

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus
Notes
October 2018



Feel that chill in the air? Wisconsin silently exploding with vibrant colors of red, yellow, and orange. Leaves begin to drop off the trees, providing endless hours of raking. Halloween and Thanksgiving will be upon us soon, oh and don't forget to "fall" back, setting your clocks back one hour and regaining an hour of sleep on Sunday, November 4th! But, let's not get too far ahead of ourselves.

We have just finished up our Diocesan Training tour, I want to thank everyone who attended and hope you found the training useful (didn't know you could build a tower in just five minutes did you?). Have you started thinking about your Faith in Action plan or spoken to your parish priest? Church drives, and Admissions degrees scheduled? Our future begins today, this fraternal year with "Faith in Action that completes the Building the Domestic Church initiative." We have the tools in our toolbox, we just have to get them out and use them, to start the best recruiting year we have ever had in this great fraternity. If you are not familiar with FIA visit kofc.org/faithinaction.

In case you missed the tour (I know who you are), I wanted to bring you up to speed on a few initiatives the State Officers have started. The First is "YMAT" short for "Youth Membership Initiative", which is being rolled out to each of the five Diocese over the next several months. Face it, our membership isn't getting much younger, less than 10% of our membership is under the age of forty, twenty years from now, with our current demographics and recruitment rate, we will only have recruited 30,000 Knights. If all age 60-69 and older Knights are no longer with us (and we don't recruit a new member in this demographic) we will lose 22,622 Knights. Going one step further, if all age 50-59 and older Knights are no longer with us (and we don't recruit a new member in this demographic) we will lose 29,159 Knights. Think about it.

In order to help curb this, decline the state team is putting together a new Young Adult Membership team, whose sole purpose is to help council recruit new members. The teams will be made up of 3-4 members under the age of 45, who are comfortable with Public Speaking and can commit 1-2 church drives a month. What we need from

the councils is your schedule of church drives far enough in advance to help facilitate scheduling. District Deputies will be contacting each of their respective councils to obtain this information along with your Council Admissions degree schedule. They are going to be required to provide this information during our next District Winter meeting.

We have also rolled out the "High School Recruitment" initiative this past month. Please visit the state website to learn more. I will be sending a letter to all Catholic High Schools in the state announcing this new program. If your council is near one of the many High Schools, please reach out to the school administrators within the next few months. Remember, High School seniors can be brought into the Knights when they reach 17 ½ and one day!

I want to give a quick shout out to a few people. First Brother Paul Lang and his State Disaster Relief Team was called into action this past summer, first with the explosion in downtown Sun Prairie, where local councils donated over \$4,800 to displaced families. This was followed by August and September record rainfall throughout the state, the call went out for "All Hands on Deck" (a technical term), helping with sandbagging, multiple communities.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to learn more on how your council can help the disaster relief team and their efforts, contact them via email at kcwidr@gmail.com. I also want to give a shout to the Sacred Heart Council 4628, Schofield and Grand Knight Greg Cemke, for their continued work with "Christmas in July" program, which was featured in the Columbian "Knights in Action" section. In their fifth year of contributions from councils within and without their district have raised close to \$80,000 in total donations. Two examples of Faith in Action at work! Brothers, we do good works in Wisconsin there is no denying, let's get our message out and let's continue to leave an outstanding last impression in everything we do.

God Bless,
Nunc Coepi! Viva Cristo Rey! Vivat Jesus!
Jack Wrbanich
State Deputy
Wisconsin State Council

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

The raffle tickets and instructions will be distributed at the September Diocesan meetings! We were late last year and thought we would make it up to you by being really early this year! Your District Deputy will get the packets at the meeting and will distribute them. Start selling early and set a goal to sell more than last year. This year, the \$50,000 alternative will be a Ford F150 XLT!

Council checks from the 2017-2018 raffle sales are being distributed at the Diocesan meetings as well. The average profit returned was \$2.49 per ticket sold, about the same as last year, despite 3% less sales state-wide.

Lastly, I wanted to pass on some education regarding fire checks. You should NOT fill out a Charity Request form to request a \$300 check for someone who has had a house or apartment fire. Rather, you simply call the state office and ask for a fire check to be sent. Tony Schreiner will need their name and address and a check will be sent within about a day; that's it! There are no questions about need.

