

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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40 Days and 40 KNIGHTS of Lent

It is not the most auspicious moment to be writing a newsletter article with a positive tone and to discuss our many blessings we have or how fortunate we are given the current state of affairs in our World with the recent events in Europe. First and foremost, I would ask that each of you pray and continually pray these next 40 days of Lent for our fellow Brothers and the citizens of Ukraine. Hopefully the violence can end with a peaceful resolve and a renewed focus on the gift of Life.

As we embark on Lent, we have a great opportunity to have a renewed focus on all of the aspects that the Knights of Columbus provide us to become better Catholic men. As Lent is a time for a renewed focus on our Faith, on almsgiving and sacrifice (such as fasting), and it is also a time for us to hopefully bring our families closer together through these activities. Whether it be a fish fry at a council or the Good Friday Family prayer events that we have, our Programs provide us a great opportunity to involve our Family. Further, with respect to almsgiving and sacrifice, our programs can provide men with an opportunity to sacrifice their time and talents to a greater good. Whether it be our charitable programs such as Food for Families or the many donations we give, ongoing as Knights we continually display almsgiving, not just in these 40 days. Finally—we continue to build Disciples for the Church, and our many Faith programs and focus on prayer such as a Monthly Rosary before Mass or a Council Meeting, we are bringing Men and their families together to pray for our loved ones and for a better world all in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

With so much to offer Men and their families, I encourage all of you to take this opportunity over these 40 Days to invite at least 1 man to join the Knights.

As an initiative to help promote this, our State Officers have approved the incentive titled: '40 Days and 40 KNIGHTS of Lent.'

If a Diocese is able to bring in 40 new members during the 40 Days of Lent from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, we will distribute a \$1,000 check to the Bishop of that Diocese at our State Convention. As our Bishops have spoke about BUILDING DISCIPLES over the coming years, what an opportunity we have at this year's Convention to tell our Bishops that we have provided their Diocese 40 Disciples during Lent and can also provide a check for them to use to continue to build Disciples and Programs in their Diocese.

IT STARTS WITH ONE!

Let's make this Lent the best Lent ever for our Order in this State!

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



Lent

Brother Knights, Lent is upon us and it is time to take action for Christ! This means we are called answer our call to pray, fast, and give alms. I hope you will do your best in these and I would suggest you prioritize these spiritual exercises in the order they are given, prayer first, fasting flowing from your prayer, and almsgiving budding forth from both.

First things being first, the prayer I always encourage is the Rosary, the Holy Mass is the greatest prayer we have been given but considering constraints on schedules the Rosary is a great and handy devotion. Along with being a great spiritual exercise the Rosary can incorporate the physical exercise of walking. This could lead us to the goal of sacrificing, or losing our bear bellies for the Lord. Doing a Rosary walk through a park and or to a local church would be a great first step to answering God's call to take action this Lent.

From the prayer we should add fasting, and the fasting will add power to our prayer. With the trend of intermittent fasting being all the rage, we should consider how the physical benefits of fasting correlate with even greater spiritual benefits. Consider what used to be done before the reception of Holy Communion, no food or water from midnight until after communion, now it's just no caloric intake an hour before. Maybe again we could do something to lose our bear bellies for the Lord. Not saying we need to strictly go back to the old rule but maybe **no caloric intake from midnight until after Mass would do us some good on the days we go to Mass.**

With the spiritual exercises of prayer and fasting we are brought us to a deeper spiritual life, and our hearts should be moved to almsgiving. Weather we give to help out a family member, a local charity, or our parish we are moved by the Holy Spirit to sacrifice. This spiritual exercise of almsgiving is the fruit of other two exercises because it is in them that Our Lord can speak to us and show us how to share.

Answer the call my brothers, and may this Lent be a blessed Lent and your best Lent yet.

Sincerely, Fr. Andrew J. Kurz

Wisconsin State Chaplin



Brother Knights,

I hope all is well! Good news, we are almost done with winter, allegedly.

Few things to make sure you guys keep on your radar.

STATE CONVENTION: The portal is open for State Convention. The planning team would greatly appreciate if your council could register as soon as you can. Don't forget to sign up for the State Deputy Dinner, Ladies Luncheon, as well as the lunch workshop that we will be hosting on Saturday. Please get with your councils, and get your delegates signed up!

