

# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

May 2021

[Wisconsin State Website](#)

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## The Journey Continues

As we closed out our first ever 'hybrid' State Convention this past weekend, I want to thank everyone who was able to join us in person or virtually to hear updates on the State Council. For all of us, this past year has been extremely challenging and at the same time gratifying. Gratifying in that in spite of all the challenges that we were faced with, we persevered forward and as the 'journey continues' we now are better equipped to face future obstacles towards growing our order and engaging our Parish communities with Programs.

As mentioned at the State Convention, I would like to encourage every council to engage their Parish Priest this coming month of May to discuss a 'WELCOME BACK' event sponsored by the Knights to invite Parishioners back to Mass. As Knights, our Priests need us now more than ever. We need to step forward to help ease the burden they are faced with welcoming and engaging their parishioners as things slowly return back closer to normal. This past month Supreme rolled out their Covid Recovery Program (CRP) to help engage councils with activities and ideas to become engaged once again post-Covid. I encourage all council leaders to discuss ways for their council to utilize this program with their Parishes and Priests. In the coming month as we enter into the new Fraternal Year, you will hear more about this program—but the time is now to start 'planting the seeds' (as we do in Spring) on this great opportunity to walk alongside our Parish priests in welcoming back our Parishioners. Thanks to all for the patience with our State Officer Team and leaders as we tried to conduct our first ever Hybrid State Convention. This was a condensed agenda for the Convention and also included challenges of changes along the way regarding the technology tools and information needed as mandated by Supreme. It was surely a busy April for all of our State Officers as we had to be flexible to these changes. Lastly-I want to congratulate all those councils that met their membership intake goal by April 30<sup>th</sup> to allow a waiver of the State Per-Capita for April 1. In this next year we will explore further ways to help 'motivate' and 'incentivize' councils to try and grow our order. More to come on this at your Summer District Meetings.

Vivat Jesus!

Corey Coonen  
State Deputy



## Now is the time to pray

Brother Knights, now is the time to pray. As I was saying at the Wisconsin State Conference I talked about prayer as a first step toward our decisions and actions. As you should know I encourage pilgrimage as a prayer activity and, now that we are in the month of May, hope you will make the best of the weather that God gives us. I also would like to encourage what I encouraged at the conference and in the Newsletter last December. That would be a Knights of Columbus Chaplet that my local council has been praying before our meetings. It is pretty short and simple and we have a brochure that gives guidelines on how you can

pray it. The Chaplet Brochure can be found on the State Website at [http://uknight.org/States/Jake's%20KofC%20Brochure%20\(1\)%20\(02182021\).pdf](http://uknight.org/States/Jake's%20KofC%20Brochure%20(1)%20(02182021).pdf)

Sincerely, Fr. Andrew Kurz  
Knights of Columbus, Wisconsin State Chaplain

# 2021 Wisconsin State Council Convention

## State Officer Election Results

### State Officers for 2021-2022

State Deputy – Corey C. Coonen

State Secretary – John P. Huttenhoff

State Treasurer – Miles A. Casey

State Advocate – Paul E. Lang

State Warden – Michael G. Tennies

Immediate Past State Deputy – Jack V. Wrbanich

## Supreme Delegate Election Results

### Representatives for Insurance Membership

DD Henry “Tre” Waldren III

FDD Steven F. Hesprich

FDD Dennis A. Koranda

Gary W. Maier

### Representatives for Associate Membership

FDD William G. Hitt

DD Les A. Kostera

FDD Bernard S. Heit

PSD Daniel E. Hull

# 2022 Wisconsin State Council Convention

May 6-8, 2022 – Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells

# Charity Raffle Results

## SALES FOR 2021 CHARITY RAFFLE

	Total Ticket Sales	Total Tickets
Green Bay	\$ 149,365	29,873
LaCrosse	\$ 131,540	26,308
Madison	\$ 123,735	24,747
Milwaukee	\$ 122,035	24,407
Superior	\$ 87,955	17,591
Total	\$ 614,630	122,926
***Estimated expenses for 2020-21	\$ (150,000)	
***Estimated proceeds	\$ 464,630	
***Estimated Council Allocation	\$ 302,009.50	\$2.4568 per ticket
***Estimated available for State	\$ 162,620.50	

\*\*\* Numbers will be finalized after end of fiscal year

## Charity Raffle Winners List

The Winners List is posted on the State Website

<http://uknight.org/States/Charity%20raffle%20winners%202021-11.pdf>

<http://uknight.org/States/Charity%20raffle%20winners%202021-11.pdf> **Wisconsin 4th  
Degree**



I would like to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard that participated at the 120th Annual Wisconsin State Council Convention this past weekend. You encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community. It is a pleasure to serve with you. A special thank you to the Vice Supreme Master Craig Larson for joining us and Commander David Sytkowski who was in charge of the Honor Guard at the Convention.