Where Does The Charity Money Go Example Charity Grants * in 2017-2018

Each year over \$400,000 is given to charitable causes throughout Wisconsin. Below are five (5) examples from each Diocese where the state grants were given. They represent about 200 grants at the state level each year; your local council can provide other examples.

Green Bay Diocese

\$1500 to 61 year old woman with myeloma in her vertebrae.
\$2000 for an 18 month old with a tumors on her organs.
\$1500 to 77 year old widow who could not afford hail damage.
\$1500 to 11 year old boy with organ problems.
\$1000 for a 22 year woman who needs extensive rehab from a car accident.

La Crosse Diocese

\$1500 to mother of five for bone cancer costs.
\$1500 for woman with ovarian cancer
\$2500 to graduate student hit on sidewalk by impaired uninsured driver
\$1500 for deductibles from a brain tumor.
\$1250 for a lift to get a child with Cerebral Palsy in and out of bed and tub, wheel chair ramp, modifications to doorways.

Madison Diocese

\$2000 to 14 year old with a mental illness threatening her life.
\$1000 to pay for materials for a wheel chair ramp that was built by Knights.
\$2000 to RN with rare medical issues that prevent her from working.
\$1000 to 41 year old with cancer in nasal area.
\$2000 to man paralyzed in a car accident.

Milwaukee Diocese

\$1500 to a youth minister who had a lung transplant.
\$1000 for wheel chair van to a person with Parkinson's.
\$500 for deductibles from rotator surgery.
\$2000 to a 64 year old injured from falls and unable to work.
\$2500 to mother of with a brain aneurism and unable to work.

Superior Diocese

\$1000 for a homeless man who lost his leg to gangrene.
\$1000 to a widow and mother of two children who lost her husband to a tree accident.
\$3000 to 11 month old with seizures.
\$1500 for funeral costs of a child.
\$1200 for man out of work due to hip replacement.

*** A partial list of Charity Grants.**

Thank you again for your Charity work!

Mark Kohls, WI Charity Committee Director.

Council Youth Activities Require the Presence of Fully Compliant Grand Knight and Directors

Worthy Grand Knight,

Your council is three months into the new fraternal year. The school year has started and your council’s activities are in full swing with the new Faith in Action program model. Now is a good time to take a moment and check whether you are fully compliant with the Safe Environment Policies of the Order. Carefully read the information below to ensure your council is compliant.

Knights of Columbus Policy

The Order expects that the Grand Knight and the Family and/or Community director be present at all activities sponsored by the council where minor children are present **to ensure that all Safe Environment policies and procedures are followed.**

All Knights of Columbus activities where minor children are present require at least **one member who has been trained and background checked** and there should **never be fewer than two fully trained members in attendance.**

Roles	Trained	Back-ground Check
Grand Knight	X	
Program Director	X	
Family Director	X	X
Community Director	X	X
Columbian Squires		
Chief Counselor	X	X
Adult Counselor	X	X

For all the information regarding the Safe Environment program visit kofc.org/safe

SEPTEMBER 2018 UPDATE: Safe Environment Requirement Summary

It is important that you read all the information below. If you have further questions please visit kofc.org/safe or the Officers’ Desk Reference for more information. You may also contact your State or district leadership for any clarification.

Effective July 1, 2018, safe environment training and background checks are valid for three-years. Any member completing the safe environment training and/or background check **prior to July 1 will only be valid for two-years.**

The Grand Knight and Program Director must complete the three required safe environment training modules within thirty (30) days of notification by Praesidium, the Order’s strategic partner in safe environments and youth protection.

Noncompliant grand knights will be sent a monthly letter (for as long as they remain noncompliant) that includes their username and password advising that they are past due and that they must complete the three safe environment training modules. This is in addition to the three notices that the noncompliant grand knights have already been sent at the 1-day, 15-day and 30-day marks.

Family Directors and Community Directors, (and Squires Counselors, if any) must complete the three required safe environment training modules and provide consent for a background check **within thirty-days (30)** of email notification.

Usernames and passwords are **unique to each recipient and cannot be forwarded or used by another member.** Email notification provides usernames and passwords necessary to complete the required training and, in a separate email, the link to provide background check authorization (when applicable). *Continued next page*

Council Youth Activities Require the Presence of Fully Compliant Grand Knight and Directors

Any director and counselor who has not completed the required training and background check authorization **within thirty (30) days** of notification are subject to removal from their roles. The noncompliant member, grand knight or the state deputy will be notified of removal(s).