STATE CHARITY RAFFLE: The state charity raffle is in full swing! Hopefully you are having success in selling what you have! If you do need more tickets, reach out to your diocesan coordinator. Supplies are limited, so if you need more, please act as soon.

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT: The April State Per Capita assessment will be sent out April 1st. As we indicated before, we will send these notices out electronically. The email address that the per capita assessment is sent from is quickbooks@notification.intuit.com. This is NOT spam. It is from our QuickBooks account. Please watch for this!

Thanks,

Miles Casey
State Treasurer

Due Dates

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

April 1 – Hotel Reservations due at Chula Vista

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.

The following have indicated that they intend to run for State Office for 2022-2023

State Secretary John Huttenhoff – candidate for State Deputy

State Treasurer Miles Casey – candidate for State Secretary

District Deputy Roland Breunig – candidate for State Treasurer

State Advocate Donald Schoenherr – candidate for State Advocate

State Warden Michael Tennes – candidate for State Warden

Former District Deputy Brian Neal – candidate for State Warden

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.

The following have expressed an interest in being a Delegate for the Supreme Convention:

- District Deputy Roland Breunig (Edgerton)
- Administrative Manager Steve Geishirt (Waunakee)
- Grand Knight Jose Montoya (UW Madison)
- District Deputy Tre Waldren (Kiel)
- District Deputy Andrew Orgovan (Brookfield)

Eastern District Exemplification

Saturday May 14, 2022

St. Mary Catholic Faith Community
9520 W. Forest Home Ave.
Hales Corners, WI 53130

Exemplification Honoree: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz

9:00 AM	Degree Team and Color Guard Practice
9:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Registration
11:00 AM	Luncheon
12:15 PM	Dressing Room – Candidates
1:00 PM	Ladies Program
12:45 PM	Master Meets with Candidates
12:30 PM	Honor Guard Inspection
1:00 PM	Exemplification
3:30 PM	Dressing Room for Clergy
4:00 PM	Holy Sacrament of the Mass

Western District Exemplification

Saturday May 21, 2022

Immaculate Conception Church
1712 Highland Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Honoree – Sir Knight James Otto

- 10:00 A.M. Honor Guard Practice - Immaculate Conception Church
 - 10:00 A.M. Candidates Registration - Fr.Klink Hall
 - 11:00 A.M. Banquet-Fr. Klink Hall (Special needs meals upon request)
 - 1:30 P.M. Candidates Line up Fr. Klink Hall
 - 1:30 P.M. Ladies Registration - Fr. Klink Hall
 - 2:00 P.M. Ladies Program - Fr. Klink Hall
 - 2:00 P.M. Men's Exemplification -Immaculate Conception Church
 - 5:00 P.M. Holy Mass - Immaculate Conception Church
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State Advocate Updates



Brother Knights,

There are still some 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 in early March 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.

Remember it is for the protection of those we serve as well as for us. For those of you who are in the running for Star Council you absolutely must have your Grand Knight, Program, Community and Family Directors fully compliant with SE training. This is mandatory.

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 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.

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.

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.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle

Only two months left before the drawing of:

\$50,000

Could it be you? No limit to how many tickets **you** can purchase.

Could it be a family member, a close friend, or someone you know? Not if **you** don't sell them a ticket.

Deadline is fast approaching to get the Council Charity Grant Fund Request Forms sent to the state office **May 1**. Missing the deadline could cause delays in receiving council payments.

Council chairman please get as many tickets turned into your diocese chairman prior to state convention for safety and security reasons.

“Buy Raffle Tickets”

God Bless,
Bernie Heit
Charity Director

Council PKD and Culture of Life Contributions

Its that time of year again where PKD and CoL collection will come due. I'd like to review how a council can verify what they owe for each, and where to send payment.

As you know, PKD or Penny a Knight a Day supports Catholic Education across the dioceses of Wisconsin. Your contribution stays in your diocese, and a check is provided by the State Council each year to your bishop to be used in supporting your local Catholic schools.