James TenPas  
Eastern District Master

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## Online Membership

We have just under two months to go to meet your membership goals for the fraternal year. Please utilize the tools made available to you by Supreme.

Do you need to know how to use the Prospect and Candidate tabs of Officers Online? Supreme has new short 'how-to' videos for each. Go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org), click on the 'For Members' button, then on the 'Training and Webinars' button, then on "Fraternal 'how-to' videos", then on 'Membership'. There you will find the videos (a quick run through) as well as many other resources you will notice along the way.

For those of you who attended the state convention on Saturday, May 1, you may have heard Worthy State Deputy Corey Coonan make lauds concerning me and what has been done in getting e-members signed up and transferred into councils. This is not due to my efforts alone. If it weren't for the hard work of the State Officer in Charge of a Diocese, District Deputies, Agents, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries and Membership Directors and Members of the local councils, NONE of this would have happened. Thank you to all of you who have actually done the grunt work at the local level. Keep it up. I couldn't do this without you.



As of this writing, there are 162 online members with 84 assigned to specific councils.

49 men joined online since Mar. 23.

35 men successfully participated in an online degree ceremony, 25 of whom are new members and 10 advancing.

40 online members were transferred into councils.

Here are the upcoming online degrees by the state officers:

5/13/2021	Thursday	7:00 PM	<a href="#">State May 13, 2021 7:00 PM</a>
5/25/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	<a href="#">State May 25, 2021 7:00 PM</a>
6/14/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	<a href="#">State June 14, 2021 7:00 PM</a>
6/29/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	<a href="#">State June 29, 2021 7:00 PM</a>

All these State offered degree links are also available on the state website degree schedule page. Register ahead with the above links, then sign in at the appropriate time with the link provided in the acceptance notification email.

**Anyone** may go to [Online degree info](#) at **any** time to access links to the Supreme [On Demand](#) degree and invitation letters. Please share these links with your new member candidates and existing members wanting to advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Then do not forget to follow up by transferring them into your council and updating their degree status.

Worthy District Deputies,  
By the time you read this I will have sent you a current listing of assigned e-members in your Diocese. Please assist your councils in getting these men through a degree and transferred into a council and getting their status updated.

State Online Membership Coordinator  
William G. Hitt

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## Membership

### Final Results from the "Per Capita Forgiveness" Incentive



Now that we have completed TWO ROUNDS of "Per Capita Forgiveness," we have reaped tangible benefits and seen a huge increase in our **State Membership Growth since January 1st**. Let's look at the FINAL Results:

A Total of **113 COUNCILS** will Save their "Per Capita" because they hit or exceeded their target, which included **10** additional Councils between March 16th and April 30th.

During "Per Capita ONE" (January 1st - March 15th) and "Per Capita TWO" (March 16th - April 30th), **the Councils in our state added a total of 409 New Members** (294 + 115 new members).

#### So, where are we sitting RIGHT NOW?

As of April 30th, we have **639** New Members added to our Order in the state

As of April 30th, **178** of our 304 Councils have added AT LEAST ONE New Member since July 1st, 2020, which means **58.55%** of our Councils are "**In the Game**" this year!

The **Circle of Honor** is an honor earned by jurisdictions who achieve their membership quota which is a challenging target. The Wisconsin quota for COH is 995 new members between July 1st, 2020 and June 30th, 2021.

As of April 30th, we have added **639** New Members, which is 64.22% of our COH quota of 995.

**In the remaining 60 days, we need to add 356 New Members**, which is an average of **SIX per DAY!** With COVID settling down, programs opening up, more Membership Drives occurring, and an abundance of sources for New Members (**RCIA**, Past Members, asking members & your Pastor **"Who do you know that ought to be a Knight?"** etc.) we can achieve that goal.

### Where are our FUTURE Knights Going to Come From? RCIA



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is how people become a member of the Catholic Faith. People who spend their time and talent to become a Catholic are the most motivated, strongest believers we have in the faith.