Leaving one or more of the Program, Family or Community director roles vacant **DOES NOT** exempt the council from the safe environment requirements. The council **must** list a Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director who, along with the council's Grand Knight, are fully compliant with the requirements of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program **in order to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award and Star Council Award.**

Safe environment training and background checks from other organizations, regardless of source or provider, **will NOT be accepted in lieu of the obligation to complete the requirements of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.**

The Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection, through Praesidium, has sent email notifications to members appointed to the roles shown above. Filing the *Officer Chosen for the Term (#185)* and *Service Program Personnel Report (#365)* forms or through Member Management is the notification of appointment. If you have failed to file these reports a notification has not been sent to the elected or appointed members.

If members serving in these roles have not receive an email from Praesidium by September 1, it may be either 1) there is no email on file with the Knights of Columbus, or 2) the council has not yet updated/submitted its Forms #185 and #365 (and #468 for Columbian Squires counselors) to indicate the members' role assignments. Members should not forget to look for email notifications from Praesidium in their inbox or spam folder.

The grand knight may check the compliance status of the Family Director, Community Director, and Program Director (and Squires Counselors, if any) by accessing Praesidium's Armatus Administrative dashboard.

You're Invited - Office Training Session

We are offering a council officer training session on Sunday November 4 2018 at St Paul's Catholic Church 410 Wallace Street in Combined Locks.

The last Sunday mass will be held at 10:30 am followed by a parish breakfast.

We will start after the breakfast around 12:30 in the cafeteria.

We will cover council officer duties, an overview on the flow of the business meeting and processes of the council. The meeting will be over by 3:30 pm

I encourage all Knights to consider attending this training (State Officers, District Deputies, Council Officers).

Please RSVP to jonneyoincolumbus@gmail.com or .1-920-623-5545 by October 28

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KCIC/HE IS RISEN - 2018 Magnet program



Dear Brother Knights,

We are excited to announce that we will again be promoting the “Keep Christ in Christmas” and “He is Risen” car magnets this year. Again we will donate the proceeds to our Seminarians by gas cards for Christmas and also the RSVP program. Last year we donated \$1,500.00 for gas cards and \$500 for a RSVP award. **All profits are used for this!**

“Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets products have two important purposes.

- #1 the main purpose is to continue to evangelize what the real reason for the Season is ALL year long by displaying your magnet we will be reminding ALL peoples we support our Holy Family and what the true meaning of the season is.
- #2 it's a great fund raiser As a Christian based organization you can shore up your budgets by making up to 300% plus profit on every magnet order. It would be hard to find a profit like this anywhere.

We all know our Christian faith is constantly under the microscope and for all kinds of reasons. We need to stand up together to protect our faith. We are proud of the message that our “Keep Christ in Christmas” products sends and wish every Christian would display our Holy Family either by our car magnets on their vehicles .

We also offer a “He IS Risen” magnet that is a great item around Easter, but again wonderful to display ALL YEAR LONG. We appreciate all your efforts and support of this program. We have reduced our pricing on an order of 100, 50 and 25, to help organizations and customers that need smaller quantities.

Our best value is a case of 200 for \$300.00 plus \$25.00 shipping, and we can split a case of KCIC magnets or (“He Is Risen”). Selling a case of 200 for \$5.00 each would net your organization \$690.00, 2 cases would be \$1380.00. Cost for fewer than 100 is \$2.00 a piece plus shipping, contact me for shipping price!

Send check written out to, **KC COUNCIL 1547. Mail to: Rob Kurczek N8359 CTY RD A, Berlin WI. 54923** with the number ordered and of what pieces are desired .Please add a contact phone number and address to send out your items.

You can contact me at robkofc@centurytel.net or at www.kcnativitysets.com for more information.

We ask your help by sharing our message with other organizations, youth groups, friends or associates that might be interested with the program. We appreciate any assistance that you can give us.

If you have further questions, you can call our chairman **Rob Kurczek at 920-290-2270.** I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you very much for helping us with **“Keep Christ in Christmas.” and “He is Risen”**
Vivat Jesus!

Robert Kurczek
KCIC Chairman
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Protecting our Brand

The Knights of Columbus offers top quality Financial Products that provide protection for our Members and their Families. These Financial Products are also responsible for financing may of the Charitable Works that the Order is known for. For these reasons, it is important that we all protect the Knights of Columbus brand.