PKD is calculated by multiplying \$3.65 (a penny each day of the year) for each member of your council minus Honorary Life and Exemption (formerly disabled) members. The amount due for your council can be found on the State Council Website. To get there, type WIKOFC.com into a web browser and it will forward you to UKnight for the St Council, or use link

<https://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>. Scroll down the main page to Penny-A-Knight-A-Day where you'll see the fearless Knight in armor. Click on "Read More" which will open a window, then click on the red button on labeled "Council P.K.D. Contributions As Of xx/xx/xxxx" date. This will open a PDF of a spreadsheet where you can look up your council and see what you owe. As checks are deposited you will see the updates and verify your contribution has been received. This is the current hyperlink for those of you who like to bookmark these key pages

<https://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=51>

For Culture of Life (CoL), amounts due are calculated similar to PKD except the rate is \$3.50 per. To look up what your council owes, again go to the State Council webpage, but this time click on the gold button "State Forms" under the picture of the Brother Knight praying the Rosary. Scroll about half way down the page to Community, then sub title Culture of Life, then click on Culture of Life Council Fund Donations FY 2021-2022 (xx/xx/xxxx) date. *{The link to this page can change so the best way to access this is to follow the above instructions}* A PDF of a spreadsheet will open allowing you to look up your council's Donations and Amount above or below goal. The amount is a combination of donations from the CoL mailer that went out in November and your council's contributions. Both the PKD and CoL donations are listed on member dues each year but are not required to be paid by members or councils, yet highly encouraged. CoL contributions help fund grants to Pro Life agencies and services across the state.

Checks should be written to Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus or WI State Council Knights for short. Payments should be sent to the State Council office: Knights of Columbus, 4297 W Beltline Hwy, Madison WI 53711.

Administrative Manager, Steve Geishirt

Tootsie Roll Update

Tootsie Rolls are coming. Are you ready?

The Tootsie Rolls have been ordered and I hope they begin to arrive in late March or early April. Does your council have a plan in place of how you are going to successfully hold the drive to assist those with intellectual disabilities? If so, that is great! If you don't have a plan in place now is the perfect time to get it set up to make your drive successful.

How do you have a successful drive?

Find a location to collect donations.

Select days that work for your council and community. All funds turned in before June 30 will be returned this fall. Money turned in from July 1-January 15 will be returned in February 2023.

Choose the groups you want to support and promote them in your drive.

Contact ALL your members to assist. Maybe they cannot help but it helps to make them feel like a member of your council and they will be more willing to help with future projects, if they think they are a wanted member of your council.

This project is possibly your easiest sell to your members and your community. **People want to help people with intellectual disabilities, so ask them to help.**

I will keep everyone posted of when the Tootsie Rolls are being shipped, if I find out before you do, but I don't always find out before the trucks leave Chicago. Once the candy arrives, please deliver it, or pick it up. The business and DDs are generous enough to accept the Tootsie Rolls, be considerate and get it out of their business and out of their cars.

Thank you for all you do for the Order and those in Wisconsin with Intellectual Disabilities.

Mark Jelinek

WI KC ID Director

Membership Notes

March 2022



*"Chrity is to be measured, not
by what one has given away, but
by what one has left."
Venerable Servant of
God Fulton J. Sheen*

Our members are our greatest strength and it is 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 living them each day.

Why do we wait to run our programs when we can run them today? Why wait to invite men and their families tomorrow, when today is what we have? Tempus Fugit! We are in a race and every new member and their family matters.

What are you doing today to grow our beloved order in Wisconsin?

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.

<u>FY 2021-2022 DMC's</u>
Green Bay Diocese Chuck Rohr (wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com)
La Crosse Diocese Scott Frome (safro.1616@gmail.com)
Madison Diocese Doc Casey (doc_karencasey@charter.net)
Milwaukee ArchDiocese Les Kostera (leskostera@yahoo.com)
Superior Diocese Mark Rasmussen (rasmussenm82@gmail.com)

WISCAPITA LEADER BOARD

(UNOFFICIAL RESULTS as of 2/25/2022)

WISCAPITA
+ Council reaches & maintains Supreme Membership INTAKE Quota by March 31st - 50% reduction of thier April per-capita
Halfway There
Council who reaches 50% of thier 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 from the State Council, giving councils an even better opportunity to do good works in their parishes and communities.