Go to your Pastor and your parish, ask for the name, and contact information for the MEN who just went through **RCIA**, and **INVITE THEM TO JOIN US!!**



#### Exemplifications Schedule:

In **MAY**, we have **TWO Multi-Degree EXEMPLIFICATIONS** sponsored by the State Council: **Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** & **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, both at 7pm

In **JUNE**, we also have **TWO Multi-Degree EXEMPLIFICATIONS** planned. They are on **Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**, also at 7pm. Click on the **State Website** (<http://uknight.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>) to register.

**Changes in our State Membership Organization and Team are coming for 2021-2022. Keep an eye out HERE to find out the details and how they will help us all GROW as a state!**

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Eastern District Exemplification

The Eastern District Fourth Degree is scheduled as a Virtual Degree on May 15, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Z-Gdhv5XToqh3HJE0s6oPQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z-Gdhv5XToqh3HJE0s6oPQ)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For mor information, Contact Worthy Eastern District Master James TenPas

[jamestenpas53@gmail.com](mailto:jamestenpas53@gmail.com)

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Western District Exemplification

The Western District Fourth Degree will hold a live face to face Degree on May 15, 2021. The Degree will be held at St Patrick's Catholic School Gym in Onalaska, Wisconsin starting at 1 pm. There will be no banquet at this Degree, just the exemplification. If Covid 19 takes a turn for the worse we will do this Degree virtually. The Honoree for this Degree is Curtis Noll. Let's make this Degree a huge success. More information will follow.

Dan Hull  
Master of the Western District

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### **STAR Council UPDATE:**

Supreme has very recently changed the quota for Councils to achieve the **McGivney Award** for

#### 2020-2021 FRATERNAL YEAR ADJUSTED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS FOR STAR COUNCIL

If your Membership Quota was...	Your Membership Quota is now...
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	6
8	6
9	7
10	8
11	9
12	10
13	10
14	11
15	12
16	13
17	14
18	14
19	15
20+	16

Membership Growth. **Our new quota is 80% of our old quota.** Here is a chart to give you the new numbers to pursue.

The **Founder's Award** for Insurance is now based on our Councils doing something we can control... encouraging our own members to check out the Knights insurance and financial products. If you haven't talked to a **Field Agent** recently, you have no idea what you're missing. To achieve the **Founder's Award**, we need to contact our **General/Field Agents** to conduct a Benefits Seminar they we promote to our

members.

Furthermore, we are great at INVITING prospects and others in our parishes to also attend sponsored Benefits Seminars. **From now until June 30<sup>th</sup>**, each sponsored seminar counts for TWO seminars, which fulfills our requirement for the **Founder's Award**.



With the reduced membership quota and double credit for **Benefits Seminars**, all councils are more readily able to achieve **STAR Council**. The criteria to become a **STAR Council** includes:

- ✓ **Columbian Award** for Council Programs (a total of 10 Programs, reduced from 16)
  - TWO programs EACH from **Faith, Family, Community & Life**
    - **Featured Programs and Leave No Neighbor Behind Programs** count DOUBLE
  - Two additional programs from any category
  - Submit a Form 10784 for each program and a Form SP-7 by June 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **McGivney Award** for Membership Growth – meet or achieve your Council’s membership quota
- ✓ **Founder’s Award** for Insurance Participation – **Sponsor a Benefits Seminar** with **at least three types** of promotion
  - Council Email Blast
  - Council Social Media Campaign
  - Parish Bulletin/Insert or Parish Event Poster
  - Parish Email Blast or Parish Social Media Campaign
  - Parish Pulpit Announcement
  - Prospect-specific Email Blast or Outreach
  - **Coordinate with your General Agent and Submit a Form 11077** to him after the seminar
- ✓ Be current on **REPORTS**: Form 1728 (Fraternal Activity) and Form 365 (Program Personnel)
- ✓ Be in Good Standing with Supreme... Bills Paid and In Compliance with Safe Environment rules



## Programs

Brothers,

Great to see so many of you at the State Convention last weekend in Lake Geneva! As we head into the last 2months of this Fraternal Year, there are several reminders I need to make.