The Officer Desk Reference is very clear when it comes to protecting our brand.

“The Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benefit society, provides financial assistance to widows and orphans of members through financial products and services. The Board of Directors has determined that publication of advertisements for other financial products and services in fraternal publications impedes this purpose. For this reason, fraternal publications of the Knights of Columbus should not accept advertisements for other financial products and services. “

“Fraternal publications are prohibited from accepting advertisements that are directly or indirectly related to the sale of financial products and services other than those offered by the Knights of Columbus.”

These instructions seem very clear. With such clear instructions, one needs to ask why so many councils seem to be in violation of these instructions. I am going to assume that these violations are due to a lack of knowledge, rather than a deliberate attempt to ignore the rules.

Ads that are directly or indirectly related to the sale of financial products include Insurance Companies, Financial Institutions, Funeral Homes, and Cemeteries. For most of us, Insurance Companies is obvious. Financial Institutions includes Stock Brokers, Banks, Credit Unions, and Financial Planners as all of these sell products that compete with your Life Insurance and Annuities. Funeral Homes and Cemeteries sell prepaid plans that compete with our Life Insurance programs.

Ads in violation of these rules seem to turn up in many places, including Newsletters, Placemats, Council Directories and Council Bulletins. I am sure that some Councils try to use ads on these items to offset costs, or even as a fundraiser, however, by running these ads they are endorsing competing products.

If your Council is violating these rules, the time for change is now. If you have ads directly or indirectly related to the sale of financial products, remove them now. If you are having an event and need placemats, you can order them from Supreme, or ask your General Agent to assist you with placemats.

John Huttenhoff
State Advocate



Faith In Action – August Family of the Month

Hello Brother Knights!

This article was meant to be in the previous State Newsletter but was not due to overlapping deadlines. To help ensure I can report the diocesan family of the month in a timely fashion, the diocesan families will be selected on the 16th of the following month rather than the 30th. When you email your family of the month to Supreme at fraternalmission@kofc.org, please include the email address forms@wikofc.com as well so the family is received at state. ***We can't select your family as a diocesan family of the month if you don't send us their form!***

There were 21 families submitted to Supreme, and the following families are the Supreme Families of the Month. **Congratulations!**

Council	Diocese	Family
4392 - Our Lady of the Dells Council	Madison	Dan Evers
4897 - John C Burke Council	Milwaukee	Gerald Heuer
10914 - St. Patrick's Council	La Crosse	John Newton

There were 18 families submitted to state. When submitting the form to Supreme, ***please remember to also send a copy to forms@wikofc.com!*** The Diocesan families of the month are:

Diocese	Families Submitted	Winning Family	Council
Green Bay	2	John and Mary Logerquist	2478 – Msg. Broens Council
La Crosse	5	Thomas and Bridget Wenman	5488 – John F Kennedy Council
Madison	3	Thomas and Paula Stoiber	9230 – Father Mark Mueller Council
Milwaukee	5	Terry and Mary Krall	12588 – St. Peter Council
Superior	3	Dennis and Rhonda Malecek	7030 – Heart of St. Croix Council
Total	18		

Order wide, Wisconsin is in 6th place. ***Hey everybody! Let's show the fans of the Detroit Lions and Florida football teams what the Green Bay Packer fans can do! Can Wisconsin submit 27 families of the months for October? I bet we can!***

Jurisdiction	Place	Families submitted to Supreme
Michigan	4 th	26
Florida	5 th	22
Wisconsin	6 th	21

Here are the councils that have submitted Family of the Months for the first time in the past 18 months.

Welcome to the Family of the Month program!

Council	Grand Knight	District Deputy
7732 - Tri-Parish Council, Hilbert	Mark Schneider	11 - John Schwartz
10243 - Msgr. Sylvester Borusky Council	Robert Kulesav	13 - Rick E. Noe

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Faith In Action – August Family of the Month - Continued

Here are the councils that have submitted a Family of the month for each month of the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Well done and keep it up! **Your parishes appreciate giving recognition to the families that deserve it!**

Council	Grand Knight	District Deputy
2137 - Rev. C.F. Schmitt Council, Rice Lake	Michael Morgan	83 - Eugene Sirianni
10243 - Msgr. Sylvester Borusky Council	Robert Kulesav	13 - Rick E. Noe

Every council should be striving to submit **at least one** family of the month before the end of 2018, so they can choose them as the council Family of the Year.

