

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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A MONTH OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

As we close the 1st quarter of our Fraternal Year and start October, we are entering one of the busiest months of our Fraternal Year.

Many councils will be conducting various programs and Church Drives this month which should lead to a prosperous growth month. We also have the opportunity to advance our 3rd degree members to the 4th degree of our order, with Exemplifications being conducted on Saturday October 9th (Eastern) and Saturday October 23rd (Western). Our Order continues to need men to advance onto the 4th Degree—and like our council's needing growth, we desperately need this in

the 4th degree of our Order as well. I encourage all of our 3rd Degree Members to consider attending 1 of these 2 upcoming Exemplifications and advance in our order.

October is important for us as Knights as not only do we continue to celebrate the landing day for our namesake of our order, Christopher Columbus, but we also have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the Anniversary of our Founder's Beatification, which occurred on October 31st, 2020.

STATE DEPUTY CHALLENGE: I would like to see EVERY DISTRICT—if not EVERY COUNCIL try to conduct an Exemplification this month. We have targeted DISTRICT WIDE EXEMPLIFICATIONS on the Weekend of October 30-31st as we celebrate the 1 year Anniversary Celebration of the Beatification of our Founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

WISCONSIN would be a leader in the Order in bringing in NEW MEMBERS this month as a way to Celebrate our Founder—what better reason than to honor him and OFFER continual prayers of intention for our Founder during these Exemplifications! 300 + new members in 1 month would be the largest month EVER FOR INTAKE OF NEW MEMBERS and is something that I think we all would like to achieve!

Finally, we have many great programs that occur throughout the course of the month of October in the Life, Family, Faith and Community aspects.

We encourage councils to conduct a Holy Hour program this month, as a follow up from our Pilgrimage that occurred leading into this month with our State Chaplain Father Kurz. As a State Council we are continuing to look at 'unique' opportunities to grow our Faith programs for councils in conversations that are occurring ongoing with our Bishops throughout the State.

Throughout the month we have councils marching throughout the State in support of 'Life' at various locations. We have our State Punt Pass and Kick competition that will occur as well as the local Diocesan events.

One thing that our State leadership Team wants to continue to focus on is some of our 'Featured' Programs. These are different from the Supreme featured programs—as we want to make a greater impact in these specific areas in our Communities.

FEATURED PROGRAMS:

Our State Leadership Team would like to specifically highlight some great programs that we can make a direct community impact with. We highlighted these programs in our COVID Recovery Program survey—and it was great to see some councils looking to conduct some of these programs or willing to learn more of how to do this.

These featured programs are:

- **Red Cross Blood Drives**—whether this is council hosted or a council partnering with their Parish—we would love to see every council in our State conduct at least 1 in a year! Council members volunteering their time throughout the year or donating blood via a local Blood Center also is something that can be tracked and reported on this program.
- **Habitat for Humanity**—although not every area may have a ‘build’ coming up to help with—the Habitat for Humanity program is always in need of help with various programs and projects throughout the course of the year. Please inquire with your local Habitat for Humanity location if wanting more details.
- **Coats for Kids**—whether it’s hosted by your Parish, your council, or a local organization—we would love for every council to become involved with this program to help distribute as well as if able to donate to this program via purchasing Coats to distribute.

We are hopeful to more accurately report our impact on these 3 programs in the future—and encourage councils to submit the necessary reporting when conducting these programs and ‘tracking’ on a yearly basis. Our Disaster Relief Coordinator Paul Shepherd works closely with the American Red Cross—and he is willing to help where needed to make connections on local drives or hosting a drive.

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



Pilgrimage as True Recreation & Vacation as the Ape of Pilgrimage

To understand pilgrimage as true recreation we need to look at the word recreation. Simply parsing out this word we see its true definition, the action or process of creating something again. True recreation is really only done by the grace of God that we receive through the salvation provided us by Jesus Christ, but in our world today we do not seem to equate anything having to do with God as recreation. When the world presents us with the word recreation it provides us with the idea of idle and passive pursuits that can lead us to a stagnation in life. Sitting on a beach or making a trip to the “Magic Kingdom” really have no end or purpose that provides us with a sense of being re-created unless selfish pleasures or fairy tales give us deep meaning in life.

The idea of vacation in our world today has become the Ape of pilgrimage, or a cheap imitation of pilgrimage. The world, the flesh, and the devil have convinced us that our need for fulfillment is to be pursued in entertainment. This is not to say that an entertaining vacation is evil or cannot be a good thing in moderation, but it is to say that it has blinded us to the true path to recreation. We need more

than an entertaining vacation to be fulfilled. Fulfillment is to re-create our life with Christ through sacramental experiences which should include pilgrimages as an activity that we use to spend some of our “vacation time”. Entertainment has been replacing the sacraments and vacation has replaced pilgrimage.

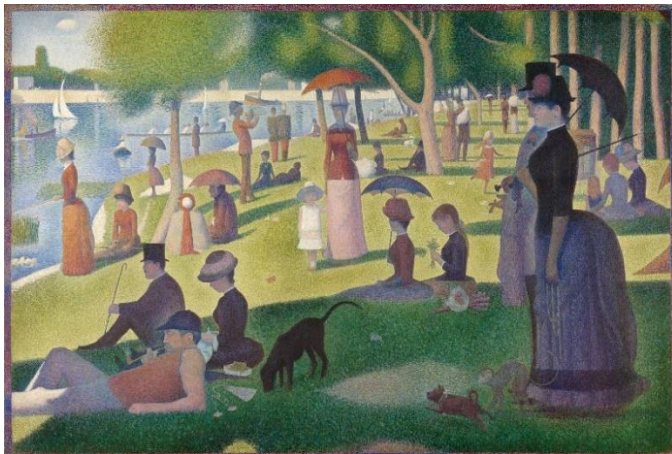
So, what exactly happened in history to make us blind to the path toward true fulfillment? Until about one hundred and fifty years ago the idea of vacations were really not a big part of people’s lives and if anyone had a desire to go somewhere it was probably to go on pilgrimage. The Church has encouraged the activity of pilgrimage over the years but today that seems to be overshadowed by the encouragement we get from the entertainment and tourist industries to go on a vacation.

Before the “Age of Pilgrimage” or vacation could come to rise in popularity, the popularity of pilgrimage first needed to be brought down. This tearing down of the idea of pilgrimage seems to have started with the “reformation”, a revolution against finding fulfillment in the Catholic Church. Pilgrimage was identified with the Catholic Church as it is so sacramental and Martin Luther seems to have looked with great disdain upon pilgrimage. He writes the following in judgement of those involved in Pilgrimage.

“The one runs to Rome, the other to St. James; one builds a chapel, another donates this, still another one that. However, they refuse to face the true issue, that is, they will not give their inmost self to God and thus become his kingdom. They perform many outward works which glitter very nicely, but inwardly they remain full of malice, anger, hatred, pride, impatience, unchastity, etc ... No bishop forbids and no preacher rebukes such a perverse practice. In fact, in the interests of their own covetousness the clergy endorse such practices. Every day they think up more and more pilgrimages, canonizations of saints, and indulgence fairs. May God have mercy on such blindness!” (Luther's Works Volume 44.86, 1520)

It would seem that he could really be talking about vacation in today’s world and the industry that supports it. What is funny about all this is that pilgrimage began to lose its popularity because it was being condemned as what we would call a good self-indulging vacation.

The cultural change of preferring vacation to pilgrimage would still take some time because the idea of vacation was still foreign one to a population that worked daily to survive. Due to a lack of time and not having easy of travel, for many people a pilgrimage was something someone may only do rarely in their life and may even have to wait until the end of one’s life.



With the coming of the industrial revolution, about three hundred years after Luther’s comments, came a work schedule that provided some time for leisure. This is typified in the famous work of pointillism artwork, Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, by Georges Seurat.

This image shows people out getting some rest and relaxation in God’s creation which is a good thing but this desire is something that would come to be exploited by the tourism

and entertainment industries. Vacation as we know it was born and would be guided by the world, the flesh, and the devil, so that we can hardly imagine life without vacation.

As I have said before, vacation is not evil, Luther may have depicted pilgrimage as evil but we do not need to do the same to the idea of taking a vacation. We just need to apply a sense of moderation to our vacations and make more room in our lives for pilgrimage, or integrate pilgrimage into your vacation. If a vacation is during a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation one should always search out Mass times and make a pilgrimage to a nearby Catholic church. This would be the least we could do but in recognizing the least we need to ask ourselves, "What more can we do?" Well, we have an instrument of cultural change in pilgrimage, and the first place we need to apply this instrument is within our own families. If we are to be a part in winning the battle for the culture of life over the culture of death we need to use the powerful weapon of pilgrimage. So let's see what we can do to make pilgrimage great again.

Pray with Mary, walk with Jesus!

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



Brother Knights,
October Per Capita assessments were sent out on October 1st. As we indicated before, we have sent those 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.

If you are a Financial Secretary, please watch for this email, as it was sent to you. Grand Knights, follow up with your Financial Secretaries to ensure they know and received the notice. Reminder, per council bylaws, this does not need to be approved through the council.

Those councils qualifying for membership incentive, you will be notified soon after the deadline and let you know about your credit.

If your council did not receive your per capita assessment, please reach out to State Treasurer Miles Casey so we can look into further.

With regards to distribution of ID checks. They will be handed out at your diocesan meeting in December.

Vivat Jesus!
Miles Casey
State Treasurer

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, 29, 31, 40, 42, 44, 51, 85.

Winter District Meetings/Diocesan Meetings

In December, we will be holding Diocesan Meetings in place of the traditional Winter District Meetings. These meetings are being scheduled early in December to avoid Holiday conflicts. All Councils should make plans now to have their Grand Knight, Membership Director, Program Director, and Financial Secretary attend the meeting for their Diocese. More details will follow at a later date, but for now, please put these dates on your Calendar. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

La Crosse/Madison – Sunday, December 5, 2021, 1:00-5:00 PM – Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells

Milwaukee/Green Bay – Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Fond du Lac

9:30-10:30: Adoration and confessions with State Chaplain

10:30-11:30: registration and cold brunch(ish)

11:30- 3:30 Diocesan/District Meeting-Membership, Programs, Training

4:00: Optional Parish Mass with Archbishop presiding

Superior – Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 10:00 Rice Lake



Council Membership Director

We have some awesome District Deputies! Out of the fifty appointed District Deputies, forty-one Districts have brought in at least one new Member! That's the good news, the bad news we still

have over 260 councils who have not brought in a new member this year! Let's turn this around, State Deputy Corey has challenged each District Deputy to hold an Exemplification on October 31 in the honor of our founder, Blessed Micheal McGivney – is your Council on board?

Word from a District Deputy

I wanted to share with each of you a comunique from one of our top DD's to his councils:

"Each of your councils has a church drive coming up in the next months and, in order to make it as effective as possible, I want to pass along some tips I have learned from church drives I have participated in and advice I have been given.

- *Plan ahead - like anything, you have a greater chance of success, if you invest time in planning the event.*
- *Get permission for your Pastor.*
- *Publicize it in your church bulletin and council newsletter.*
- *Assemble a team to help before and after Masses. These should have outgoing, warm, personalities who enjoy greeting and talking to people.*
- *Order your materials. Do it early because I have heard that Supreme may have a limited inventory of church drive materials at this time.*
- *Plan to give a talk at Mass.*
- *It is ideal if your Pastor is a Knight and if he is willing to give a few minute enthusiastic talk about how the Knights help the Parish and to encourage men to join.*
- *If you Pastor does not want to do so, ask his approval to have a Knight give a few minute talk. Obviously, you want someone who is comfortable speaking in front of an assembly*

and can enthusiastically talk about the Knights.

- *Before Masses - Have Knights positioned outside the church entrances. Open doors for people. Welcome them. Give each family a prayer card, like the one with the Holy Family on the front and Pope Francis' "A Family Prayer" on the back (Form 10086). Ask them to take it home and pray it as a family because we need strong families.*
 - *During Mass - what I have seen work well is having Father make a comment at the beginning of Mass, such as "you may have seen the Knights greeting you as you came in. They do great work for this Parish and are recruiting new members this weekend." This simple acknowledgment at the beginning of Mass sets the stage for the short recruitment talk, at whatever part of the Mass that Father wants it given.*
 - *After Mass - Have Knights at the church entrances to greet the men. Do the following:*
 - *Invite them to join.*
 - *Hand them a "Why Join" pamphlet (form 10537).*
 - *Have stapled to the Why Join pamphlet a "You Are Born a Man, You Become a Knight" card (form 10536). On the back of the card, have your Council number written on the "Preferred Council #" line. This way, if they decide to join electronically, they know what Council number to reference. Have Form 100's available so that you can have men sign up on the spot. OR*
 - *Have the man take out his smartphone, go to <http://kofc.org/joinus> and follow the steps. Help him through the enrollment process.*
- NOTE:** *If you are only enrolling one candidate, it is okay for the Member to use his phone to enroll the candidate. However, if there are multiple enrollees on the same day, we have been advised to have the candidate use his phone to join rather than the Knights phone because the system could block multiple enrollments on the same phone.*
- *Have contact cards (Form 921A) available for those men who are undecided. Have them complete the contact information and tell them that someone will follow up with them. **THEN MAKE SURE SOMEONE***

**FOLLOWS UP WITHIN 48 HOURS,
WHILE THE CANDIDATE STILL
REMEMBERS THE ENCOUNTER.**

Here are some other ideas:

- Consider holding a social after Mass to provide additional recruiting opportunities. You still want to have men at the doors to meet those families that do not attend the social, but you can have other Knights "working" the social. Have information about the Knights and you Council on display.