1) As always, your goal should be Star Council. Presently, approximately 140 Councils have a reasonable chance to reach that goal. Let’s make that happen by being sure to: a) earn the Fr. McGivney Award by reaching or exceeding your membership growth goal (down 20% from your original goal); b) earning the Founder’s Award for insurance growth (helping

to host/promote 2 Benefits Nights – next virtual one set for June 3, work with your Field Agent and General Agent for this and/or to arrange one for your Council (Benefits nights hosted from March to June 30 will get double credit); earn the Columbian Award – your Form SP7 needs to be in by June 30. You need only 2 programs in each Faith in Action area and 2 others of your choosing. No programs are required. Double credit can be earned for featured programs that reach minimum levels of participation (see your FiA guidebook for details). You can also list good local and State programs as well. Presenting checks alone, however, is not a program; be sure you have your Form 1728 (Fraternal Survey) from January and your Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Form) from last August in as well. Finally, you need to have your Child Safety Training Requirements completed. If you have questions on these, contact your DD, State Officer in Charge of your Diocese, Diocesan Program Coordinator, State Advocate or me.

2) Other forms that you need to be working on that need to be in soon are: Form 185 (2021-22 Officers) is due July 1. Forms for reporting RSVP (2863), Food for Families (10057) need to be in by June 30. Form 10784's are due to Supreme and to the State Forms address whenever programs are concluded. The 10784 will soon replace most all other paperwork needed for the reporting of Supreme FiA programs. Your Roundtable Annual Reports and Coordinator Reports for 2021-22 should, preferably, also be in by June 30. Your 2020-21 Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award forms need to be downloaded from the State website, filled out and returned to me and the State Forms address by July 15! You may also wish to check the new "Program Forms Reference Guide" which can be downloaded from the Supreme website.

3) Congratulations to these Program Award winners that were announced at the State Convention:

Supreme Service Program Awards:

Faith – Divine Mercy St. Anne Council 16022, Pleasant Prairie

Family – St. Croix Council 1762, Hudson

Community – Abbot Pennings Council 3955, De Pere

Life – St. Croix Council 1762, Hudson

Leave No Neighbor Behind Program – Fr. Dodge Council 7827, Woodruff

History Book Prep Awards:

Green Bay Diocese - Abbot Pennings Council 3955, De Pere

La Crosse Diocese – Fr. John Eisen Council 1799, Marshfield

Madison Diocese – Cuba City Council 765, Cuba City

Milwaukee Archdiocese – St. Peter Council 12588, Slinger

Superior Diocese – St. Croix Council 1762, Hudson

Program Activity Awards:

Division I – Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey Council 17135, River Falls (La Crosse Diocese); Divine Mercy St. Anne Council 16022, Pleasant Prairie (Milwaukee Archdiocese)

Division II – St. Bernadette Council 12269, Appleton (Green Bay Diocese); Columbus Council 1669, Columbus (Madison Diocese); St. Leonard Council 6448, Muskego (Milwaukee Archdiocese); Fr. Rene Menard Council 1133, Merrill (Superior Diocese)

Division III – Abbot Pennings Council 3955, De Pere (Green Bay Diocese); Tomah Council 4125, Tomah (La Crosse Diocese); Frs. William & Christian Nellen Council 6371, Waunakee (Madison Diocese); Fr. Casper Rehrl Council 1964, West Bend (Milwaukee Archdiocese); St. Croix Council 1762, Hudson (Superior Diocese)

State Deputy Trophies:

Division I – Divine Mercy St. Anne Council 16022, Pleasant Prairie (GK Rich Mich)

Division II – St. Bernadette Council 12269, Appleton (GK Mark Koth)

Division III – St. Croix Council 1762, Hudson (GK Edward DePauw)

Medallion Awards:

Green Bay Diocese – SK Peter Denissen, Council 16699

Madison Diocese – SK Robert Pizer, Council 3396

Milwaukee Archdiocese – SK David Grau, Council 1709

Superior Diocese – SK Paul Krenik, Council 2845

At-Large – SK Edward Sypek, Council 5514

4) Two other programs that you all need to finish up with here in May and June are the Penny-a-Knight-a-Day (PKD) and State Culture of Life Fund donations. Every Council should be able to earn the 100% of quota PKD and CoL Awards. Get those checks in to State Office by June 30.

Have a great month of May. Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

Fraternally,  
Bill Frayer  
State Program Director

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## PKD and Culture of Life due dates

This is a reminder that Culture of Life and PKD contributions for each council are due by the end of June, 2021. PKD and CoL check have already been arriving at the office and we're off to a good start. There have also been a number of calls about the CoL spreadsheet needing updating, it is now current for those waiting to see their council goals. For details on where to find your councils goals and location to send the check, you can find that info and more in the March 2021 newsletter located on the WI State Council Website, left hand bar – Newsletter.

Steve Geishirt

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### General Agent Message

Two were bound for Emmaus by Bob Hurd

Two were bound for Emmaus, disheartened and lost; all hope for the future had been nailed to the cross, love unknown then walked beside them, come back from the dead, and they knew he was risen in the breaking of the bread.

On, the sea of Tiberius, when the night was nearly gone and their toil seemed so useless, not one fish had they caught, from the shore the stranger called to them: "Cast your net, friends, once more." And they filled it to bursting, but the net was not torn.

Then they knew it was Jesus and they had hastened into the shore, bread, and fish for their breakfast from the hands of their Lord. "O Peter, if you love me you must care for my sheep; if you follow your Shepherd, then a Shepherd you'll be."

When the road makes us weary, when our labor seems but loss, when the fire of faith weakens and too high seems the cost, let the church turned to its risen Lord, who for us bore the cross, and we'll find our hearts burning at the sound of his voice.



I would imagine some of you have heard this song before, however Judy and I had not. It was great to hear it sung the week after Divine Mercy Sunday. As I kept the lyrics and wanted to share them this month. The great thing about what we do as Knights of Columbus is provide hope for the Future, and hope in humanity as well as in our brothers in the order.

Sometimes we seem to think that our efforts are toiling uselessly, I can assure you that we do so much good for the membership, the church, and the state that we just need to keep casting our nets.

So if we follow the Shepard we can become shepherds, I have heard many times young people are not interested in our order, but I don't believe that, I believe people are hungry for new ways to be dynamic Catholics and we should show them the way. If we each just mentor one young Man with a young family we can build the New Evangelization that St. John Paul II talked about when he point to our lay organization and said this group of Faith filled Brothers will bring about the change needed in the church. So, become a Shepard to someone today.

The cost of keeping the Flame alive in our faith is everything. We are called like Father Larry Richards says to die to ourselves in the service of others. We are to live as to be nail to the Cross with Jesus so when we hear his voice our Hearts will be burning to share our love of him and of our beloved order.

I know we have some strong councils and really good Leadership in this State, we just need more men to hear our call of brotherhood, so we can rebuild where we need to rebuild and place our trust in you Jesus for our future.

Vivat Jesus, Tim Nowak

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## Covid Recovery Program

Brothers,

With so many parishes struggling to open back up, Catholics slow to return to mass, Councils struggling to return to normal programming and in-person meetings, Supreme has begun a new “COVID Recovery Program (CRP). This simple program is intended to help Councils resume fraternal operations and support the recovery of their parishes! It provides a flexible framework that can be adopted to pandemic circumstances in your area. Visit the program webpage from the Supreme website and download the Program Guidebook for all the information you’ll need to succeed.

As for programs in general, remember that all Faith in Action programs can still be done virtually or with hybrid live and virtual, drive-by, no contact methods as needed in your area; State programs as well. Your top priority still needs to be helping your pastor however needed; and parish, community (Leave No Neighbor Behind) programs first.

The new Fr. McGivney Prayer Hour program is highly recommended. You may also still do a Soccer Challenge program which is easy to run in May. Report your results to your Diocesan Program Coordinator and the State Forms address by June 1. Diocesan and State Contests will be run in June if warranted or Diocesan/State winners will be determined by the end of June.

May offers a number of program opportunities as well with the Marian Month, emphasis on St. Joseph in this “Year of Joseph,” Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, Mother’s Day and Pentecost (“the Church’s birthday”) as just a few of the themes that Councils can build programs around. In addition, there are 1<sup>st</sup> Communions, Confirmations (eg. Sacramental Gifts program!), graduations.

The ID Drive can still be done at churches or other sites.

Finally, as the Worthy State Deputy said in his annual report to the State Convention: “I want every Council, before the end of June, to conduct a “welcome back” event at weekend mass, sponsored by the Knights. I would strongly encourage all of you to focus on Father’s Day weekend as a celebration of the Father in this Year of Joseph. What better way to evangelize what the Knights are all about than to Recognize the Family and the Father? Whether it be coffee or donuts or whatever your parish allows in this environment – there’s no reason we can’t take advantage of this Father’s Day weekend to welcome back all of our KC members to weekend mass and celebrate all the Fathers of the parish. This is a great opportunity to fill the pews for your parish priest – a sight I’m sure that he’d welcome in this challenging time and reinvigorate your parishioners in a site of unity with our Fraternity of men.”

He also said, “We are relentless in our efforts to try and recover our Councils to conducting faith in Action programs and engage potential new members – growing our Councils. Now, more than ever, our parish priests are looking for support – and I’m sure would be more than willing to help grow your Councils if you’re willing to assist them in re-engaging their parishioners... We can’t leave our parish priests carrying the burden of the cross – in trying to bring parishioners back to mass. We need to step into the breach and **lead** – helping make reach out calls to parishioners as we are to Leave No Neighbor Behind. Inviting them back to a Mass of Celebration for the Knights...”

So, let’s **lead** and get this done! We’ll all be the better for it.

Fraternally,  
Bill Frayer  
State Program Director

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Our drive to fund travel expenses have had a few major contributions, It was my pleasure to present checks to Special Olympics for just short of \$11,000.00. We received \$3,200.00 from Supreme, over \$5,500 That had been donated thru The KCs Charity account. And a big THANKS to Fr John Eisen Council 1799, Marshfield for \$2500.00. At the present I do not have an exact figure on our drive, but will next month.

Please keep in mind our drive to fund the travel expenses when you have your Tootsie Roll drive or any type of Fund raiser. Remember that Councils can use funds from their Charities account for this.

Here are a few ideas for helping Special Olympics. There are a number of events where they are in need of volunteers to help run the programs. Council members can help out at these events.

May 8<sup>th</sup>, Regional Athletics, Chippewa Falls High School; Contact Michaela 715-204-9696

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Regional Athletics, Edgerton High School, Contact Nicole 608-442-5670

May 15<sup>th</sup>, State Football Muwonago High School, contact Jason, 262-518-2313

May 15<sup>th</sup>, Regional Athletics, Mukwonago high School, Contact Jason, 262-518-2313

May 15<sup>th</sup>, Regional Athletics, Racine Case High School, Contact Hailey  
[hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org)

May 15<sup>th</sup>, Regional Athletics, Merrill High School, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

May 15<sup>th</sup>, Regional Athletics, Brillion High School, Contact Curt 920-659-5911

June 5<sup>th</sup>, District Swimming, UW Stevens Point, Contact Michaela 715-204-9696

June 6<sup>th</sup>, District Swimming, Wis Dells Municipal Pool, Contact Nicole 608-442-5670

June 26<sup>th</sup>, State Track Meet, YWCA Oconomowoc, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

June 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>, State Swim Meet, Lawrence University Appleton, Contact Jason 262-518-2313

July 10<sup>th</sup>, District Bocce, Softball, La Crosse, Contact, Michaela 715-204-9696

July 11<sup>th</sup>, District Bocce, Softball, Tee Ball, New Berlin, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

July 10<sup>th</sup>, District Bocce, Lake Geneva, Contact Hailey [hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org)

August 7<sup>th</sup>, State Outdoor Sports Tournament, Carrol University Waukesha, Contact Jason 262-518-2313

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, Southern State Golf, Columbus, Contact Nicole 608-442-5670

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, Unified Bowling, Bowl-A-Vard Madison, Contact Nicole 608-442-5670

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, State Volleyball, Menomonee Falls, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, Northern State Bowling, Weston Dales Lanes, Contact Michaela 715-207-9696

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Southern Dstate Bowling, Wauwatosa, Contact Hailey [hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org)

God Bless

John Benisch

Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator

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## ID Update

Brother Knights,

It was great being able to attend the State Convention this past weekend. Attendance was down as expected but I believe that all who attended enjoyed it immensely. It was a pleasure to present the winners of last year's Tootsie Roll Drive for Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities. The winners are as follows:

Highest Council Collection:

State Champion & Green Bay Diocese – Abbot Penning Council 3955, De Pere

La Crosse Diocese – George J. Schreier Council 1069, Wausau

Madison Diocese – Fr. Gilbert Carlton Council 9360, Janesville

Milwaukee Diocese – St. Peter Council 12588, Slinger

Superior Diocese – Father Dodge Council 7827, Woodruff

Highest Per Member Collection:

Green Bay Diocese – Charles Dombrowski Council 3432, Waupaca

La Crosse Diocese - George J. Schreier Council 1069, Wausau

Madison Diocese – Fr. Gilbert Carlton Council 9360, Janesville

Milwaukee Diocese – St. Peter Council 12588, Slinger

State Champion & Superior Diocese – Father Dodge Council 7827, Woodruff

I have received several checks already this year from councils who have already held their drive and the results are looking good. Keep in mind that you have until September 1<sup>st</sup> to submit your check and form in order to get checks back from the state this year. This extension gives councils the opportunity to hold their drives in pleasant weather. We all know how unpredictable Mother Nature can be.