The family can then be considered for the Diocesan family of the year, State family of the Year and International Family of the Year.

The International Family of the Year will be awarded at the next Supreme Convention held in Minneapolis Minnesota in August 2019, which anyone can attend! Who knows? Maybe you will be able to see one of your families of the month receive the award!

They can't win if you don't submit them.

Thank you to all councils for submitting your awesome families in your councils and parishes.
Vivat Jesus!

SK Joe Uchytel
Wisconsin Family Coordinator

ANOTHER ULTRASOUND PROJECT !

The Father Dodge Council 7827 has been approved by Supreme to begin fundraising efforts for placement of a new ULTRASOUND machine to help save baby's lives at NEW DAWN PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER in Woodruff. As has been the tradition in our great state of Wisconsin, we're turning to our Brother Knights for Help!

Our Council needs to raise approximately \$14,000 and are trying to have enough funds by December 1st.

Donations need to be written to Father Dodge Council 7827 and in the memo line write Ultrasound or for a tax deductible contribution write the check to Wisconsin KofC Charities Inc. with New Dawn Ultrasound in the memo line and **mail the checks to:**

Father Dodge Council 7827

7855 Hacker Rd

Minocqua, Wi. 54548

Attn. FS Mike Heppe

Contact info. (715) 356-1411

State Program / Community Director Update



Brothers,

Glad to see and speak with so many of you at the recent Diocesan Meetings. I hope that, as a result of the information we presented at those meetings, you now have a better grasp of the Faith in Action program and its far reaching effects.

Remember that through the articles in Knightline July-October, Columbia magazine, the Supreme website (www.kofc.org/faithinaction), you can receive lots of the information you need to succeed with this program! The Faith in Action Guidebook is available from Supplies Online at \$2 each. Faith in Action Collection, which includes the frequently asked questions and 2-page descriptions of each of the 32 FA programs is also available at a cost of \$15 each. The entire book can also be downloaded from the Supreme website. Your Chaplain and Financial Secretary will soon be receiving copies of the Faith in Action Program book (for the Grand Knight and Program Director). These Program Guides and Books should be in the hands of all your major officers and directors with the 2-page program information sheets to all your committee chairs as needed. My presentation from the Diocesan Tour will also soon be on the State website as well.

Keep in mind that this new program format is intended to help us to attract new, younger members who want to be better fathers, stronger in their faith, action in parish programs and Charitable Outreach with their families/parishioners that fit the time limits they have. These programs should mesh well with the new e-member, young adult member teams and Hispanic Council Development initiatives.

It should also help Councils to achieve a good balance of parish-based, State and Supreme programs that work best for them (parish and Council both) as they strive to achieve their membership and insurance goals and earn Star Council, Columbian and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Awards. Hopefully, we can see many more of those in 2019!

If you have any program questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime! I and my brother Diocesan Program Coordinators and State Area Directors (Youth, Knowledge, Youth Athletics, Faith, Family, Life as well as Charity, ID, Special Olympics, etc.) are always happy to deal with your concerns. Next month I'll look more closely at these positions, as well as at some of the other areas we covered on the Diocesan Tour (History Books, Service Program Awards, etc.)

Hope that your planning for fall-winter programs is well underway (PPK, Soccer, Culture of Life and Citizenship Essay Contests, Keep Christ in Christmas, Sentiments for Seminarians, Coats for Kids, etc.). Get started now on implementing those 4 programs required for the Columbian Award and Star Council for 2018-19 (Spiritual Reflection, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands and Novena for Life).

More also on these next month.

Have a great October! Vivat Jesus! Nunc Coepi!

Bill Frayer State Program/Community Director

Plan for Success

Things are starting to heat up! And not a moment too soon. We ended the first quarter with 114 new members. That means we need to average 135 new members par month for the next 9 months to hit our goal of 1325 new members for the year. Can we do that? You bet we can!

Do you have a pan to succeed in membership? How about this 3-point plan.

- 1.) Maintain and build relationships with our Brother Knights and their families. And where they are already lost, restore them; and where they have been broken, repair them. Just as our Lord and Savior never gives up on us, let us never give up on our Brother Knights. Click on Retention Letter at this link: <http://kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/StateCouncilForms.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>

Plagiarize it! Use some version of it with your dues notice. And follow up the letter with personal contact.

- 2.) Schedule your Council Growth events. Those could be church drives or any other program. But make it intentional. Have Council Ambassadors on hand to invite men and their families to consider, or reconsider, the good they can be part of in their world and the world around them. There is not too much good in the world! Ambassadors (we can all be ambassadors!) should ask them if anyone has ever taken the time to tell them about the opportunity they have to build a better life with their family and with all families. For some great tips in how to do this, click on: <https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1799246/E96179BB528C0C25DD672324304A00B9?mode=login&email=ronaldfaust@reagan.com>

Do not be dissuaded by the title, “Church Drives that Really Work.” The training offered applies to all programs. You may need to register to view the content. IT IS WORTH IT! It is very well done. Please take the time to view it.

- 3.) Invite the Young Adult Membership Team (Y.A.M.T.) to help you, directly when possible, carry your compelling message to young families. Young families are attracted to other young families. This can open their eyes to a world of opportunity they may fail to recognize otherwise.

The leader of this initiative in Wisconsin is none other than your Worthy State Warden, Corey Coonen. His contact information is:

SK Corey Christopher Coonen
corey.christopher.coonen@gmail.com
Cell: 920-819-9409

OK, we have a plan. Maybe yours is different. Whatever it is, you can make it better if you add the secret sauce! What is the secret sauce? TEAMWORK! Teammates do not let each other down, they lift each other up.

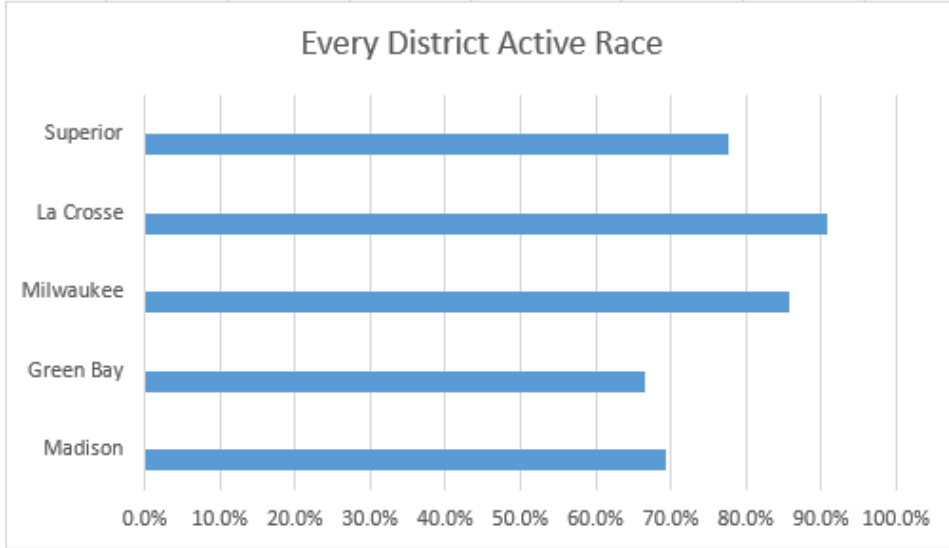


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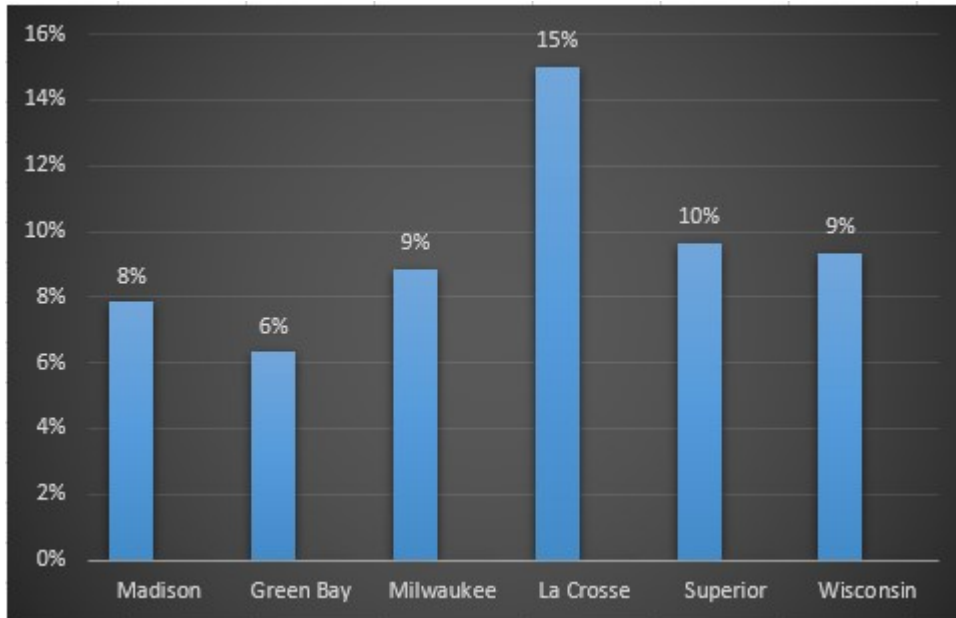
“Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork!”

Every Council Growth event is different; but they are all also the same. Each shows the parish community that the local council is alive and well. Be a good teammate. Help another council succeed. Attend their event and be an ambassador for our Worthy Order. Your Brother Knights will return the favor. Teamwork really does make the dreamwork!

END OF FIRST QUARTER SNAPSHOTS



Membership per Diocese



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This month's tip of the hat goes to District 1 for achieving 25% of their annual membership quota in the first quarter and to Council 17035 for achieving 125% of their annual membership quota!

There are some interesting things going on in every diocese. A report of your diocese will be sent via FlockNote. What? You don't get FlockNote messages? Take care of that in less than 3 minutes here:

<http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=88>

Scan and send form 100s to: membership@kofc.org

Don't forget to copy: forms@wikofc.com

GO!! WISCONSIN!! GO!!

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES UPDATE

The 2017-18 Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Drive was a success, raising the most money in the history of the program for the 8th year in a row. In turn, the ID Committee is seeking grant applications to distribute around \$150,000 at their Annual Meeting in January.

A formal letter of how to apply for the money will be in every councils Fall Packet, as well as on the State website, under Forms.

How does a group truly apply for the money?

The group must serve those with **intellectual disabilities, not just disabilities.** The group needs to send in the application, but you can help them to apply.

Who does the group serve?

How many people will the grant benefit?

How much money is the group seeking?

What are they seeking the money for?

15 copies of the grant application need to be mailed to: Mark Jelinek, 120 N. Park St., Richland Center, WI 53581, and need to be received by November 15, 2018.

The Annual Meeting of the WI KC ID Committee will occur on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Each group who applies will be notified by January 15, on the decision of the Committee.

If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the 6 men who serve on the ID Committee: Green Bay, Bob Peters; LaCrosse, Greg Sutton; Madison, Jim Vogt; Milwaukee, Dan Castle; Superior, Pat Becker; Director, Mark Jelinek.

**Thank you for all you do for the Order.
Mark Jelinek WI KC ID Director**

Congratulations to Roland Ransom II

Dear Roland,

Our Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association has selected you as the recipient of the 2018 Americanism Award.!!

It will be held at the War Memorial Center on Sunday October 28th, starting with a breakfast at 10:00 am, with awardees from other military organizations (and you) receiving the awards during a program after breakfast.

I will present the award to you, and you have a brief opportunity for some words thereafter.

Excited for this opportunity to recognize your good works on behalf of our military brethren.

Peace,

Walt



State Golf Tournament Information

“Save the Date”

I have reserved the Merrill Golf Club for June 8th, 2019, and sent an email to Mike Heppe from Fr. Dodge Council (last year's host). I will draw up a flier and get to work.

Fraternally,
WGK Kevin Cohrs
Council 1193
Fr. Rene Menard Council, Merrill



ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Brother Knights!

At this tumultuous time in our culture, in our country and in our Catholic Church, we are called to prayer! We are 5 weeks into the 54 day Rosary Novena for Our Nation on a prayerful path to the October 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. There are over 60,000 prayer warriors including many Knights of Columbus participating in Novena for Our Nation via emails and countless others through social media, website and books!

I encourage all of you to make plans to join in public praying of the Rosary on October 7 for Rosary Coast to Coast if you have not already done so. We continue to build momentum with 900 Rosary rallies registered to date! Go to the website map at <http://rosarycoasttocoast.com/> to find locations and details near you. I especially invite you to organize a Rosary among your faith community, register it on the website and add to the increasing number of Rosary rallies!

We strongly recommend Rosary rallies to be in public places. