prayer-service-booklet.pdf>. Then send me a request to be included in the schedule for Wisconsin. The Wisconsin schedule will be published by May 17th, allowing every Council at least two months to prepare for the Rose.

Once you have your date the next step is to advertise it in your parish using the resources available to you by Supreme. They are listed at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose/10625-silver-rose-guidesheet.pdf>

You can Email me at DFBednarek48@gmail.com to be added to the schedule. Please use Silver Rose Request in the subject line and in the body include a contact for your council; your council and district number; as well as the city and name of the parish that will be hosting the Silver Rose. If you can host the Silver Rose at more than one parish, please make a note if you can do that on the same date or if you need two dates.

Vivat Jesu
SK Dennis Bednarek
Silver Rose Chairman