

# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

January 2021

[Wisconsin State Website](#)

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## Is Your Champagne Glass Half Empty or Half Full?

As we close the book on 2020, many are hopeful in looking forward to 2021 given the many challenges 2020 has faced us all with.

I would be remiss if we didn't take this opportunity to focus back on all of the 'blessings' that 2020 has given to us all as Knights! All too often we focus on the 'negatives' when referencing 2020, such as all of the lost program opportunities and challenges to conduct meetings. 2020 blessed us all with the ability to quickly learn to adapt to the ever-present

challenges of the day. Which council thought a year ago that they would conduct their meetings in a virtual format? Which council thought that they would be doing their charitable activities 'virtually' or with 'drive thru' type events? 2020 has forced us to 'think outside the box' which will only better prepare us for any future challenge we encounter, knowing always that we will find a way to persevere and overcome. 2020 we have also been blessed with the celebration on October 31<sup>st</sup> that was our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification. The challenge of 2020 couldn't deter this event from occurring, and it hasn't deterred many councils from actively helping those in need and being a spiritual resource for their Parish! As we put the year 2020 behind us, in 'hindsight' don't overlook the many 'blessings' it has provided us with. Personally, as I closed on 2020, I welcome a puppy into my home and an engagement to my fiancé Lindsey (pictured) following Christmas Eve Mass.

As we enter upon a new year, there will be new challenges we are faced with. If 2020 has taught us anything, there are many things that are outside of our 'control.' But how is this different from other years? God is in control. He is showing us the path to lead. One of the few things that we DO CONTROL in our lives is the 'attitude' that we put forth. As we enter into 2021, is your 'champagne glass' half full or half empty? As we enter a new calendar year, let's start with a positive attitude in everything that we do as we help 'BUILD BACK' the Domestic Church by welcoming people back to Mass.

The State Council is providing each council an incentive to try and be 'positive' with membership growth as we start the new calendar year. Each council has been assigned a specific goal of new members to be brought in between January 1<sup>st</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup>, and if the council achieves this goal the State Council will waive their April 1<sup>st</sup> per capita assessment. This could result in potentially hundreds of dollars that the council can retain to give towards charity in its Parish and community! What a great way to start off the New Year...helping evangelize men to become Knights and strengthening not only our councils but also the families of these men and the Parish community!

Lastly, we never know the challenges that will be set forth in front of us, but we will always have Jesus Christ as our guide. As the chosen State Pin this year with the 'Road to Emmaus', everything we do we are doing so with Jesus by our side and in our hearts. Let's help welcome Jesus into the hearts of others in 2021 as we further evangelize all the good works of the Knights of Columbus!

Corey Christopher Coonen  
State Deputy



## "Be not Afraid!"

As we begin the year of Our Lord 2021, I hold on to the words of Jesus in the Gospel that were echoed by St. John Paul the Great, "Be not Afraid!". With the words of Jesus, St. John Paul the Great was encouraging the world to be faith filled and courageous. Today, more than ever in my lifetime, this call from Our Lord needs to be heeded. Fear seems to be the emotion effecting so many hearts today and we need to push that fear aside and fill our hearts with faith. This does not mean we don't take rational precautions like washing our hands and keeping our distance from some when we gather in celebration. We should also do more to take care of our health by diet and exercise. But I do have to admit that I am confounded by the whole mask thing because in the beginning of this last year Dr. Fauci said they were more symbolic than helpful. Still, they have some worth for cutting down spiting as we speak and can cut down the viral load. The thing that concerns me is that masks seem to be hurting us when it comes to interpersonal communications and they seem to be dividing people who have a tremendous fear of getting sick and passing. Another confounding aspect is those who think we have no need to distance if we wear one, I hope they are still washing their hand thoroughly. We should be looking into what is rational and acting accordingly because the devil is always at work to divide us.

Along with rational precautions and even more important for getting through this year is that we make spiritual preparations. Preparations for what?, you may ask. Not saying it will happen this year but we are all here for a very short time as we make our journey into eternity. The keys of death are held by our Lord Jesus Christ and our trust is in him. We do not know the day or the hour, but we do remember that death comes for us all. This is why our relationship with Jesus through prayer and the Sacraments is so important and that should be our number one priority. Please pray with Mary and Her Rosary so that you may more readily walk with Jesus. Walking with Him allows Him to fill our lives with a faith and trust and that can sweep all fear from our hearts.

Sincerely, Fr. Andrew Kurz

State Chaplain

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## Cancellation of 2021 State Bowling Tournament

BOWLERS- the 2021 State Bowling Tournament that had been awarded to Wausau Council has after a Phone conference with the Host Council and the State Bowling Committee on October 18th, 2020, has been cancelled for the year 2021 due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus.

The 2022 Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Sun Prairie Council #4879, and the 2023 Bowling Tournament will be re-awarded to Wausau Council.

If you have questions please email the State Bowling Secretary at [planteb@live.com](mailto:planteb@live.com), Thanks for your understanding!

Bill Plante

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## Safe Environment Update

Brother Knights,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share the current status of our Safe Environment Program, required for certain roles within our councils. Thanks to those councils who are **completely compliant**.

Listed below, are the total numbers of councils to date that are compliant in training and/or back ground checks if required. (**Non-compliant** means that one or more members in the council require(s) a form of Safe Environment and have not yet completed this necessary program to maintain your role as director) These numbers are based on the last report received by Supreme and broken out by diocese:

<b>Compliant:</b>	<b>Non-Compliant:</b>
<b>Green Bay:</b> 23	<b>Green Bay:</b> 49
<b>La Crosse:</b> 24	<b>La Crosse:</b> 38
<b>Madison:</b> 25	<b>Madison:</b> 41
<b>Milwaukee:</b> 27	<b>Milwaukee:</b> 44
<b>Superior:</b> 15	<b>Superior:</b> 29

As you can see, we have a lot of work ahead of us. To begin this process, you need to get your forms 185 and 365 submitted ASAP. Our youth activity policy reminds us of our requirement:

All **youth activities** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus shall require the presence of at least one member, typically the council’s Youth Director, who has been background checked and trained through the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.

A Knights of Columbus **“youth activity”** is an activity whose principal subjects are minor children, e.g., Columbian Squires, Basketball Free Throw, etc.

As it is the policy of the Knights of Columbus that all council Youth Directors are required to be background checked and trained in accordance with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, the Order expects the council Youth Director to be present at all youth activities sponsored by the council.

Council Youth Directors and/or other members background checked and trained in accordance with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, in consultation with their Grand Knight, shall ensure that all Knights of Columbus Safe Environment policies and procedures are followed at all youth activities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Click [Here](#) for [Youth Activity Policy/Volunteer Safe Environment Meeting Agenda](#)

Click [Here](#) for the Member [Safe Environment Policy Quick Reference Guide](#)

Fraternally,  
Paul Lang  
Wisconsin State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
State Advocate

## ICON Program Update



Considering the nature of the Pilgrim Icon Program, Supreme has determined that it would be better to wait to launch this program when members can meet face to face. For this reason, they have decided to delay the launch of the Icon program to the next fraternal year (2021-20220).

Icons are a physical manifestation of a sacred reality and there is real grace to being in physical proximity of the blessed image for this program. To launch the St. Michael prayer service during a time when many Knights and their communities cannot safely participate in person would be a significant loss to the program.

This delay is understandably frustrating for many of your councils, who may have been expecting to host the image of St. Michael, and that this delay leaves a void in our Faith program line-up.

However, this news offers an opportunity as well. Supreme has nearly completed a new Bl. Michael McGivney Prayer Hour resource, which will help Councils honor our newly beatified founder and continue to seek his aid together.

This prayer hour, which is designed for remote participation, will serve as a substitute for the Icon Program for this fraternal year. Detailed instructions and a recording of the prayer service will be made available to this coming January.

As always, our goal for faith programs is to promote public devotion and to strengthen our Catholic faith. We look forward to accomplishing this goal with you — for now, virtually, but with the hope that soon all our programs will once again be safe to run in person.

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## State and Diocesan Free Throw and Knowledge Contest's

Brothers,

Results of the survey on the Knowledge and Free Throw Contests was a strong desire to widen out the dates for the Diocesan and State Contests to April or early May and to allow for the option to run the Knowledge and Free Throw Contests separately at those levels. This we will do for 2022.

However for 2021, considering the issues COVID still presents to us and the obstacles in holding the events safely for KCs, students and parents, parishes, etc., we have decided to do the following:

1) Councils have the option to run the Knowledge Contest locally however they can up to April 1. They are then to forward their 1st and 2nd place winners and their scores along with their contact information to their Diocesan Program Coordinator as soon as their contests are completed.

2) Councils and Districts have the option to run the Free Throw Contest locally and at the District level up to April 10. They must also send their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, scores and identification information to their DPCs when their contests are completed. If there are 2 or more Councils in a District who hold Free Throw Contests and the DD wishes to hold a District Contest, he may do so up through April 30. He should forward the District 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners, scores and identification information to his DPC when that competition is finished. Travel cards for District competition can be obtained from DDs, DPCs, State Office or the State Program Director.