Plan your event carefully to ensure you have permission to hold your drive at the locations you desire and sign up workers. Last year people were extremely generous and I suspect that this may continue this year.

Have a wonderful drive.

Fraternally yours,

Don Schoenherr

WI KofC ID Director



## Culture of Life

### Ultrasound Project Update

Raising funds in these times is extremely difficult, so we are casting the net into the deep and could really use your help! If your council has funds set aside for ultrasound projects, here is your chance to make an impact. Your donation will save GENERATIONS of thousands of families!

I know there are some councils out there who are positioned to donate big for a fundraiser like this. Pray about it. Lives depend on it. I believe that the future of our nation depends on it, as we are in a negative fertility rate in the US at 1.78 births per woman of childbearing age.

Here are the two active ultrasound campaigns in Wisconsin. Msgr Heim Council #15665's ultrasound is going to Life Choices in Burlington. Please send your donations for Burlington to Worthy FS Mark Mandry, listed below. Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552's ultrasound is going to St. Gianna Molla Clinic in Green Bay. Council #10552 has asked that you write the check out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. in Madison – BUT PLEASE EARMARK IT FOR COUNCIL #10552 ON THE MEMO LINE!

Msgr Heim Council #15665  
FS Mark Mandry  
513 Lewis St  
Burlington, WI 53105-1021  
(262) 767-9288 (R)  
(262) 492-3155 (C)  
[msmandry1127@gmail.com](mailto:msmandry1127@gmail.com)

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

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they **MUST** include the council number in the memo portion of the check (eg: #15665 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc  
Memo: (**#15665 or #10552 ultrasound**)  
4297 W Beltline Highway  
Madison, WI 53711-3859

Once these ultrasound campaigns are funded, Wisconsin Knights of Columbus local councils and Supreme Council will have purchased 47 ultrasound machines for our precious Wisconsin babies! Vivat Jesus!

Through Christ,



Dan Miller  
State Director  
Culture of Life Committee  
State Council – Knights of Columbus  
Oconomowoc Council #2487  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #1304  
[Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org](mailto:Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org) – 262-993-6262

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## Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

February continues the great progress for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below but click on the Flocknote link below for all the details.

This is followed by information on an opportunity to go camping!



## 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/11960156>. Check it out!

### Supreme

Wisconsin is in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the order with 60 FOMs representing **13.6%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Michael Plear Family** (Cuba City Council 765, District 41, Madison Diocese).

### Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **85%** district participation and was the diocese with the most FOMs by submitting **15** families.

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

<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>Budde and Jennifer Fifarek</b>	<b>La Crosse</b>	<b>Adam and Beth Burmeister</b>
<b>Madison</b>	<b>David and Michelle Golz</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>Alan and Jane Padlock</b>
<b>Superior</b>	<b>Donald and Sandy Schoenherr</b>		

### District

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

### Council

There was **one** new council submitting a family of the month. Welcome **Columbus Council 1609** from Columbus.

**April Family of the Month deadline is May 15.**

### Golden Family Councils

Golden Family Councils are those that submit a family of the month each month of the fraternal year starting in July and ending in the following June. There are **40** Golden Family Councils that submitted for the months of July through March. Thank you, councils, as you are demonstrating true leadership in this program.

### Supreme News

54% of the family of the months were submitted using the new Online 10784 form! **Thank you!** Remember that **Supreme will stop accepting the 10668 FOM in July 2021.**

There is a problem with the online 10784 where the family summary is restricted to 250 characters. Supreme is aware of the problem and are in the process of fixing it but it may take until the end of the fraternal year.

Here is a link to the video on how to fill out the new **online** version of the 10784 form.

[https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLila0f\\_default/index.html?videoId=6196175376001](https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLila0f_default/index.html?videoId=6196175376001).