- Consider holding an Exemplification a half hour after the recruitment Mass. Ask the men and their families to stay and become exemplified immediately.

Because each of your Councils has scheduled church drives, I received a LIMITED supply of the prayer card, pamphlet and cards mentioned above that I can offer to the Councils. You should still order your own supplies, but I am happy to provide what I can.

Let me know how I can help. Don't forget that you have a Diocesan Membership Coordinator, Doc Casey, and a State Membership Director, Jack Wrbanich, also ready to help.

*God Bless,
Roland Breunig
Deputy, District 50*

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. One of our goals is to have every council active (ECA) this year. ECA equates to recruiting at least one new Member. As of today we have 26% of our councils active!

Would you please let your DMC know what actions you are taking to grow the Order. Thank you.

FY 2021-2022 DMC's

Green Bay Diocese
Chuck Rohr

La Crosse Diocese
Scott Frome

Madison Diocese
Doc Casey

Milwaukee ArchDiocese
Les Kostera

Superior Diocese
Mark Rasmussen

WISCAPITA

First Quarter Results are in!!



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.

First Quarter Results

Congratulations to Council the following councils:

- 5 Council 6568/D47 Madison (200%)
- 5 Council 17135/D32 River Falls (200%)
- 5 Council 12596/D15 Mackville (133.33%)
- 5 Council 2836/D3 Shawano (100%)
- 5 Council 5008/D3 Tigerton (100%)
- 5 Council 5127/D29 Colby (100%)
- 5 Council 10715/D63 Germantown (100%)
- 5 Council 16298/D82 Amery (100%)
- 5 Council 16863/D47 Monona (100S%)
- 5 Council 17035/D29 Abbotsford (100%)

Second Quarter Expanded!!

WISCAPITA +

WISCAPITA+ what's this about?

As of October 1st, in addition to the ten councils that met their quota we had a number who came within two new members of reaching their goal and they have only three months to do so! Are you in?

ACTIVE and INACTIVE COUNCILS

GB: 19 active / 49 inactive (28%)

LAX: 15 active / 46 inactive (24.5%)

MAD: 20 active / 43 inactive (32%)

MKE: 19 active / 51 inactive (27%)

SUP: 7 active / 34 inactive (17%)

As a State--we have only 80 councils active and 223 councils inactive. That's only 26.4% for the 1st quarter of the year--below where our historical averages are.

New look incentive:

* *By December 31--if a Diocese achieves 75% ACTIVE COUNCILS then the Councils in the specific Diocese that are 'ACTIVE' for the Year to that point will receive a 10% reduction of their April 1 Per Capita.*

* *By March 31--if a Diocese achieves 90% ACTIVE COUNCILS then the Councils in the specific Diocese that are 'ACTIVE' to that point in the Year will receive an additional 10% reduction of their April 1 Per Capita (or a 10% reduction only for those that only became active between January 1st-March 31st).*

The original incentive remains in effect:

If a Council reaches and maintains their Supreme Membership INTAKE quota by December 31, their April 1 per-capita will be waived.

Point of clarification: 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

DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION REPORT (#450)

Ceremonials grow our Order and your Council. Each District Deputy is responsible for all ceremonials held in their District. After an exemplification, they need to report that ceremony to Supreme by completing the Exemplification Report (#450). If a Council does not have District Deputy assigned, the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary should submit the form. Use this form to report the number of candidates that attended your exemplification. Copies should be sent to the Ceremonials Department, our State Deputy (forms@wikofc.com); the form can be found at: http://www.kofc.org/en/forms/district/dd_degree_report450_p.pdf

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State Membership Director
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4th Degree Eastern District Exemplification

Worthy Brother Knights

A most cordial invitation is extended to every third-degree member of our order to advance to the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus. The Fourth Degree is very proud of it's many accomplishments since it's founding in 1900. The ceremonials of the Fourth Degree were orchestrated on the theme of Patriotism and Catholic Citizenship and remain so today. The Honor Guard, the most visible part of our Order, is extremely proud of it's contribution to Patriotism and support of the Church. To qualify; a candidate must be a Third-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing.

Finally, we will be conducting an in-person 4th Degree Exemplification on October 9, 2021 at St Dominic's Catholic Church in Sheboygan. If you are an 3rd Degree member wanting to advance to the 4th Degree contact me immediately. If you are a 4th Degree member, please come and join us in support of our new Brother Knights at 2133 N. 22nd Street in Sheboygan as they join the Patriotic Degree of our Order. The Exemplification begins and 1:30 PM and there is also a Ladies Program that begins at 1:00 PM and Mass will follow for all at 5:00 PM at St. Dominic's. If you have not already registered with me, please contact me at (920) 207-6007 or jamestenpas53@gmail.com.