3) Diocesan Program Coordinators and the Youth Academics Coordinator, Youth Athletics Coordinator and State Program Director will use the forwarded names and scores, as well as a drawing as needed, to determine the Diocesan and State winners of the Knowledge and Free Throw Contests. Awards will be provided to Diocesan and State winners, sent to the Councils to distribute to the winners. The Diocesan and State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests will not be conducted with live competition for the 2021 Fraternal Year.

4) For more information, contact State Program Director Bill Frayer. We dearly hope to be able to run these contests normally for the 2021 Fraternal Year.

Fraternally,  
Bill Frayer

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## Resolutions Meeting



Brother Knights, it's that time of year again. With the New Year, we typically make resolutions...these are of a different nature! ☺

**All Resolutions must be received by the State Advocate no later than February 15th, 2021.**

We will consider Resolutions at the State Council Meeting and may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, State Deputy, State Officers as a group, or by standing State Committees. Resolutions submitted by standing State Committees must pertain to the work of their committee.

As required by Wisconsin By-Laws, members of the Resolution Committee will be a team formed of Past State Deputy, District Deputies and Grand Knights to represent all WI diocese. The State Advocate Paul Lang, with approval of our State Deputy Corey Coonen, has appointed the following individuals as members of the Resolutions Committee in connection with the forthcoming Annual Meeting. Chairman Dr. Paul Lang, State Advocate in Madison, Very Rev. Andrew Kurtz State Chaplain, Corey Coonen State Deputy in Green Bay, Mark Becker Parliamentarian, GK Richard Mich, GK Mark Rasmussen, DD Tre Waldren, DD Al Haas and PSD Tim Genthe.

The first formal meeting of the Resolution Committee is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2021.

All resolutions must be prepared in writing and sent to:  
State Advocate Dr. Paul E. Lang  
730 Apollo Way  
Madison, WI 53718  
or email to [pelang60@hotmail.com](mailto:pelang60@hotmail.com)

Fraternally,  
Paul Lang  
Wisconsin State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
State Advocate

*“Now the Journey Begins”*  
Vivat Jesus, Viva Cristo Rey!  
Nunc Coepi



**SAVE THE DATE**



**DIVINE MERCY  
WEEKEND**

**APRIL 10, 2021**

**PARISH MICRO-MEN'S RETREAT**

**SPONSOR BY WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## Membership

### Membership INCENTIVE for JAN 1<sup>st</sup> – MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>:

If your Council hits its Membership target assigned by the State Council within this period, your Council will NOT have to pay the State “Per Capita” for the rest of the Fraternal Year – You will have more funding for charity as you see fit.

**The target for your Council is not only DOABLE, but also DESIRABLE! Let’s get after it!**

It’s a New Day! It’s a New YEAR... and not a moment too soon! While we had plenty of blessings in 2020, we also had more than enough challenges and issues to work through. I and my family are healthy, gainfully employed, and able to see each other, even if it’s often by Zoom. **I pray that yours is also.**

Allow me to share a question that I have heard more than a few times this year; *“Why is it so important to grow our membership if we’re not doing very many programs these days? We have enough members now and don’t need any more.”* I’d like to address both of those ideas.

First, here is a report from Supreme I watch every day. This report tells me how many new Knights have joined us and how many we have lost due to deaths, suspensions and dropping their membership. While we have ADDED 190 new members since July

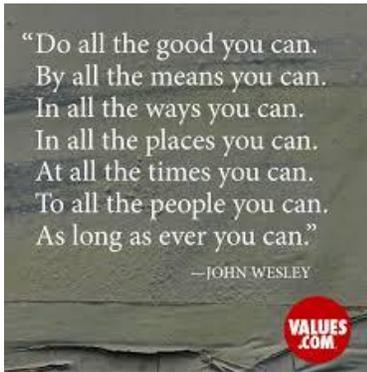
Jurisdiction Membership	
Total Membership 12/25/2020	YTD Change in Membership
34922	-268

1<sup>st</sup>, we have LOST 91 existing members, for a net gain of 99 in six months – **and that DOES NOT include Brothers who have passed away.** We must gain members JUST to tread water, much less GROW. *“We NEED more good men to do more good deeds!”*

We all made a decision to become a Knight for some reason. In my case, I wanted to be a man of service and I knew I could serve more people, more powerfully, IF I could join up with a “Band of Brothers” who were like-minded and had a servant’s heart. More importantly, WE STAYED A KNIGHT! It could be because we feel the fraternity of working with like-minded, Catholic men and their families; perhaps we love the insurance value and the “values” our insurance supports. Maybe we love the life-long friendships we have been blessed with. I know for me, I never want to give up the chance to give my time, talent, and treasure to help others, which is what the Knights truly excel at. **There are many reasons we became and remain a Knight!**

When I discover a great book, a terrific movie, a wonderful restaurant, or a mechanic I really trust, I cannot wait to tell others about them. Even if they don’t need it or are not ready for it right now, there will be a time they do need it. Giving “good news” is not just good for the recipient, it’s great for the giver because they know they have helped another human being without any benefit for themselves, just because it was the right thing to do.