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](mailto:forms@wikofc.com)** so that your family can be considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award. Family Programs

## Camping

Our Worthy District 46 Deputy **Paul Quigley** is inviting everyone to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Campout being held from June 25 – 27 in Wonewoc Wisconsin. **Reservations can be made by calling 608-464-3200.**



Please fill out the form by May 1<sup>st</sup>. To get the form, contact Paul at

- 608-393-1623
- 608-524-6711

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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Uchtyl".



SK Joe Uchtyl  
State Family Coordinator

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## Training Update

Brother Knights, I hope you will all be watching the upcoming newsletters for training updates. Because of members' input changes are in the works for our State Training Program. They will be announced as the time comes near. If you have any suggestions to improve your training experience, please send me an email and include "K of C Training Input" in the subject line.

There are many webinars and How to videos on the Supreme website. They are available for all members to view without logging in. These are just of the few that are available.

## FRATERNAL WEBINARS & VIDEO RESOURCES

<http://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/our-webinars.html>

Join the staff of the Fraternal Mission Department as they discuss relevant topics for effective council operation, membership recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members.

## FRATERNAL “How To” VIDEO LIBRARY

<https://www.kofc.org/en/videos/fraternal-training-library.html>

Most of these “How to” videos are 2- 8 minutes each, but are loaded with information. If you have not completed your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, please watch the “Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form# 1728) Training Video “and then submit the form.

- **Member Management / Member Billing**
  - Data Extract tool training
  - Email Tool Training
  - Setting up New Members During Billing Period
  - Completing the Account adjustment for Transfer Form
  - Entering Receipts
  - Entering a Check number on the Vouchers
  - First time Users – Setting Up
  - Generating a Dues Assessment
- **Communications**
  - Navigating the “For Members” Webpages
  - Fraternal Leader Advisory
  - Email Tool Training
  - How to successfully Communicate with your Pastor
- **Council Operations**
  - Officers’ Planning Meeting
  - Council Meeting
  - Navigating the “For Members” Webpages
  - Fraternal Leader Advisory
  - Candidate Tab Training
  - Data Extract tool training
  - Email Tool Training

If there is anything I can assist you with, please email me with your request. Please include the words "Training" in your subject line. You can also call and LEAVE A MESSAGE or text me. Disregard my outgoing voice mail greeting.

I hope this helps in preparing you for the final stretch of our fraternal year.

Thank you and God bless,  
Chuck Rohr, Jr.

Council Officer Training Coordinator: Wisconsin Jurisdiction

## Supreme Training Update

COVID Recovery Program (CRP) is designed to help Knights of Columbus councils and their parishes emerge strongly from the recent pandemic. The CRP focuses on resuming operations in a way that inspires members and parishioners to become reinvolved with church and community activities. Recovery plans will be unique for each council. The CRP provides a basic framework. It can be modified as needed. Some councils will need very little help and can put together a recovery plan on their own. Some councils will need the full assistance this program offers. Please sign up for one of these three sessions and see if these ideas might be worth a try in your Council or District.



This training I am offering is to help all councils develop a plan to begin or increase the effectivity of the councils in the parishes the council serves.

RTD Jon Olson is offering three different times to attend this training please click on the registration link below and signup for one of them.

Monday 5/24/21 at 7PM CDT (8PM EDT)

Tuesday 5/25/21 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

Wednesday 5/26/21 at 6PM CDT (7PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6311068515396942862>

### Jon Olson

Regional Training Director (Midwest Region)



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A FUTURE LEADER IN YOUR DIOCESE?

The Knights are always in need of developing future leaders for our Order.

One of the best, and most fulfilling leadership roles that a Knight can serve in is the role of a District Deputy!

As a District Deputy, you will attend multiple events with your State Officers, from two District Deputy meeting weekends (this upcoming year in Marshfield and in Wisconsin Dells) along with the Diocesan Meeting. You will work very closely with your State Officer in Charge for your Diocese to help assist your area councils in growing their Programs and Membership.

This role is the most fulfilling role you can serve in with the Knights, as you not only get to interface with fellow District Deputy leaders from throughout the State—you also will have a direct impact on the success of your area councils.

A District Deputy is responsible for attending his District's council meetings and will have the opportunity to interact and meet many fellow Knights from his surrounding home.

If you ever have wanted to help serve the Knights in more than at your local council level, this District Deputy position is a great opportunity to start!

If interested in learning more about this commitment, please reach out to State Deputy Corey Coonen: (920)-819-9409 or via email at: [c.coonen@wikofc.com](mailto:c.coonen@wikofc.com).