It has been 2 years since our last in-person Exemplification, but with a lot of work from our Councils and Assemblies, the Eastern District was able to Exemplify 225 new 4th Degree Knights virtually last Fraternal year. Our next Exemplification of the Eastern District will be May 14th at St Mary Catholic Faith Community in Hales Corners. More information will be sent out at a later date.

The District Masters of the Marquette Province will be attending a Provincial Meeting the weekend of October 16th in Minnesota. This meeting is lead by our Vice Supreme Master, Craig Larson and is attended by all District Masters from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. After this meeting the Eastern District will schedule a District Meeting for all Navigators, Comptrollers and any 4th Degree member that may be interested in attending the Eastern District meeting. At that time information from the Provincial meeting will be passed along to you. I will also need at least 3 names of 4th Degree members who would be interested in becoming the next Eastern District Master starting September 1, 2022. The Master position is appointed by the Supreme Council and is required by Supreme every 2 years. God Bless and let's continue to have a great year.

James TenPas
Wisconsin Eastern District Master

4th Degree Western District Exemplification

The next Wisconsin Western District Exemplification will be on October 23, 2021 in Wisconsin Rapids. This will be an in-person Exemplification.

St. Vincent DePaul Church– 820 13th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids

Registration 10:00 AM

Banquet 11:15 AM

Men's Exemplification 1:15PM

Ladies Program 1:15 PM

Holy Mass 5:00 PM

Candidates \$70 (Includes Baldric, 1 Banquet Ticket, Lapel Pin)

Priests \$35

Banquet Only \$20

Packets with additional information were sent to Western District Assemblies.

Thank you and God Bless.

If you have any question, please contact me.

Dan Hull, PSD

Western District Master

Yellowbear1117@gmail.com

Safe Environment – Home Corporations



Brother Knights,

More form 365's have been trickling in which helps us to determine who needs Safe Environment training. I hope all of you that have received the link from Supreme have had the opportunity to complete this training. Remember it is for the protection of those we serve as well as for us.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the December Diocesan Meetings, there will be much information shared at this meeting as well as your Tootsie Roll checks.

We are beginning 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Don Schoenherr

Worthy State Advocate



Online Membership

I am repeating myself as I have seen improper usage of the Online membership tool. Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Membership Chairs should go online and check their Prospect tab regularly. If you have any Prospects listed, contact them as soon as possible to arrange a degree and transfer into the council.

Online membership is just one more tool you may use to process new members into your council and grow membership in your council and the Order. Promote it at your events, in church bulletins and from the pulpit. Supreme has extended the promotional code **MCGIVNEY2020** for free 1-year membership when signing up online.

REMINDERS:

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

REQUIREMENTS:

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

NOT ALLOWABLE:

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

RESOURCES:

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

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

PROCESS:

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

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

For degrees, Supreme has an [On Demand](#) degree for viewing at the candidate’s convenience. It is encouraged that his family watch it with him (25-30 minutes).

Once the new member has successfully completed an online degree, he may be able to print a certificate and provide that to you, but Supreme or the state Ceremonials director should notify you of any members who have completed the degree. That notification may take a day or two for processing, but will include the date of the degree. The FS or GK then processes the member into the council. Once added to the council roster, the FS enters the 2nd & 3rd degree dates (the combined ceremonial includes all three degrees) in Member Management (MM) of (OO), and any other pertinent information on the MM pages. The FS also issues a membership card in the council and invites the member to the next meeting.

Please utilize these tools made available for you. They are there to assist you and make your tasks easier.

Here are some numbers of our online member progress as of the Supreme report of 8-22-2021:

All time intake	756		
All time conversions to council	501	66% - 4th highest in Order	
FY 2021-2022 Target	422		
FY 2021-2022 intake	68	16% of target	
Previous FY Intake	2018-19 – 134	2019-20 – 137	2020-21 – 383
Aug 24 thru Sep 25 intake	34		
Aug 24 thru Sep 25 transfers	12	(8 additional but unconfirmed)	
Current WI e-members	310	110 are Affiliate members	
Current Assigned e-members	121		
FY Conversions into a council	28	41% effectiveness	

We seem to be off to a slow start regarding e-membership conversions, but that could change quickly if the Councils will act upon (PROCESS) their assigned e-members. Don’t forget that e-member conversions count toward your quota and might earn your council a per-capita waiver (WISCAPITA) if you achieve your quota by September 30, 2021 or by December 31, 2021.

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



Programs

Brothers,

October brings us to the 1/3 point of the Fraternal Year. You should be at least that far in reaching your recruiting and program goals for the year. If so, great. If not, it's time to get going NOW. Those Church Drives, knighthood Exempts and other membership programs are by far your #1 priority for the month. Work with your pastor and parish, combine forces with neighboring Councils or work as a District. Get your parishioners, parents, community members involved in your programs for the month. Emphasize the e-membership, McGivney 2020 and State incentives. Work with your

General Agent and Field Agent on your Fraternal Benefits Night. By all means, do all you can to increase your intake this month!

That said, a few reminders for the month. The information packets for PPK, Soccer, and the 2 essay contests have been updated on the website. Diocesan contests will be held this month if numbers warrant. Check with your Diocesan Program Coordinator for details. Council winners should have complete green travel cards for this competition. The State Finals for PPK and fall Soccer will be held at Regis High School in Eau Claire on Saturday, October 30 (registration 10-11 AM, competition starts at 11:15 AM). Contestants for the State meet need to have completed orange travel cards.

The Culture of Life Essay Contest is to be done in October and November at the Council level. Essays are due to Councils between December 1-15. Council winners are due to DPCs between January 1-15. The theme is the same as last year: "Bullying and Social Marginalization Often Lead to Depression, Substance Abuse and an Ever-Increasing Suicide Rate Among Teens and Young Adults. What Can You Do or Are Doing to Counteract and Reverse These Trends Among Your Friends and in Your School, Parish and Community? How Can This Help to Promote the Culture of Life in Our Society?"

The Supreme Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest follows the same timeline except that the 1st, 2nd place winners at the Council level are due to me by January 15. The theme this year is: "Describe some everyday obstacles to living a life of authentic faith and how to overcome them, while providing examples from your own life."

Both of these contests should be strongly promoted in parochial schools, private schools, among homeschoolers and in Religious Education and Confirmation prep classes.

You should be continuing with the featured Faith in Action and other programs we outlined last month (eg. RSVP, Holy Hour and Rosary programs, Family of the Month, Family Prayer Night, Pregnancy Center Support, LifeSavers for Life or Baby Bottle Drives, Special Olympics, blood drives, COVID Recovery programs, etc.)

With the Afghan refugees and the continuing needs of those affected by storms, floods, fires, etc., there's still strong need to support the efforts of Catholic and KC Charities, Red Cross, etc. Coats for Kids and Food for Families are especially appropriate at this time.

Again, as I indicated last month, it's time to be planning your November-January programming, ordering supplies, securing dates and sites for Sentiments for Seminarians (same format as last year), Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs (contact Council in Lake Mills), Christmas Poster Contests (see State and Supreme websites), Consecration to the Holy Family (Dec. 26, order prayer cards from Supplies Online), Marches for Life, Knowledge and Free Throw Contests (check State and Supreme websites). Hopefully, the Icons will get here in October and we can re-start that program.

Let's get moving again – have a great October. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director

Charity Raffle Committee

It is with great regret that I have to announce the resignation of one of our long and outstanding committee member family. Dennis & Doris have decided to step down from serving the charity committee. If you know them, please thank them for all their dedicated years of service to making the charity raffle what it is today. I personally have only worked with them a couple years, but they have been invaluable to me and will be greatly missed.

This does present an opportunity for a knight looking to help out Wisconsin families through stressful periods. If you live in the La Crosse diocese looking for ways to share your time and talents, please consider volunteering for the Charity Raffle Committee. This is an out of the lime light position that brings great gratification knowing you are making a difference. If you would like to be considered for this position or would like more information, contact me.

From the Superior Diocese - Dennis & Doris Berends

From the La Crosse Diocese - **Open**

From the Green Bay Diocese - Jeff & Lily Janssen

From the Madison Diocese - Robert & Colleen Pizur

From the Milwaukee Diocese - Jim & Beth Ten Pas

God Bless

Bernie Heit

Charity Director



General Agent Message

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



As we look to the next three months, our hope would be to bring in more families to our Knights of Columbus fraternal Benefits nights. How can we do this? Well, it's all about getting creative by curating live social events as well as finding ways to have events that take place following Mass services. We want to invite everyone to participate and unlike the way we used to have council meetings and degree ceremonies, we now have opened our doors wide to all these events to help people understand why the Knights exist and why they should be apart of your council.

Not too long ago, I had a State Officer speak with me about how the Knights are perceived at local events. His comment was that other insurance companies make a point to give a check to the event saying \$100 dollars or \$200 dollars. He commented that the Knights' never do that. He said he knew why but asked me to explain it so anyone would be able to understand. I explained that it can be very confusing to most of the non-knights of Columbus families because they are unable to see that we are the ones that the Local Councils rely on to do most of the work for an event. We are the ones who purchase, cook, and serve the food. However, without the visual cue of seeing a check being presented before the event we are seen as being less supportive. Without seeing the hard work and heavy lifting as well as the behind-the-scenes financial support we provide we are not allowing parishioners to see our full contributions. For example, often, the Knights may contribute after an event is concluded and the attention to contributions aren't as celebrated and the contribution feels less important. We as the Knights must do a better job, reporting the true impact we had on those events, both in the bulletin and to those receiving the funds.

A great and LOCAL example of that happening right now is that the Knights of Columbus of Wisconsin are giving \$117 thousand dollars to local communities across Wisconsin for the Culture for Life. The 32 clinics and groups are all receiving checks in October. We will be posting pictures of these different Culture of life groups on the state's Facebook page along with posts about who submitted grants to help them with their missions that truly align with the Knights of Columbus mission as well. As we look to share what we do and how we do it, we need more people understanding that we are very active in all our churches. One last thought on that, I had heard a quote that only 8% of the local parish do 100% of the work in that parish. I challenge you to look closer, of the 8%, 70% of those families are Knights of Columbus families, doing Charity, Unity and Fraternity at a high level. So, invite all those you can to come and discover the Knights of Columbus and we will grow to a whole new level.'

Our Next Live Event will be November 9th State Wide, ask you field agent for more details.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Nowak

State Newsletter Announcement

The Nowak Agency invites you and your council to a Fraternal Benefit Night featuring Van Mueller.

Van Mueller is an industry expert in retirement and financial planning. He will be speaking about “Financial Success Under any Circumstances.” Please join us as Van discusses wealth building and retirement planning strategies that can benefit you and your family.

This event is a great opportunity to get leading industry insights and fulfill part of your council’s insurance fraternal benefit night requirement. This is an open event, and all are welcome. You can attend virtually by registering at <https://vanmueller.com/kofc-registration-11-9/> or your council can sponsor a watch party which can also double as a recruiting event.

We encourage you to promote this event to your whole parish. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Nowak, general agent, at 1-920-462-4100.

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429 S. Commercial Street
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FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY PLEASE VIEW;

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

www.kofcwi.org

Culture of Life Happenings

- **March for Life Wisconsin!**
 - Saturday, October 2, 2021
 - State Capitol – State Street steps
 - Noon start. End at Planned Parenthood by 3pm
 - KofC signs available at State Office
 - <https://www.prolifewi.org/marchforlife>

Sunday, October 3 – LIFE CHAIN! <https://www.milwaukeeelifechain.org/about> - <https://www.lifechain.net/> - don't see one near you? Do your own in YOUR community!

40 Days for Life - started September 22 – October 31. Pray. Fast. Witness. Save babies!! Register at a campaign near you at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552's ultrasound is going to St. Gianna 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!

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: (**#10552 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

A THANK YOU to ALL Councils, that have donated to this drive over the last 3 ½ years. Without your help many athletes have and continue to have the opportunity to compete in a National event and to travel beyond Wisconsin. Since this program started in 2009, The Wisconsin K of C have donated over \$325,000.00. Great job.

As we are going into our final 7 months of our drive to fund the travel expenses of Team Wisconsin athletes to the National games in Orlando, FL in June 2022. I ask that all Councils make an effort to help financially. The goal of this drive is \$125,000.00 which needs to be collected before the Wis K of C Convention in 2022. At the time of this writing, we have received \$100,529.20, leaving us to raise another \$24470.80.

I hope that many Councils have remembered this drive in their Tootsie Roll Drive. When you receive your check, PLEASE send any checks made out to Wis K of C Charities, Wis state council, or Special Olympics to me for recording. I will process and get to the appropriate places for deposit.

John Benisch
Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator
4645 State Hwy 80
Pittsville, WI 54466

Please keep our Special Olympics athletes in your prayers.

John Benisch
Special Olympics Coordinator

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.

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

Nov 6th, State Volleyball, Menomonee Falls, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

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

Dec 5th Southern State Bowling, Wauwatosa, Contact Hailey hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org

God Bless
John Benisch
Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator

Supreme Training Update

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

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. We talk about the difference between online membership and the online prospect form. How we can better communicate to the prospects and how to effectively offer positive attraction to them will be discussed.

10/25/21 at 6PM CDT (7EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/422525144182991120>

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 councils 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.