Inviting an eligible man to join us as a Knight is not like recommending a plumber or a TV series to binge-watch – **it is MUCH MORE VITAL than that!**



An eligible prospect can gain purpose & perspective, have a chance to truly make a difference in the lives of their family and in the world, can secure their future with ethical insurance & financial products, make life-long running mates, can grow spiritually, and give charity and service to people in need. **Why would you want to deny anyone benefits like that?**

God the Father gave His only Son to suffer and to save us – Jesus gave his life to redeem us – can't we step out of our "comfort zone" once in a while to INVITE a Catholic man to become a Brother

Knight?

*Rick Raulin – State Membership*



## Online Membership



I hope you all have had a Merry and Joyful Christmas, and I wish you a very Happy New Year. May 2021 be a blessed and productive year for all of us.

As of this writing, and since my last update, 21 men have joined the Order via e-membership. Only one of these men, however, has been transitioned into a council and one other has taken his degree online but is yet to be transferred into a council. Currently there are 71 e-members assigned to councils. Total e-membership in Wisconsin stands at 145 (112 Associate, 18 Insurance, 15 Inactive) with one Honorary Life and three Exempt members. This is up from 102 on July 1, 2020. Since July 2019 when I began keeping records, 165 e-members have thus far transitioned into a council.

NOTE: I anticipate these numbers to change when Supreme updates the rosters on Tuesday as seven men have joined since the last roster update.

Anyone may go to [Online degree info](#) at any time to access links to the Supreme on-demand and scheduled online degrees and invitation letters. Please share this link with your new member candidates and existing members wanting to advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

State Online Membership Coordinator  
William G. Hitt



## Programs

Brothers,

With the arrival of the vaccine and the New Year, hopefully we can dismiss 2020 and welcome in 2021 with a renewed energy and focus for all our efforts – be it recruiting, programs, insurance promotion, meetings, Faith in Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind, parish and family and Culture of Life support, etc. There is certainly much to be done in the months ahead as we try to compensate for the 9-10 months of inertia that we've seen in our areas of the state as a result of the pandemic.

Many of the programs I highlighted in my last column are still very appropriate here in January and should be a focus for us such as Food for Families, RSVP, Novena and March for Life, Holy Hours and Spiritual Reflection programs, Coats for Kids, etc. just to name a few. They can be done easily, hybrid or virtually, drive-by and no contact delivery. So, let's start off the year on a good note and get moving again.

I'd also note that all the ideas and information from the December DD and District meetings, as well as my January-July reminder list of important upcoming deadlines and dates are available for you all to download from the State website!

In particular, I'd like to stress the importance of getting your Fraternal Survey (#1728) in by January 31. This form is super important in allowing Supreme to compile Council charitable donations and volunteer hours which enables us to retain our 501c8 status. It's also helpful for Councils when they come to complete their SP7 (Columbian Award) and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award forms in June.

Remember, also, the Special Olympics participation form that is also due January 31. Whether you have a lot, a little, or nothing to report for 2020, remember to fill it out and submit by January 31 as Special Olympics in Wisconsin receives money from supreme for each form submitted from the state's Councils regardless of what's on the form; so get it in soon! Incidentally. This will be the last year for this form as for next year it will be merged in with all other programs to be reported on the new Fraternal Programs Report Form 10784.

Reminder also that History Books for 2020, those that are to be graded and compete for the State Deputy Trophy and other program awards, are due to District Deputies from Councils by February 1. From there they go to Diocesan Program Coordinators between February 15 and March 1. Keep Christ in Christmas Posters (Council 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners) are due to me by January 15.

You should also be working on your Medallion Award and Family of the Year Award applications. Those are due to Tim Genthe and Joe Uchytel by February 15. Every Council or at least every District

should submit a Medallion and Family of the Year nomination. There are so many outstanding Knights and KC/parish families who deserve such honors.

Finally, Councils should also be working on their State Service Program Award nomination forms. Pick your best program from each of the 4 FiA areas (Family, Faith, Community, Life), fill out the form in detail and submit to the State Office or to me by March 1.

