

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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'Now the Journey Begins'

'Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' (Romans 3:3-5)

2020 has truly been a challenging time for all of us. Change is a certainty in life. Change is constant around us, and sometimes this forced change allows us to put things into perspective.

Reflecting back to this time a year ago, we had the 'change' of the 4th degree regalia which was a tradition most of us had become accustomed to. Many were 'frustrated' (maybe an understatement) by this material change. At the beginning of 2020, we were introduced to the combined ceremonial of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. Again, some individual members were frustrated with this change as they felt that it was 'taking away' something that they viewed as tradition.

Don't these small changes seem immaterial now to all the changes that we have been forced with since the middle of March with the impact of the Covid19 pandemic?

As Knights, who better to adapt to change and overcome obstacles we are faced with? A group of men driven by their faith and selfless in their actions to help others! We need to be now, more than ever, the strong right arm of the Church for our Priests—helping them adapt to an ever changing environment of social distancing and ensuring the safety and health of others. No one knows what the future months may hold with respect to this global pandemic, and our State leadership team is here to help your council leadership navigate through the challenges we are sure to face. What we have become accustomed to, such as in person meetings, may have to be held in a virtual format for the time being so that we can ensure the health and safety of our membership.

At this same time, from challenges come opportunities. The opportunity that we all have the ability to re-evaluate is how we recruit men into our order and adapting to an environment where social interaction may be limited—but shouldn't stop us from growing our Order. We should be ever vigilant in offering every Catholic man the opportunity to join our Fraternity! This is the hope that we should all have for the future of our Order.

'Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish' (John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the United States)

With all of your patience and strong fortitude, we will persevere! Now the Journey Begins!

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



What really matters

With all that is going on in our world we should refocus with 20/20 vision on what really matters. The forces of evil attack what is good and what is good is what we need to stand for. Violent people have attacked symbols of some of our hero's and are even suggesting that symbols of Our Lord and Our Lady need to come down. As Knights we need to defend these symbols. Just think if Bears fans came into Green Bay to tear down all the Packer statues around the city.

How many crazy Packer fans would come out to defend these symbols of Packer history? How much more do we as Knights need to express our defense of our patriotic and faith history. Faith and its historical significance is what matters most and our patriotic history should follow closely behind it.

Unfortunately, our culture is under the threat of being erased. Our first and strongest response needs to be prayer and prayer with Mary Our Mother. Pick up your Rosaries for this battle, this is the strongest response we can make. If you don't know how to pray the Rosary ask your pastor if he can have Rosary groups come together to pray. By doing this, people can follow along to enter into the meditation of the Rosary. Fortunately, our Lady will lead us in a victory with Her Son if we do as She has asked and pray the Rosary.

Pray with Mary, walk with Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Fr. Andrew Kurz

State Chaplain

2019-2020 Membership Progress and Awards

Gentlemen we have ended the 2019-20 Fraternal Year. The Bishops and Local Food Pantries are getting some very nice checks because of your work.

We recruited 803 New Members in the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.

- 94 Councils are Net Net Positive on June 30
- 57 Councils are at their Supreme goal on June 30
- 7 Districts at Supreme goal on June 30: 21 Paul Zimmerman, 29 Ross Larson, 63 Mark Becker, 64 Brian Neal, 65 Les Kostera, 69 Tim Nighbor, 90 Kevin Cohrs

Membership Incentives:

Councils have earned \$6,400 in Incentives for the Food Pantries in their local communities. Food Pantries will be receiving \$100 for each new member who joined a Council from May 15 until June 30. Councils below earned money for their town's food pantries.

Superior 499-\$100
Madison 531-\$100
Appleton 607-\$200
Marinette 719-\$100
Sheboygan 722-\$100
La Crosse 839-\$100
Chippewa Falls 974-\$100
Antigo 1002-\$100
Lake Geneva 1647-\$300
Plymouth 1789-\$200
Fort Atkinson 3396-\$200
Pewaukee 3562-\$100
Reedsburg 3805-\$100
De Pere 3955-\$100
Tomah 4125-\$100
Menomonee Falls 4240-\$100
Union Center 4295-\$200
Wisconsin Dells 4392-\$100
Sparta 4592-\$200
Brookfield 4648-\$200
Milwaukee 4706-\$200
Ripon 4877-\$100

Sun Prairie 4879-\$100
Waupun 4897-\$200
River Falls 4902-\$100
Glenwood City 4954-\$300
Loyal 4963-\$300
Colby 5127-\$100
Howard 6279-\$100
Frederic 6370-\$100
Milton 6547-\$500
Holmen 9385-\$100
Mount Horeb 10559-\$200
Augusta 10774-\$100
New Holstein 12393-\$100
St Lawrence 12743-\$100
Waukesha 15090-\$100
Green Bay 16333-\$100
La Crosse 16444-\$300
Kenosha 16765-\$100
Monona 16863-\$100
Sauk City 16994-\$200
Spring Valley 17459-\$100

Bishops Incentives

Each Council who is Net Net Positive (Intake minus Death and Suspension) \$5 will be given to that Council's Bishop.

Green Bay

Year To Date Net Net: -77

Net Net in 4th Quarter: -48

Net Net in June: -21

- 23 Councils were Net Net Positive: 614 Oshkosh, 710 Manitowoc, 1002 Antigo, 2478 Sturgeon Bay, 2836 Shawano, 2847 Niagara, 2984 Kewanee, 4735 Denmark, 4896 Sister Bay, 5382 Green Bay, 5514 Neenah, 6279 Howard, 7895 Hortonville, 10243 Green Bay, 10714 Green Bay, 12269 Appleton, 12793 Plainfield, 16217 Combined Locks, 16244 Greenville, 16333 Green Bay, 16900 Wrightstown, 17149 Dyckesville, and 17348 Green Bay.
- 4 Districts were Net Net Positive: 4, 8, 9, 13
- Councils obtaining Supremes Quota: 614 Oshkosh, 1002 Antigo, 1957 Two Rivers, 2847 Sturgeon Bay, 4489 Kimberly, 4505 Green Bay, 5514 Neenah, 6279 Howard, 10243 Green Bay, 12269 Appleton, 12393 New Holstein, 12793 Plainfield, 17149 Dyckesville, 17348 Green Bay
- Amount raised for their Bishop in June \$115 by Council. Year Total: \$1,820

La Crosse

Year To Date Net Net: -123

Net Net in 4th Quarter: -33

Net Net in June: -26

- 19 Councils in La Crosse who were Net Net Positive: 3492 Richland Center, 4295 Union Center, 4592 Sparta, 4697 Black River Falls, 6487 Galesville, 7894 Owen, 9385 Holmen, 10158 Wilton/Kendall, 10914 Onalaska, 11832 Fountain City, 12183 Seneca, 13880 Plover, 15739 Plum City, 16280 Marathon, 16444 La Crosse, 17035 Abbotsford, 17135 River Falls, 17459 Spring Valley
- 3 Districts were Net Net Positive: 21, 25, and 29
- Council's obtaining Supremes Quota: 4592 Sparta, 4963 Loyal, 7894 Owen, 9385 Holmen, 15739 Plum City, 16444 La Crosse, 16937 Athens, 17459 Spring Valley
- Amount raised for their Bishop in June \$95. Year Total: \$990.

Madison

Year To Date Net Net: -84

Net Net in 4th Quarter: -13

Net Net in June: -9

- 16 Councils in Madison who were Net Net Positive: 531 Madison, 1864 Jefferson, 3805 Reedsburg, 4392 Wisconsin Dells, 4586 Madison E, 4549 Middleton, 4879 Sun Prairie, 6547 Milton, 6630 Belleville, 7489 Hollandale, 7811 Mazomanie, 11155 Verona, 12491 Stoughton, 16079 Pine Bluff, 16863 Monona, 16994 Sauk City
- 3 District is Net Net Positive: 45, 46, and 50
- Council's obtaining Supremes Quota: 531 Madison, 1864 Jefferson, 4392 Wisconsin Dells, 4549 Middleton, 4586 Madison E, 4879 Sun Prairie, 6547 Milton, 7489 Hollandale, 16863 Monona, 16994 Sauk City
- Amount raised for their Bishop in June \$80. Year Total \$770.

Milwaukee

Year to Date Net Net: -33

Net Net in 4th Quarter: -47

Net Net in June: -15

- 24 Councils in Milwaukee who were Net Net Positive: 1647 Lake Geneva, 1789 Plymouth, 2487 Oconomowoc, 3562 Pewaukee, 4106 Union Grove, 4520 Cedarburg, 4648 Brookfield, 4831 Sturtevant, 6436 Dousman, 6554 Twin Lakes, 6883 Milwaukee, 7798 Hubertus, 8172 Waterford, 11301 Campbellsport, 12588 Slinger, 12621 Lomira, 12743 St. Lawrence, 15090 Waukesha, 15276 Genesee Depot, 16171 Milwaukee, 16710 Milwaukee, 16765 Kenosha, 16821 Oak Creek, 17468 Milwaukee
- 5 Districts were Net Net Positive: 60, 63, 64, 65, 69
- Councils obtaining Supremes Quota: 1789 Plymouth, 2487 Oconomowoc, 3562 Pewaukee, 4520 Cedarburg, 4648 Brookfield, 4706 Milwaukee, 4831 Sturtevant, 6436 Dousman, 6554 Twin Lakes, 6883 Milwaukee, 12588 Slinger, 12621 Lomira, 13583 Milwaukee, 15090 Waukesha, 15276 Genesee Depot, 16171 Milwaukee, 16821 Oak Creek, 17468 Milwaukee
- Amount raised for their Bishop in June \$120. Year Total: \$2,050

Superior

Year to Date Net Net: -35

Net Net in 4th Quarter: -21

Net Net in June: -10

- 12 Councils in Superior who were Net Net Positive: 1133 Merrill, 1744 Medford, 2066 Tomahawk, 4902 River Falls, 4954 Glenwood City, 5415 Eagle River, 6370 Frederic, 6587 Hayward, 6759 Somerset, 9546 Birchwood, 16298 Amery, 16691 Superior.
- 2 Districts were Net Net Positive: 82, 87
- Council's obtaining Supremes Quota: 1133 Merrill, 1744 Medford, 4954 Glenwood City, 6370 Frederic, 6587 Hayward, 9546 Birchwood. 16298 Amery
- Amount raised for their Bishop in June \$60. Year Total: \$630

Mark Jelinek
Wisconsin Membership Director
2019-2020

Meet Your State Membership Team / Regional Members Coaches

Your Worthy State Deputy **Corey Coonen** has honored me with the job of State Membership Director, succeeding **Mark Jelinek** in the position. Thankfully, SD Corey recognizes that the job requires a team to make it all work, and he blessed the most amazing team I could imagine.

For **New Council Development**, Past Everything **Ron Faust** is in charge. Ron has extensive experience in building Councils from scratch and already knows a lot of the potential parishes during his time in State Membership two years ago.

Former DD#47 **Rob Christianson** is our **College Council Development Director**. **Rob's** experience with the UW Council and close proximity to some potential new Councils will help him get a fast start and a successful run.

Hispanic Development Director Rufino Arce has a multi-year track record of success and will build upon that record again this year; his solid working relationship with **Supreme Hispanic Development Field Coordinator Marty Yzaguirre** will help us again this fraternal year.

Our Youth Development Coordinator **Tre Waldren** has the gift of relating well with youth members and prospects and will put that gift to great use. We will be getting lists of graduating high schoolers from Catholic schools throughout the state so we can encourage them to become members while they are still in high school and can take their membership with them to help start and populate college councils wherever they go.

Our ONLINE Membership team has experience in **Bill Hitt** and **Paul Quigley**. They probably had NO IDEA how important their job would become because of COVID, but they handled it well. With **ONLINE Membership** combining with **ON DEMAND Ceremonies**, we have a potent combination to start our Fraternal year with a huge influx of new members!

Supreme has given us two additional resources which will help us make and exceed our expectations for Membership Growth in 2020-2021. Supreme Regional Growth Director **Joe Ramirez** (joe.ramirez@kofc.org) and Regional Trainer **Jon Olson** (jon.olson@kofc.org)

Our **Regional Membership Coaches** (RMC) program began last year with some success but a little bit of uncertainty on how it was supposed to work. This year, we have implemented a Job Description

which helps RMC's and DD's understand the program and avoid duplication and confusion. We have a terrific team of RMC's but we need to add to it. Our RMC's include:

Luke Rasmussen

Jack Butler

Jim Sloane

Dick Jacunski

Ron Stine

Scott Zarling

Dave Sytkowski

Jason Bourget

Mark Rasmussen

David Keeney

We are still recruiting more RMC's so if you are interested in learning more about the position or know someone who might be interested, contact **Rick Raulin** at rickraulin@aol.com or call him at (608) 628-0973.

Getting New Members in the COVID Environment

by Rick Raulin – State Membership Director

We are finally able to attend masses, Thank God! But the number of people who can attend is severely capped and everyone is told to “socially distance” which makes a traditional Membership Drive a non-starter. *How else can we grow our membership?* It turns out there are a number of strategies we can employ to make contact with potential prospects – Let's talk about a few of them.

Our Council either has a list of people we have been talking to or we do not; this list is our starting point. We have their names because they talked to us when we held a Membership Drive, or they answered an ad about us in our parish bulletin or wanted to learn more about us when they joined the parish recently.

We need to contact them by phone, text and/or email, but we keep trying until we actually speak with them. Our approach is that we are checking in with them to make sure they are alright... *“Is there anything we can do for them?”* It's all part of the “**Leave No Neighbor Behind**” program that Supreme started in March. We ask if they would consider joining our Order so they can help others, just like we are. We also point out that they can join ONLINE whenever they want to by using the ON DEMAND version of our Multi-Degree Exemplification Ceremony.

Link: <https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=reg20.jsp&partnerref=ENUOE12INVT&eventid=2406521&sessionid=1&key=BCC733CD980E359DF0FDB1688C8B4CB2&reqTag=&sourcepage=register>

This link allows a person who already IS an ONLINE Member OR someone who has done nothing towards becoming a member yet to join ONLINE then take the Exemplification ceremony immediately thereafter.

When we are making these contacts, our goals include:

- 1) Helping them if they need help.
- 2) Staying in touch, so they know we genuinely care about their needs.
- 3) Verifying their contact information (email, cell, mailing address) for our records.
- 4) Keeping a record of when we spoke to them, what they said/needed, what we said we would do.

That helps if we HAVE a list to work from... How do we generate a list from scratch? Here are some sources for names we too often forget to ask:

- Our own members know men in our parish that ought to be Knights. Start bringing your members together in small groups (socially distanced) so you can build a list of men they know. Tell them your purpose so they so they have time to think of people and can collect their contact information from address books/cell phones. **It will do you heart good to see your Brother Knights again as well!**
- Ask your Pastor, Parochial Vicar and Deacons to meet with you to explore their memory for potential members. They each have their own “Sphere of Influence” to work from.
- Check with your Parish Secretary or Pastor about getting lists of parishioners with contact information. Once you have that list:
 - a. Find out which ones recently went through the RCIA program.
 - b. Find out which ones are in current Parish Groups (Home & School, PTA, St Vincent de Paul, Prayer Groups, Ladies Groups (for the husbands/significant others), Parish Council, etc.
 - c. Find out which ones have kids or grandkids in Faith Formation or Confirmation classes
 - d. Find out which ones teach or volunteer in Faith Formation or Confirmation classes.
 - e. Have a consistent and persistent presence in your Parish Bulletin. From one week to the next, tell the parish about charitable efforts and donations by the Council, Family of the Month and Knight of the Month Award winners, plus any upcoming activities and fundraisers your Council is sponsoring.

Let’s Start our Fraternal Year with a BANG... and a Huge Spike in Membership Growth!

Programs

Brothers,

Welcome to the 2020-21 Fraternal Year. While many challenges lie ahead, I’m confident that this will be a better year for us all. As you embark on your planning for this new Fraternal Year, remember 2 main points of emphasis for the year; plan to include them in all your programming over the next 12 months – The Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative and meeting your Star Council requirements.

Leave No Neighbor Behind (LNNB) was introduced by Supreme this past spring as a means to combat the issues presented to us by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a new Supreme featured program (fitting primarily into the Community section of the Faith in Action [FiA] umbrella). However, the 5 parts of the Initiative actually fall into all aspects of FiA. The Support Your Brother Knights activities fall into the family section; the Support Your Community and Feed the Hungry activities coordinate with the Community section and the Blood Drives fit with the Life section. All these are parts of our mission as

Knights to build up our parishes, families, communities, and councils! They spread charity, evangelize, and serve as recruiting opportunities as well.

I will cover more on this next month but do check with the State and Supreme websites for more information on LNNB – download the guidebook resources and Feed the Hungry Addendum from the Supreme website. Check out the programs and other presentations from the recent DD meeting as well from the State website.

As to Star Council, some of the requirements are the same for 2020-21. Namely, you need to get your Forms 365 and 1728 in; and fulfill your Child Safety Training Requirements as soon as possible.

Other requirements have changed significantly. They are:

1) No Supreme per capita will be levied for 2020-21. Councils are encouraged to pay their Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life Assessment, but Councils will not be suspended for nonpayment.

2) Membership quotas have been reduced from 7 to 5% (min. 3/max. 20) so it's easier to reach the McGivney Award, especially with the new Knighthood Exemplifications. These will continue to be done virtually by both Supreme and State, as well as the opportunity for Councils to do their own.

3) Insurance quotas have been dropped although Councils are encouraged to try to bring in 2 Insurance members. Instead, a Council is required to run 2 Fraternal Benefits seminars, online or live; can be combined with other councils or as a District. Certain parameters must be met. You must work with your Field Agent and General Agent to do this and they'll do the reporting. But, it's easier now to earn the Founders Award portion of Star.

4) Columbian Award will be 16 programs, 4 in each of the Faith in Action areas, but none are required. 16 of the 33 Faith in Action programs are now Featured Programs so they can earn double credit if certain thresholds are met. More on that next month.

So, we should be able to have many more Star Councils, Columbian Awards, etc. for 2020-21. Let's get off to a fast start in July-August and turn the year of Fr. McGivney's being declared Blessed into a great one. Vivat Jesus!

Bill Frayer

State Program Director

Fraternal Benefits

Normal

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

We have crammed decades of changes into these last few months, and it's hard to know what change is permanent and what changes will prove temporary.

But we are struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. Whether it was the establishment of the *Leave No Neighbor Behind* Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do; swiftly, powerfully.

We've had to cancel some things, had to have some virtual meetings, had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

That's why, for us, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride.

We can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who does not know who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

Whether you've never inquired or it's been a long time - take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we have that might help you and your family. We can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

We hope we'll chat soon.

Fraternally,

Joe Molosky	Tim Nowak
General Agent	General Agent
262-378-4854	920-462-4100
<i>Protecting Catholic Families & Preserving Wealth</i>	



Silver Rose

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

A Higher Purpose

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

Silver Rose Schedule Wisconsin 2020 Semi Final 6/30/2020					
Day	District	Council	City	POC	
Saturday, July 11, 2020			Dubuque Iowa	Chris Riegel	chrisriegel@gmail.com
Sunday, July 12, 2020	41	765	Cuba City	Jerry Leahy	debamnada2001@gmail.com
Monday, July 13, 2020			open		
Tuesday, July 14, 2020	40	2820	Landcaster	Mike Tennesen	tenny3044@gmail.com
Wednesday, July 15, 2020	45	11155	Verona	Mark Rayha	mrayha@hotmail.com
Thursday, July 16, 2020	49	9360	Janesville	Paul Romanelli	romanelliwi@att.net
Saturday, July 18, 2020	49	605	Beloit	Paul Klespiswick	pakw605@charter.net
Sunday, July 19, 2020	49	9360	Janesville	Dave Bohler	bohler05@yahoo.com
Monday, July 20, 2020	50	6508	Edgerton	Roland Breunig	rebreunig@yahoo.com
Tuesday, July 21, 2020	50	6547	Milton	Roland Breunig	rebreunig@yahoo.com
Wednesday, July 22, 2020	46	3805	Reedsburg	Joe	joec1@gmail.com
Thursday, July 23, 2020	23	4125	Tomah	Dennis Koranda	jdkoranda@charter.net
Friday, July 24, 2020	22	2422	Durand	Greg Weiss	gregjweiss@yahoo.com
Saturday, July 25, 2020	89	12609	Balsam Lake	Fred Koslowski	kofcfredkoslow@outlook.com
Sunday, July 26, 2020	89	6370	Frederic	John Scheidt	jtscheidt1@hotmail.com
Monday, July 27, 2020	87	5397	Spooner	Allen Pederson	pedersonmission@gmail.com
Tuesday, July 28, 2020	29	16937	Athens	Ross Larson	fredtuttle_sons@yahoo.com
Wednesday, July 29, 2020	28	4628	Schofield	Nathaniel Krautkramer	njkrautk@yahoo.com
Thursday, July 30, 2020	28	5488	Mosinee	Jacob Grzywacz	djwacks@mtc.net
Friday, July 31, 2020	30	1799	Marshfield	Scott Frome	grand_knight1799@gmail.com
Saturday, August 1, 2020	27	1558	Wisconsin Rapids	Darrel Anderson	darrel.d.anderson@gmail.com
Sunday, August 2, 2020	23	6718	Hancock/Adams Friendship	Dennis Koranda	jdkoranda@charter.net
Monday, August 3, 2020	5	7895	Hortonville	Luke Rasmussen	lukerasmuss1@gmail.com
Tuesday, August 4, 2020	7	617	Green Bay	Matt Wolcanski	mwolcan1@yahoo.com
Wednesday, August 5, 2020	9	1033	Kaukauna	David Vanderloop	Vanderloop2@gmail.com
Thursday, August 6, 2020	15	12269	Appleton	Mark Koth	mbkoth@gmail.com
Friday, August 7, 2020	11	5539	Kiel	Barry Blatz	barry.blatz@sargento.com
Saturday, August 8, 2020	69	4520	Cedarburg	Eric Stanton	e-stanton@sbcglobal.net
Sunday, August 9, 2020	63	3562	Hartland St Charles	Mark Becker	mwbecker08@att.net
Monday, August 10, 2020	63	2487	Oconomowoc St. Jeromes	Jim Houk	jimhouk1@hotmail.com
Tuesday, August 11, 2020	63	3562	Silver Lake St. Theresa's	Mark Becker	mwbecker08@att.net
Wednesday, August 12, 2020	65	1709	south milw	Les Kostera	leskostera@yahoo.com
Thursday, August 13, 2020	63	4240	Menomonee Falls	John Scheicher	jmsbas@wi.rr.com
Friday, August 14, 2020	67	16022	Pleasant Prairie	Richard Mich	shercookr@yahoo.com
Saturday, August 15, 2020	67	973 ?	Kenosha ????	Richard Mich	shercookr@yahoo.com
Sunday, August 16, 2020			Illinois	Paul D. Isherwood	708-227-2740

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

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

Charity Grant Process

A big thank you to all members who sold raffle tickets for the charity fund. Due to your efforts councils will be receiving more than \$220,000 to distribute to local charities. In addition, the state will have available more than \$90,000 in grants to distribute. State Charity Grants!!! Who is eligible for these grants? How does a council apply for a state charity grant?