10/27/21 at 6PM CDT (7EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8903456352428568848>



Council Recovery Project

We all know that this past year 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 you parish and community as we continue to have restrictions eased in our areas

Tuesday 10/26/21 at 8PM CDT (9PM EDT)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3540221151067439120>

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.

10/25/21 at 8PM

10/26/21 at 6PM

10/27/21 at 8PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3551706649531127568>

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

June 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/13656795>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is in 2nd place in the order and have submitted **10.5%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Adam and Jaime Pouilee Family** (Solomon Juneau Council 2770, District 20, Green Bay Diocese).

Diocese

Green Bay Diocese led with **73%** district participation with Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **15** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	Jerry and Meg Post	La Crosse	Adam and Jaime Pouilee
Madison	Vicki Kersten	Milwaukee	Thomas and Luci Ullrich
Superior	Darron and Deb Carlson		

District

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

Council

There was one new council submitting a family of the Month.

- **Bishop Fox Council 2836, District 3, Green Bay Diocese**

September Family of the Month deadline is October 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 43 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 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://site-842560.bcvportal.com/detail/videos/forms/_video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-10784-training-video?autoStart=true

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

Gentlemen, it is a **privilege and honor** to serve you and your councils! **Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.**



Vivat Jesus!

SK Joe Uchytel
State Family Coordinator

MenofChristMadison.com. Below the registration link are three portraits: Bishop Donald Hying, Fr. Donald Calloway, and Steve Karlen. A 'Challenge Coin' section states: 'Every man who attends will receive a St. Joseph Strong Challenge Coin touched to over 150 relics of saints.' An image of the challenge coin is shown. At the bottom, it says 'Listen to: [Message from Bishop Hying](#)'."/>

Brother Knights,

Please pray the Father McGivney prayer for the success of the conference, with special emphasis on the line, *“Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.”*

Sponsorships should be sent to our Conference Accountant, Brother Knight Russell Yount, at:
MOC Madison, Inc.
Attn: Conference Accountant
Russell Yount
702 S. High Point Road
Madison, WI 53719

To **volunteer** (there are various jobs to choose from!), contact Brother Knight Steve Geishirt at:

stevegei52@gmail.com
Phone: 608-575-9505

CONSECRATOIN TO SAINT JOSEPH!!

Begin this awesome, 33-Day Consecration October 12, traditional Columbus Day, and make our consecration with Bishop Hying and Father Don Calloway at the Conference!! Purchase your book here: [Home Page | Consecration to St. Joseph \(consecrationtostjoseph.org\)](#)

BONUS!! This conference represents an excellent way to fulfill one of the 4 required programs of our Faith in Action program model: namely, *“Spiritual Reflection”*.

Respectfully Submitted by PSD Ron Faust

Email: ronaldfaust@reagan.com Phone: 608-225-7281

2022 State Bowling Tournament
Entry Forms on State Website under State Forms



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Holy Family Council #4879

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin



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Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/2022StateBowlingTourney/>

KC Holy Family Council would like to invite you to join us Friday at our weekly fish fry. Look for our buy 1 drink get 1 drink free offer when you come.

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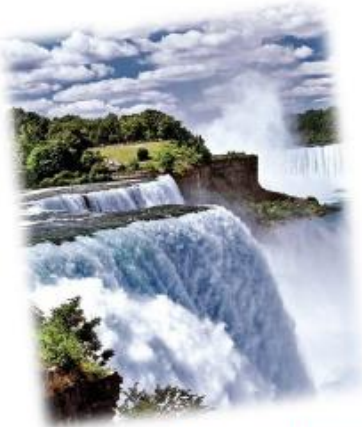
Knights of Columbus Niagara Falls, New York City, and New Haven Trip

6 – Days / 5 – Nights' Accommodations

Niagara Falls "Maid of the Mist" Cruise
New Haven, CT - The Birthplace of the Knights of Columbus
Including St Mary's Church and the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center
New York City Tour (Lower & Mid-Manhattan)
Including 9/11 Memorial Plaza & St. Patrick's Cathedral
Hershey's Chocolate World in Hershey, PA

May 9th through May 14th
2022

Final Registration Deadline
February 25th, 2022



Hosted by:
Beaver Dam Knights of Columbus
Council 1837
Alex Williams, Grand Knight

For more information or to request registration packets please email:
beaverdamkcmail@gmail.com

Double: \$2,570	Triple \$3,480	Quad \$4,300	Single: \$1,745
\$1,285 Per Person	\$1,160 Per Person	\$1,075 Per Person	\$1,745 Per Person
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Pickup Locations in Wausau, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids,
Green Bay, Appleton, Fond Du Lac, Beaver Dam, and Milwaukee