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	200%*
9546	87	Birchwood	166.67%
1080	41	Darlington	157.14%
973	67	Kenosha	155.14%
1133	90	Merrill	150%
1647	73	Lake Geneva	133.33%*
2836	3	Shawano	133.33%
12596	15	Mackville	133.33%
17035	29	Abbotsford	133.33%
4869	2	Oconto Falls	125%
5127	29	Colby	125%
6228	14	Wautoma	125%

Membership Notes

March 2022

10715	63	Germantown	125%	1957	012	Two Rivers	57.14%
4706	69	Milwaukee	120%	6460	051	De Forest	57.14%
4527	47	Madison	111.11%	2137	083	Rice Lake	55.56%
710	12	Manitowoc	100%	1478	048	Watertown	50.00%
531	47	Madison	100%	4735	013	Denmark	50.00%
1922	3	Clintonville	100%*	6754	083	Chetek	50.00%
2770	20	Mauston	100%	7732	011	Hilbert	50.00%
5008	3	Tigerton	100%				
5844	13	Luxemburg	100%				
6508	50	Edgerton	100%				
6630	42	Belleville	100%				
7319	83	Bruce	100%				
13733	68	Village of Big Bend	100%				
15090	64	Waukesha	100%				
16298	82	Amery	100%				
16765	67	Kenosha	100%				
16863	47	Monona	100%				

Ranking (as of 2/16/22) Intake

	Quota	Intake	Pct.
Madison	201	121	60%
Green Bay	228	118	52%
Milwaukee	275	134	49%
Superior	128	57	45%
La Crosse	182	80	44%

Every Council Active # Councils / # Active / Pct.

Milwaukee	70	41	59%
Madison	63	35	56%
Green Bay	69	38	55%
La Crosse	61	31	51%
Superior	41	20	49%

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

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 then 100% will receive a 25% reduction.

Jack Wrbanich, IPSD
State Membership Director
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Halfway There

1789	061	Plymouth	80.00%
524	064	Milwaukee	77.78%
2487	063	Oconomowoc	77.78%
6279	006	Howard	75.00%
1002	003	Antigo	66.67%
8985	087	Webster	66.67%
9082	047	Madison	66.67%
10522	030	Pittsville	66.67%
11129	061	Sheboygan Falls	66.67%
16217	009	Combined Locks	66.67%
16333	013	Green Bay	66.67%
6547	050	Milton	62.50%
499	091	Superior	60.00%
6690	048	Lake Mills	60.00%
7775	048	Cottage Grove	60.00%





Online Membership

Current e-membership in the state stands at:

CLASS / TYPE – as of date	01-26-2022	02-23-2022	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	167	163	- 4
INSURANCE	38	38	No change
INACTIVE	11	11	No change
HONORARY	0	0	No change
HONORARY LIFE	1	1	No change
AFFILIATE in 98048	8	5 (correction of designation)	- 3
AFFILIATE in 97048	162	350	+ 188
EXEMPT	2	2	No change
ASSIGNED	120	115	- 5
UNASSIGNED	7	4	- 3
TOTAL	216	212	- 4
Goal for Assigned and unassigned e-member prospects is ZERO			
New e-members YTD #	195	219	+ 24
New e-members YTD % of target (422)	46%	52%	+ 6%
Conversion into a council YTD #	132	150	+ 18
Conversion into a council YTD %	68%	68%	No change
Order wide YTD conversion %		45%	N/A
All time intake #	880	902	+ 22
All time conversion into a council #	622	639	+ 17
All time conversion into a council %	71%	71%	No change
Order wide all-time conversion %		47%	N/A

Please note the green highlighted cells above. Wisconsin is well above the Order wide conversion rate. Keep it up. I believe we can do even better. 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 completing 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.

Please COMMUNICATE timely with your Prospects. Delay may result in the e-member becoming a DETRACTOR rather than a PROMOTER. These are a few comments from DETRACTORS from a recent survey:

- “Nobody has contacted me locally”

- “I did not receive a welcome packet.”
- “I need to know more about my council’s meetings and activities”
- “Delay in joining local council, disappointing to say the least”
- “There's been no interest in engaging with me on a local level”
- “I have tried to contact 2 local councils and neither has responded to me. Very disappointed.”
- “Haven't done any good works yet.

Please help make our e-members PROMOTERS. COMMUNICATE – COMMUNICATE – COMMUNICATE.