I hope that we receive a ton of these award application for the outstanding programs, Councils, KCs and families in Wisconsin. Have a great January – stay healthy, safe and warm. Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

Fraternally,  
Bill Frayer  
State Program Director

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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
**IMPORTANT DATE 1-31-2021**  
**PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
**FORM 4584**

All Councils should file this report by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year. It asks for member involvement, hours donated and monetary support given during the last calendar year. This form is very important to determine the size of the grant that we receive from Supreme. EVERY COUNCIL needs to file, even if they have not done anything for Special Olympics. I would be willing to bet that if you asked your membership, that at least a few members have done something to support Special Olympics, whether it was through a Council activity or on their own.

Thank You to Kettle Moraine Council 3562 and Holy Trinity of Dodge County Council 12677 for the donations made to the Team Wisconsin 2022 drive. We are now at \$78,513.83 of our goal of \$125,000.00. Remember to send Tootsie Roll checks that you want to go to Special Olympics to me. My address and phone number is in the directory.

Thank You to all who support Special Olympics through our drive or directly to Local Chapters. Your donations help to support about 10,000 athletes.

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a great and successful New Year.

John Benisch

Special Olympics Coordinator



## General Agent Message

Greetings State Families, and Brothers

I hope your Advent was Glorious on Christmas Day this year!

“That is the First Advent, the Second Advent will be of Immeasurable glory. It is at that coming all of us will be judged, each personally and individually. That will be the advent we hope will assure us of eternal happiness.” (John Cardinal O’Conner)

May the Blessing of a New Year come and rest with you this year.

Occasionally, someone shares a thought with you or a life experience they have that they wish everyone could share in it. I received a letter in December from a Brother Knight here in Wisconsin and below with his permission is that letter (Some other time)

After 21 years of marriage, my wife told me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, "I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you."

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my MOTHER, who has been a widow for 19 years, but the demands of my work and three children made visiting difficult.

That night I invited her to go out for dinner and a movie. "What’s wrong, are you well?" she asked.

My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late-night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. "I thought that it would be pleasant to spend some time with you," I responded. "Just the two of us." She thought about it for a moment, and then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up, I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel. "I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said, as she got into the car. "They can’t wait to hear about our meeting."

We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Halfway through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. "It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small," she said. "Then it’s time that you relax and let me return the favor," I responded. During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation – nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other’s life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, "I’ll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you." I agreed.

"How was your dinner date?" asked my wife when I got home. "Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined," I answered.

A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Sometime later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place mother and I had dined. An attached note said: "I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates – one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you, son."

At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time: "I LOVE YOU" and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till "some other time."

Love and Grace this coming year,  
Tim Nowak, General Agent Wisconsin

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

Worthy Brother Knights:

Six months of this fiscal year is already behind us. The start of a new calendar year is upon us. Now more than ever is the time to bring in new members into your Councils and then into the 4th Degree on January 16. Becoming a 4th Degree Knight in less than three weeks. It has never been easier to join the Knights of Columbus and become a "Sir Knight". Before you know it the State-Wide 4th Degree Virtual Exemplification will be here. Push your Councils to bring in new members and urge them and your 3rd Degree members to become a 4th Degree member.

You can easily register for the Exemplification via the State Website by clicking on the Degree Schedule and then click the Patriotic Degree in January. Make sure the form 4 is filled out completely and the registration fee is sent per the attached instructions. Assemblies and Councils need to work together to make this first Exemplification of this year a success. If you have any questions please contact me.

Lady Beth and I would like to wish you a very Happy and Blessed New Year. Thank you for your time, and for what you do for your Church, your Community and your Family.

God Bless,  
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Eastern District Master  
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920 207-6007

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## Training

Brother Knights,

I hope you and your families had a Blessed Christmas and have prosperous healthy 2021. I realize it has been an unusual and trying 1st half of our Fraternal year. At the state level, we will be looking at your needs and try to build training programs to fit those needs. Please advise me and your State Officer in Charge to the training you would like to see. Until then, I recommend you go to the Supreme website and

take advantage of the training webinars they offer. Watch your FlockNote for additional training sessions offered by our Supreme Regional Trainer, Jon Olson.

Currently scheduled and open for registration on the Supreme website is **CAN DO STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SECOND HALF** on Thurs., Jan. 21, 2021 | 8:00 PM EST. You can sign up at: <http://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/012121.html>

Other resources can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/fraternal-training.html>.