Eligibility – Many times charity needs arise that is larger than the local council's treasury can handle. If the local council feels the need is valid, they should make a donation. If additional funds are needed they should apply for a grant from the state charity fund. The beneficiary does not need to be a member Knight of Columbus or a Catholic to be considered for a grant.

Application – First make sure you visit the state website forms page to get the current form:

(<http://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/StateCouncilForms.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>)

This form has been revised many times over the years, using an outdated form will result in delaying the application process. To complete the form, a member of the Knights of Columbus must conduct an interview with the beneficiary or their family. Under no circumstances, should the beneficiary fill out the form. Here are some helpful hints when filling out the form:

- Answer as many questions as possible. Don't skip questions because they are hard to ask. When they don't have an answer that fits the checkboxes, write in their words or your thoughts.
- When filling in the debt, understand the difference between bills the insurance company pays, and what the family owes or will owe.
- Understand their or their spouse's ability to work now or in the future ,
- Can they convert assets in order to pay their debt? For example, if dealing with a life threatening illness, could retirement savings be used?
- Don't attach bills, doctor's names, or medical diagnosis documents. The only useful attachment may be a newspaper article if one exists, but this is rare.
- If you have questions feel free to email (bernieheit@gmail.com) or give me a call (608-839-5121).

If a grant is awarded, the amounts commonly given are from \$500 to \$2500. If the need is larger, plan or participate in a community wide fund raiser. Prior to the interview, gather resource information that may benefit the family such as nearby food or clothing pantries. If appropriate, ask if they have looked into Wisconsin disability or ask if they need legal guidance from a local attorney. Commonly it takes 10 to 12 weeks between interview and check-in-hand.

Bernie Heit
Charity Committee

ID Director Don – Update on Tootsie Roll Drives

4 July 2020

Brother Knights,

As we celebrate the birth of our great nation it is important to remember that freedom is never free, like everything it has a price. I hope that this letter finds all of you safe in God's hands.

We still exist in somewhat of an unpredictable state of affairs due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. For the most part I see more turns toward normalcy but that may change at any time. Shortly a message will be sent out regarding the status of the Tootsie Roll Drive. I am working with our new State Deputy Corey to arrive at a somewhat logical approach.

Some councils have decided not to hold a drive this year. That is fine, however these councils must send a check for the cost of their Tootsie Rolls. Use the Council Disbursement form in your December packets and mail to me.

Some councils have conducted a drive while many are banking on the fall to allow more openings. In any case follow the recommendations of social distancing and wear gloves and masks as you see fit. Although we will undoubtedly see a reduction in collected funds we must do our best to help those in need.

Please stay safe and hope to see all of you soon.

Vivat Jesus.

Don Schoenherr

WI KofC

Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities – Director

State Training Coordinator Charles – Upcoming Officer Training Opportunities

Welcome brothers to a new fraternal year. Congratulations to our newly elected State and Council Officers. Due to the pandemic and to further improve officer training for the state, we are going to be doing and trying new methods to bring training to the officers in Wisconsin. We will be using our own virtual and in person training, Supreme training, Supreme webinars and Supreme & State supplied resources.

- Dates are being finalized for our Wisconsin virtual Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Membership, and other training to be determined. Dates in the next newsletter.
- Our former State Trainer, Jon Olson now our Supreme Regional Training Director, has done some great training sessions, and we are going to tap into his expertise.
- Supreme is holding numerous webinars that are very pertinent to us fulfilling our roles as officers. They are offered to *all* members. We should be taking advantage of these offerings.

Please watch the state website, emails and Flocknotes for updates. Until then, please make use of the resources on the websites. Visit <http://www.kofc.org/training> and <http://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=W>

I would highly recommend downloading and reviewing at least the following:

- Leadership Resources, #5093: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/leadership/leadership-resources5093.pdf>
- Grand Knight's Guide, #5085: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/officers/grandknight.pdf>
- District Deputy's Guide, #5087: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/leadership/district-deputy5087.pdf>
- Financial Secretary's Guide, #5089: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/leadership/financial-secretary5089.pdf>
- Method of Conducting Council Meetings, #10318: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/method-conducting-council-meetings10318.pdf>

If you need any further assistance, please email me at wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com , and include the word training to start the subject line. I can be reached by phone at 920-540-4486. Even though the message instructs you not to leave a message, PLEASE DO. I am working from home and do not want customers leaving voice mails on my personal phone.

Thank you, I am at your service.
Vivat Jesus

Chuck Rohr
State training Coordinator

Knights of Columbus donate ultrasound machine to Vida Medical Clinic

Local councils of the Knights of Columbus led fundraising efforts for the clinic's new ultrasound machine

APPLETON, Wis. (July 1, 2020) – Vida Medical Clinic received a new ultrasound machine through donations from the Knights of Columbus. Vida is an Appleton-based free medical clinic that serves women, men and children throughout the Fox Valley.

“No woman should feel alone and unsupported when facing the realities of an unplanned pregnancy. The Knights of Columbus have been an important partner in our mission to support and lift up pregnant women, and the ultrasound machine is one of the most important pieces of medical equipment in our clinic,” Vida Executive Director Anne Tretinyak said. “We are grateful for their hard work on our behalf to ensure that the technology in our clinic remains state of the art.”



Local donations for the ultrasound machine came from Knights of Columbus Council #7895 Msgr. Gehl Council, which represents the parishes of SS. Peter and Paul in Hortonville, St. Denis in Shiocton and St. Patrick in Stephenville. The local Knights raised more than \$28,000 for the new machine, and the purchase was completed with matching funds from the national Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative and the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund. Through collaborative efforts, the Knights expedited the funding process to ensure Vida was able to

receive the new, state-of-the-art ultrasound this summer.

“We look for ways to fundraise and give back to our community that align with our faith values and that directly impact our local area,” Council #7895 Grand Knight Craig Cummings said. “Donating an ultrasound machine to Vida allows pregnant women to see their developing unborn child and hopefully choose life, whether that is through parenting or placing that child for adoption.”

In addition to ultrasound imaging, Vida Medical Clinic also provides other free and confidential services including Pap, pelvic and breast exams, and STD testing and treatment for men and women. Vida's Support Services Program provides education and material support to pregnant women and parents of young children including free one-on-one labor and delivery classes and lactation consultation.

The Knights also fundraised for Vida's last ultrasound machine purchase in 2012. Both donations are part of the national Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, which has donated more than 1,000 ultrasound machines to medical clinics and centers across the United States and world since 2009. The Knights also support Vida through baby bottle drives, financial donations, supply donations and prayer.

“This donation gives us a way to support these women, lift up local families and support a culture of life in northeast Wisconsin,” Cummings said.

Vida (formerly Mother and Unborn Baby Care) was founded in 1983 and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Vida Medical Clinic, Support Services and Youth Outreach serves men, women, young adults and children throughout the Fox Valley. The mission of Vida is to empower individuals to make healthy life-affirming decisions through free education and medical services. (vidamedicalclinic.org)

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights! The family of the month update has been shortened and I have also included an overview of the other family programs. Hopefully, this will help councils begin planning on how to meet the four family programs needed for the Columbian award.



Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** May! Below is a quick summary of our progress to date. All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post

<https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/7869305>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is still in 1st place in the order with 34 FOMs representing 13.0% of all FOMs received by Supreme.

The Supreme family of the month is **Steve and Alicia Richter family** (Council 1762, District 81, Superior Diocese).

Diocese

Madison Diocese led with 62% district participation and Green Bay Diocese led with submitting 11 families.

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

Green Bay	Edward and Noreen Vander Bloomen	La Crosse	Marie and Joyce Berger (sisters)
Madison	Mark and Jackie Hebgen	Milwaukee	David and Lori Ahler
Superior	Kurt and Paula Soderberg		

District

47% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Two districts submitted 3 families and three districts submitted 2 families. There were no new councils.

June Family of the Month deadline is July 15.

Overview of Other Supreme Family Programs

Food for Families

Help end hunger in communities across Wisconsin. Many people in our communities are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food to their families. Food for Families ensures that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. A featured program, Food for Families **counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award**.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/food-for-families.html>

Family Fully Alive

Help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives. Using the Family Fully Alive Booklet as a devotional guide, this program provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations, and group projects.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-fully-alive.html>

Family Week

Dedicate a week to celebrate our families. Councils plan a special week for their parish celebrating family life. Activities presented in this program will strengthen the parish community and affirm the central importance of Catholic family life.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-week.html>

Family Prayer Night

Strengthen the bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families. This is an opportunity for council members, their families, and the whole parish community to come together once a month for an evening of prayer, dinner, and fellowship.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-prayer-night.html>

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.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas.html>

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.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html>

Good Friday Family Promotion

Bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. In an effort to increase parish attendance and involvement, councils conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/good-friday-family-promotion.html>

Our Marriage Prayer

This is a Wisconsin program approved by Supreme as a Faith or Family program on the Columbian award. It celebrates the foundation of the family, the marriage. Praying it every day reminds us of all the things we must do to keep our marriage strong.

<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 Uchtyl
Wisconsin Family Coordinator

Family Activity WI K of C Camping Association

The 2020 camporee at Fox Hills in Baraboo has concluded. Jerry and Susan Heuer hosted this annual event always held the weekend AFTER Father's Day. As stated by various attendees, it was indeed a WOW weekend! There were over 50 registered campers and several in cabins with well over 100 Knights and their families.

A big thank you to all who attended!

Friday night we were blessed to have State Chaplain Fr. Andrew Kurz lead us in the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. This was followed with a community campfire to visit with fellow campers.

Saturday morning, we started our day with coffee and donuts. We also had a golf outing and fun scavenger hunt in the afternoon. Saturday's outdoor Mass was highlighted with Madison Bishop Donald Hying as celebrant and approx. 125 in attendance. Social distancing was practiced. Bishop Hying also joined us for a delicious half chicken dinner prepared by Knights from the Baraboo / Reedsburg area. A well-attended general meeting and campfire followed dinner. Sunday morning, we bid our fellow campers farewell with coffee and donuts.



The 2021 State campout will be held at Chapparral Campground in Wonewoc, June 25, 26 and 27. Our hosts will be Paul and Mary Quigley. Bishop Hying has asked if he could come back next year for Mass. We all replied with a resounding YES!!!



Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. WOW!

Sincerely,
Jerry and Susan Heuer

Wisconsin State Disaster Program – Leadership Change

From State Advocate – Paul Lang

Six years ago, I partnered with (our WSD at that time) Ronald Faust to begin a journey that carried me into the state's first-ever Disaster Relief Program for the WI Knights of Columbus. My career background as a Firefighter and State Emergency Management Manager within that same career prepared me for that path. I organized and constructed the framework (Standard Operating Procedures, Guidelines, Forms, and Protocols) for the roadmap we use today, partnering with Peter Harrison of the Supreme Council, to lay the foundation for the Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Program.

I added a State Disaster Relief Deputy Director (WGK Paul Shepherd from Holy Family Council 4879) to help refine the policies, procedures, and processes I wrote. Together, we formed our program to include the DRP slate of officers to help lead us after the program launched.

With brother Jeremy Soldner (State DRP Communication/Technical Chief) and brother Rob Schwerin (State DRP logistics Chief) now added to our team, we rolled out our program.

The same week (July 11, 2018) we rolled out our program, downtown Sun Prairie, WI suffered a major incident involving a gas pipeline explosion. That explosion rocked the city with percussion waves reaching (1 Mile) to our local council, and with it, large-scale damage to four city blocks containing numerous businesses and residential property. Sun Prairie sadly lost the life of one of its Firefighters (Capt. Cory Barr) while he was attempting to clear buildings before the explosion erupted. Our DRP hit the ground, running with checks in hand to assist those with immediate loss and tangibles. We were on the scene within minutes.

A few weeks after that event, Madison and southern WI experienced unprecedented flooding. We were there to provide labor for sandbagging until the early hours of the morning on numerous occasions, never giving in to the rising water. We stayed ahead of it in Madison and won the day. We partnered with so many brothers from various councils. During that time, we discovered new resources where we could be a partner, and they would partner with us: Red Cross, St Vincent De Paul, VOAD, and Sunshine Place to name a few. We are now one extensive, robust program, effectively managing any large-scale disaster that happens in WI. We also assist training our National Guard at Volk Field in WI each year. We brought in the Red Cross Blood Drives Council-wide program and worked so many other programs to aid in the disaster we now know as COVID 19. We've come so far and built so much! You can all be proud of the work you do!

However, it is now time for me to move on to another rewarding adventure within the State Knights of Columbus as the new State Advocate. With the duties of that office, including Diocesan Officer for Lacrosse, it will become busy for me. I leave this position with a deep appreciation and love of all we accomplished together, knowing this legacy is in the hands of my brothers, who will build this program to even more significant potential. Effective immediately, WGK, Paul Shepherd 4879, and WIPDD #51 Vaughn Blaeser are your new State Disaster Relief Directors. We needed two now, as the programs have grown exponentially. Please reach out to them and congratulate them on taking this vital role to help support you and your communities in times of disaster. Please partner with them by joining the program, and when asked to contribute, please personally consider this carefully regarding what you can do to assist this very worthy cause. They WILL need ALL of you!

Kind regards, Gentlemen.

Paul Lang

Kind regards and God Bless, Gentlemen.