Order wide, there are 31,037 e-members awaiting contact by local councils. E-membership accounts for 60.8% of all new members in the Order this fraternal year. In other words, this is a very successful and accepted (by new members) method of gaining new members.

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.
- There is a new (as of 02-22-22) process in joining online. Instead of having to enter a verification code (a source of error), after the member completes and submits the first page of the online join process, which include his email address, he is sent an email to verify the email address. That email will contain a clickable link (available for only 24-hours) to complete the join process. Should he fail to act within the 24-hour window, he will see an error message and must restart the join process.

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 This video will be updated in March to reflect the new join verification process.
- [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.

WI Online Membership Coordinator

William G. Hitt

www.kofc.org/joinus



Programs

Brothers,

Here we are in March – approaching the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark for our Fraternal Year, 3 months into 2022 and with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Do you have our Order-wide Membership Activity (Church Drive) ready to go? Have you set up your Information Night and Knighthood Exemplification as follow up? March 2 is Founders Day – what do you have planned to honor the anniversary of our Order and its Blessed Founder? What activities do you have planned in the month ahead to activate and engage your members, prospects,

parishioners, parents, etc. – fish fries, Stations and Holy Hours, Blood Drives, Food for Families, 40 Cans for Lent, Spiritual Reflection and Family Rosary Programs, Helping Hands projects, Knowledge and Free Throw Contests, Charity Raffle, laying plans for your ID Drives and spring Soccer Contests, etc.? Urge your members and parishioners to all participate in the upcoming Holy Week Triduum liturgies, especially the Good Friday Family Attendance Promotion. Are you $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way or more toward fulfilling your membership quotas as you should be? Have you turned in your History Book (due Feb. 1) and your State Service Program Award applications (Due March 1)? Are your forms up-to-date (185, 365, summer and winter Audits, Fraternal Survey and Special Olympics participation forms in as they should be)? Is your Child Safety Requirement completed? If so, great!! – Congratulations. If not, why not? Get it done – now! You should be well on your way to Star Council and its associated awards.

It's not too early to be filling out your Columbian Award form (SP7) and your Wisconsin Outstanding Council checklist – available from the Supreme and State website respectively. Start filling them out now so come May-June, you have your requirements done and they're ready to turn in. With the COVID scourge starting to lift, it should be easier than the past 2 years to open things up and get back to "normal."

Remember also to file your Form 10784 program reports – 1 to Supreme; 1 to the State Forms address for your completed Faith in Action programs, better when they are done rather than all at once.

The Department of Fraternal Mission at Supreme is emphasizing that we now have reached 1500 Ultrasounds since 2009, helping over 1 million women and infants. They are featuring presently the Pregnancy Center Support Program with the “Walking with Moms in Need” Initiative. For more information, check walkingwithmoms.com. Any participation in either of these 2 initiatives will earn 2 credits on your SP7 for this Fraternal Year.

Another program being promoted is the Global Wheelchair Initiative. One chair costs \$150. The Supreme Knight is challenging Councils to fund 100,000 by the Supreme Convention.

Finally, being the peacemaker and internationalist I’ve always been, I cannot emphasize enough the need to pray for a peaceful, swift resolution to the conflict in Ukraine. I join with our Ukrainian KC Brothers, Pope Francis and the Supreme Knight in their plea to join this crusade for prayer – be it personal, family Council and parish Holy Hours, etc. You may be able to combine it with a St. Joseph Icon or Blessed McGivney Holy Hour. You are also urged to donate to any KC Drive or other drives to provide humanitarian aid and assistance. Working with the Red Cross on aid or a blood drive could also help. Let’s all do what we can.

Peace and Blessings to you all.

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director



General Agent Message

Dear, Bishops, Priests, State
Family and Brothers,

I am glad to say that it feels
like the weather is starting to
become more of what each of
us can tolerate.



This month I wanted to talk about the Gospel according to Mark 9:41-50. As I went to mass with the Priest this last week, he spoke about “keeping salt in us”. This does not sound like something that his doctor would be too excited about hearing, would it? He joked about his salt levels and how his doctor had been warning him to cut back the sodium in his diet. In the reading it says we “everyone will be salted with fire”. Now at face value that seems okay. But Jesus also says that if “salt loses its taste what good it is”? So, if we are the Salt of the world, and if fire is the true salt, then fire is our seasoning. I hope I didn’t lose you there, then it would stand to reason that our Fire comes from the Holy Spirit. If that is true then how do we get it, keep it, and renew it? Glad you asked. It is in the 40 days of Lent, that we can find what is lost, or we can restoke the flame that might have grown dim. I suggest that through **Charity** (alms giving), fasting, prayer and penance, we can reclaim the level of salt in which Mark’s Gospel speaks of.

The Knights of Columbus provides us an avenue for doing those activities with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Look for ways to do something that has never been done in you Church, your city, or your council with the thought of bringing up the salt level there. Bring the Holy Spirit's Flame reignited to prepare for that Easter candle in our hearts this year. I am glad to be with you on this journey and look forward to spending time with all of you discussing the new ways we are lighting that flame in Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan this year.

If you discuss this reading with your doctor, tell him that I just recommended only a little salt not a lot 😊

God Bless your Lenten Journey,

Tim Nowak, GA

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

www.kofcwi.org



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".**

March 28th at 7 pm

We are Excited to have Special Guest - Estate Planning Law Specialist and Accredited Estate Planner® Attorney Daniel Purtell with us to discuss: General estate planning, elder law, wealth transfer strategies, planning for young families, and issues relating to farm and business succession

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



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

TEAM WISCONSIN DRIVE

“WE MADE IT”

A **THANK YOU** to **ALL Councils**, that have donated to this drive over the last 3+ years. Our drive to fund the travel expenses of Team Wisconsin athletes to the National games in Orlando, FL in June 2022 is coming to an end. The goal of this drive is **\$125,000.00** which needed to be collected before the Wis K of C Convention in 2022. At the time of this writing, (2-18-22) we have received \$125,138.11. We have made this worth will cause despite the Covid problems of the last few years. Any additional funds received before our May State Convention will be a bonus to Special Olympics.

I would expect that this program will continue for the 2026 Team. Any funds received after Convention will be credited to the 2026 drive.

PLEASE mail checks made out to **Wis K of C Charities, Wis State Council, or Special Olympics** that are for the drive 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

Save the DATE!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**



**Merrill
Golf Club**

2022 State Golf Tournament



July 30th & 31st 2022

Golf Course Activities Include:

- Shotgun Start @ 9AM
- Men's & Mixed Divisions
- Hole-in-One Events
- Closest-to-the-Pin Contest
- 50 /50 Raffle
- Raffle Items
- Gift Bag & Box Lunch
- **FUN!!!**



Off-Site Activities Include:

- **Saturday 4PM Mass**
(St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church)



- **Golfer's Banquet**
(Saturday – at the Course)
- **Cocktails @ 5PM**
(Cash Bar)
- **Dinner @ 6PM**
(Baked Chicken , BBQ Ribs & More!)

\$85.00 / Person
(Day 1 or Day 2)
\$150.00 / 2 Days

Sponsored By:



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Council #1133

(See Reverse Side for Registration Form & Additional Information)



2022 State Golf Tournament

Register Today!



EVENT DATE: Saturday & Sunday / July 30th & 31st 2022

EVENT TIME: Registration @ 7:30AM / Shotgun Start @ 9:00AM

Merrill Golf Club / 1604 O'Day Street, Merrill, WI

Phone: 715-536-2529 / Email: manager@merrillgolfclub.com



Established in the late 1920's, **Merrill Golf Club**, is the one of the oldest 18-hole golf facilities in the Northwoods. After the completion of the back nine in 1986, Merrill Golf Club is one of the more challenging and longest courses in Central Wisconsin. With banquet facility, two bars, and patio overlooking the 9th hole, Merrill Golf Club makes a welcome environment for our visiting Knights and their guests!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2022

EVENT COST: \$85 / Day / Person
\$150 / 2-Days

If a foursome, please list your team captain & all team members below. **Each team member is responsible for their own registration form.** No metal spikes or "cutoffs" please.



TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME	E-MAIL	PHONE

GOLFER NAME(S)	Council Number	PLEASE MAKE YOUR SELECTION			AMOUNT
		Golf Sat. & Banquet	Golf Sun. & Banquet	Golf Both & Banquet	Total
(Example)		\$85.00	\$85.00	\$150.00	
John Smith	1234			X	\$150.00
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

Note: If golf events for both Saturday & Sunday are not filled, we will put teams together as necessary.