There are many webinars currently available and include:

NEW GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS  
CULTIVATING PARISH SUCCESS: INVESTING IN KEY RELATIONSHIPS  
GROWTH: EXTENDING FR. MCGIVNEY'S INVITATION  
PROGRAMS: PLANNING FOR SUCCESS  
FRATERNAL OPERATIONS - LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND  
FRATERNAL OPERATIONS WITH CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

With the March for Life coming up this month, please see the Supreme website **MARCH FOR LIFE: IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL**. Opportunities abound for both in-person and virtual participation in upcoming marches for life and pro-life prayer events. Visit the March for Life's website and sign-up to receive updates for the in-person Jan. 29 March in Washington, D.C. and live-streamed events.

More information can be found at: <http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/march-for-life.html>

Hopefully, you have received the news that there are **NEW GUIDELINES FOR OUR COUNCIL MEETINGS**. This will replace the meeting portion of our previous training, including the Chambers set-up, and the Order of the Meeting. Please download and review the below materials. Your Council can start using the new guidelines immediately but will be required by the end of the Fraternal year. If you have any questions, please contact me.

The Guidelines for Council Meetings Form 10318 11/20:  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/method-conducting-council-meetings10318.pdf>

The Supreme webinar can be found at  
<http://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/121720.html>

Slides from the webinar: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/for-members/webinars/new-guidelines-for-council-meetings.pdf>

Frequently asked questions: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/for-members/new-guidelines-for-council-meetings-qa.pdf>

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 message.

I hope this helps in preparing you for the 2nd half of our fraternal year. Please remember The Knights of Columbus is not just another service organization....It's our way of life. We help others and ourselves become better Catholics, Husbands, Fathers, and Community Members, while building friendships for a lifetime through acts of Charity Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.  
Thank you and God bless,

Chuck Rohr, Jr.  
Council Officer Training Coordinator: Wisconsin Jurisdiction  
District Deputy: Wisconsin District 10  
Financial Secretary: Neenah Council 5514

## Ultrasound Project Update

We have a special opportunity for your council to get involved in **THREE** ultrasound fundraisers in the great state of Wisconsin. As you know, 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 save hundreds, if not thousands of babies, from abortion. The three active ultrasound campaigns are:

Oconomowoc Council #2487  
FS Jim Houk  
P.O. Box 82  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066-0082

Msgr Heim Council #15665  
FS Mark Mandry  
513 Lewis St  
Burlington, WI 53105-1021

Ashland Council #832  
FS Robert Eaton  
1321 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Ashland, WI 54806

If you have individual donors who want a tax credit, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they **MUST** include Council (XXXX) Ultrasound in the memo portion of the check, otherwise those councils will have to apply to the Ultrasound Grant Fund through a WIKOFC Charities, Inc.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc  
Memo: Council #(*insert council number*) Ultrasound  
4297 W Beltline Highway  
Madison, WI 53711-3859

Once these THREE ultrasound campaigns are funded, Wisconsin Knights of Columbus local councils and Supreme Council will have purchased 44 ultrasound machines for our precious Wisconsin babies! Vivat Jesus!

Through Christ,



Dan Miller  
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Culture of Life Committee  
State Council – Knights of Columbus  
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## Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

November 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 the **Keep Christ in Christmas, Consecration to the Holy Family** and the **Our Marriage Prayer** programs.



## 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/10224464>. Check it out!

### Supreme

Wisconsin is still in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the order with 56 FOMs representing **15.5%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Tony and Chris Doro Family** (Council 4774, District 44, Madison Diocese). Please read about them in their article in this newsletter.

### Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **77%** district participation and Green Bay lead by submitting 15 families

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

<b>Green Bay</b>	Arthur and Pamela Gerstner	<b>La Crosse</b>	Mike and Helen Kelly
<b>Madison</b>	Tyler and Grace Degen	<b>Milwaukee</b>	Daniel and Janine Miller
<b>Superior</b>	Roxy and Joey Wakeen		

### District

66% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Three districts submitted three or four families and ten districts submitted two families.

### Council

There were two new councils submitting a family of the month. Welcome **St John Neumann Council 793** from Kenosha and **Robert Francis Kennedy Council 6567** from Osceola!

**December Family of the Month deadline is January 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 **38** Golden Family Councils that submitted for the months of July through November. Thank you, councils, as you are demonstrating true leadership in this program.

### Council Family of the Year

Council Family of the year submissions must be a Knight family. If your council has not submitted a Knight family yet, there are **two months** left to

submit them. This is the time of year when each council needs to start looking forward to which knight family they will be choosing as their Council Family of the Year. **The deadline is February 15.** Please use



the form <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf>

**PLEASE** plan to submit **ONE** PDF document as your complete submission. If your family is selected as the Wisconsin Family of the Year, this is how Supreme wants your family submitted to them for inclusion into the International Family of the Year competition. **PLEASE DO NOT** plan to mail a physical booklet to me. *Doing so will force me to scan each page into a PDF myself and I will have to return the booklet afterwards.*

**The Bishop will celebrate mass in their Diocesan Family of the Year's home parish!** Be sure to submit your awesome Knight family and the Bishop could very well be coming to your parish!

### Supreme News

To simplify form submissions, Supreme would like all councils to begin using the new **online** version of the 10784 form. Here is their training video on how to fill out the form [https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLiaOf\\_default/index.html?videoid=6196175376001](https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLiaOf_default/index.html?videoid=6196175376001).

In January, the online form will be enabled to receive Family of the Month submissions. **Unfortunately**, Supreme does not yet have a way for Jurisdictions to know what has been submitted online yet, so please **DO NOT** submit your Family of the Months using the online version of this form yet. I am working with Supreme to get this resolved and will let you know when it is fine to submit your family of the months using this new form.

Unless you hear otherwise from other state leadership, **please use the online 10784 to submit all other programs** as it will help Supreme understand how to help the organization.

## Family Programs

Three family programs are coming up quick: Keep Christ in Christmas, Consecration to the Holy Family and the Our Marriage Prayer.

Here are some things to consider doing soon.

### Keep Christ in Christmas

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes, and communities. Councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations, and a variety of activities.

**Guide Sheet:** <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/10604-keep-christ-in-christmas-guidesheet.pdf>

- Read through the guide sheet and determine what you need to order
- Choose your top two winning posters and send them to our Worthy State Program Director William Frayer by **January 15th**

### Consecration to the Holy Family

Revitalize our parishes by urging our parish families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Invite each family in your parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. **The feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is December 26/27, 2020. This can be celebrated later if the priest allows it.**

**Guide Sheet:** <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family/10605-consecration-holy-family-guidesheet.pdf>

- Read through the guide sheet to prepare for the event

- Order prayer cards (and other supplies) from Officers Online (they will go quick)

### Our Marriage Prayer

This program comes up quick after the end of the year. Start planning seeds with gentlemen to see who can lead the Our Marriage Prayer during mass. The event is normally celebrated on World Marriage Sunday which this next year will be on Valentine's Day February 14, 2021. Check out the training video at <http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

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

Vivat Jesus!



SK Joe Uchtyl  
Wisconsin Family Coordinator

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## Supreme Wisconsin November Family of the Month – Tony and Chris Doro

*Princeton Council 4774, District 44, Madison Diocese*

The Tony and Chris Doro family are the type of people who help in the parish all year long. They help clean the church on a regular basis. They help with the annual church picnic. Tony and Chris help decorate the church for Christmas. Tony has been a devoted member of the Knights of Columbus for many years. He works many hours at the pancake breakfasts, at the annual chili supper and at any other event where he can do good for others. The family attends mass together on a regular basis. They have made significant contributions to the parish and church community.

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## Tootsie Roll Drive – ID Program Update

Brother Knights,

Our long-lasting Tootsie Roll Drive ended on December 15. For all of us this event was filled with delays and new ways to operate within the confines of the COVID virus presence. All of us on the committee hope that you have done well against the virus. In spite of the situation many councils were able to set new collection records. On January 9, 2021 we will be holding our annual ID committee meeting. We

have more requests than money available but I am certain that those with the biggest need will be selected first. I am not sure of the check issue date to councils yet.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mark Jelinek for his many years of service both to this program and the State Council in general, we will miss his input.

I have received word that the price of Tootsie Rolls will not change next year which is very good news for our program. Since many councils did not run the drive this past year, I suspect our ordering will be down significantly. I encourage these councils to develop a plan to host the drive this year. As many councils can testify a successful drive can be done safely. If you need any suggestions contact your Diocesan ID Committee member or myself.

I wish to thank all councils who weathered the COVID storm to raise money for this important event. I strongly suspect that the Drive deadline will be moved to the early fall providing councils an opportunity to raise money during the summer months. More will be coming on this shortly.

Orders for Tootsie Rolls will be solicited beginning in January and ending in March so that councils who wish to run it in spring will have them. Aprons are available from the Supreme Website. Have your Grand Knight go on the Officer's portal to order them.

Have a wonderful New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Don Schoenherr

WI KofC ID Director

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## **St. Lawrence Seminary**

Dear Fellow Brother Knights,

This is the third and final article in my 3-part series about Saint Lawrence Seminary (SLS), an incredible Catholic Residential Minor Seminary, and one of only four remaining in the United States located in Mt. Calvary, WI. I started with an educational overview and asked for your prayers. I followed that with a detailed accounting of programs and vocational discernment and an invitation to invest in it, both through your Councils and Assemblies, as well as, individually. Now, I present you with a value proposition that culminates with asking for your advocacy – to spread the word about this great Catholic high school for boys right here in Wisconsin.

However, I must begin with a statement of gratitude. I am most thankful to our State Deputy and his leadership team for the opportunity to share and educate you about SLS. Furthermore, I am humbled by the generosity of you who have contributed to our scholarship needs - helping the Capuchins continue their legacy of not turning away any young man due to financial constraints of his family. You are truly walking in Blessed Fr. McGivney's shoes and living the message of Jesus – "whatever you do for the least of my brothers . . ."

Do you believe, as I do, that we need more “Men of Faith”? Do you believe we need more “Enlightened Leaders” who “walk the talk” as “Servant Leaders”? Do you believe that high school graduates should be academically prepared for college and life? Should high school graduates be “Community Builders”? Well, that’s the profile of a Saint Lawrence Seminary graduate! (Please read the attached two-sided flier and share with others.)

Fr. Jack Tierney, OSA is a 2009 graduate of SLS. He currently serves as Chaplain at St. Rita of Cascia High School and a brother Knight. Here is what he said about SLS and his time there as a student:

*My experience at St. Lawrence Seminary (SLS) continues to have a profound influence on my life. Indeed, it has shaped my very identity and calling. SLS provided a dynamic environment to deepen my faith. Students benefit from regular prayer and celebrating Eucharist. We were also taught how to be Christian gentlemen. These practical skills showed me how to live my faith in school, at home, and with my peers. The strong academic program ensured that we would succeed in college and beyond. One of my favorite memories is studying in the small Latin classroom with Mr. Gritt.*

*The legacy of St. Lawrence provided me tools of discernment. This foundation would lead me to discern the Augustinians and the priesthood. The Capuchin Franciscans provided excellent religious formation. Students have the opportunity to observe the Capuchins and get to know them. Their holy example of religious life was a model of fraternity and witnessed the heart of St. Francis’s vision of service to the Church.*

*St. Lawrence has left the legacy of fraternity. In 2019, my class met for our 10-year class reunion. We shared stories and recalled fond memories from our time “on the Hill”. It is encouraging to see the vocations of my SLS brothers. All of us are marked with a commitment to Christian discipleship and changed forever by our time at St. Lawrence. It is truly a special place because it has impacted generations of graduates to consider God’s call in their life. I am blessed to be defined by my time at St. Lawrence Seminary.*

So, I hope I have provided you with sufficient information to advocate on behalf of the Capuchins and current students to help “spread the word” about this great high school for Catholic boys! Please pray that God continues to bless us with a Covid-19 free community, and that more families come to understand the value and opportunities that exist here at Saint Lawrence Seminary (SLS) High School for their sons, grandsons, nephews and others currently in grades 6, 7 or 8. For more information contact the Admissions Office at (920) 753-7570 or [admissions@stlawrence.edu](mailto:admissions@stlawrence.edu).

Blessings & Vivat Jesus,

Tre Waldren, State Youth Membership Coordinator, District #11 RMC & DD, SLS Donor Relations Officer



## 31st Annual WI K of C Campout

**When: June 25, 26 & 27, 2021**

**Where: Chapparral Campground  
and Resort**

316 Dreamland Drive  
Wonewoc, WI 53968

**Reservations: 608-464-3200**

### Host Family:

Paul and Mary Quigley  
Reedsburg, WI 53959  
608-393-1623 or 608-524-6711  
[pwqkoc@gmail.com](mailto:pwqkoc@gmail.com)

### Camping Information:

A 10% discount rate has been offered.

**Reservations must be made  
between Jan. 2 – Feb. 28, 2020.** This  
is the campground policy.

After Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> it will be open to the  
public and you may not be with the  
group, but will still receive the discount.

**\*\*\*You MUST mention you are with  
the KC group to get the discount!**

### Weekend Activities:

**Friday:** Registration

Rosary

Ice Cream Social & Campfire Gathering

**Saturday:** Registration

Welcome Coffee

Officer's Meeting

Afternoon Organized Games

Mass

Dinner

General Meeting

Campfire Gathering

**Sunday:**

Farewell Coffee

**Look for the Registration Sign**

**Most activities at the Pavilion**

For reservations call 608-464-3200. If no answer leave a message with your call back number. Chapparral Campground and Resort also has cabins to rent.

On Saturday for the evening meal, the Reedsburg Knights of Columbus Council #3805 will be making their famous Chicken Barbeque which includes a half chicken with secret sauce, potato, applesauce and corn, complete with dessert! Price is \$15.00 for adults, special children's pizza meal ages 3 - 10 is \$6.00. Pizza choices will be cheese, sausage or pepperoni.