Special Note: I have members of my party that are not golfing but wish to attend the banquet at the course on Saturday evening:

NUMBER of GUEST DINNERS @ \$16.00 / Person _____

Send / Fax / E-mail this Entry Form to:

Fr. Rene Menard Council #1133

1708 E. 10th St. Merrill, WI 54452

cohrc@charter.net

Ph: 715-218-1791; Fax: 877-577-5971

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Please return form w/check payable to: **Fr. Rene Menard Council #1133**

LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS:

- AmericInn by Wyndham Merrill: 715-536-7979
- Cobblestone Inn in Merrill: 715-539-6880

- Wausau area hotels (Near Shopping)
- Hilton Garden Inn: 715-298-5775
- Wausau Hampton Inn: 715-848-9700

Supreme Training Update

Below are the trainings being offered in March 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.

3/7/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/4105049073706358285>

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.



3/15/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/9096162261228168976>

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.

3/21/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8079725334000461838>

Enhancing Member 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.

3/14/22 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6341861444393444880>

Covid/Council Recovery Project CRP

We all know that this pandemic has been very different and also very challenging. As Catholics, many of us have had our churches shut down for a prolonged period of time with limited opportunities to receive the sacraments. And as Knights, it's been tough to keep up the fraternity and friendships. Also, our fundraisers and events have been affected in great ways too. Some of our councils have found ways to adapt and adjust but that hasn't always been the case everywhere. This training will help organize and direct councils on what steps can help be more effective in your parish and community as we continue to have restrictions eased in our areas.

3/22/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7376017001502982927>

Forms and the Supreme Website

Many councils have been struggling with where and how to fill out the form on the Supreme website. Where do we find them? How do we fill them out? Who can fill out the online forms? Who has access? Lots of questions to go through and we will get the answers together.

3/28/22 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5874652565472686350>

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/15665362>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is in 1st place in the order and have submitted **10.4%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Michael C Welsh Family** (Columbus Council 1609, District 51, Madison Diocese).

Diocese

La Crosse Diocese led with **77%** district participation with Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **13** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	John and Heidi School	La Crosse	John and Brittany Heike
Madison	Thomas and Jean Pionke	Milwaukee	Gilbert and Penni Beine
Superior	John and Kris Deering		

District

59% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Three districts submitted three or more families and twelve 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.bcvp0rtal.com/detail/videos/forms_/video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-10784-training-video?autoStart=true

After you fill out the online 10784, you will receive a PDF file that you can include in your council history books. **Please forward this PDF to forms@wikofc.com** so that your family can be considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award.

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

St. Joseph Icon Program – Schedule

This year’s Icon Program is with the St. Joseph Icon. We have the Icons, Books, and Cards and they are traveling with the Icons. For more information, please see the Supreme Resources at:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html>

Please contact State Coordinator Dennis Bednarek with any questions on this program.

Transfer date	Icon 1	Icon 2	Icon 3	Icon 4
Saturday, January 1, 2022	64	6	47	25
Saturday, February 5, 2022	65	7	45	23
Saturday, March 12, 2022	70	3	43	21
Saturday, April 16, 2022	68	4	51	31
Saturday, May 21, 2022	72	5	52	32
Saturday, June 25, 2022	67	8	42	22
Saturday, July 30, 2022	73	13	40	24
Saturday, September 3, 2022	49	2	41	30
Saturday, October 8, 2022	50	1	26	29
Saturday, November 12, 2022	48	80	46	27
Saturday, December 10, 2022	63	85	44	28
Saturday, January 21, 2023	62	91	14	90
Saturday, February 25, 2023	69	83	10	89
Saturday, April 1, 2023	60	81	25	87
Saturday, May 6, 2023	61	82	11	
Saturday, June 10, 2023	66		12	
Saturday, July 15, 2023	71		9	

Vivat Jesus

SK Dennis Bednarek PGK PFN FDD

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Wisconsin State Council Silver Rose Chairman

Waukesha Assembly 1304 Comptroller

Mukwonago Council 7048 Financial Secretary

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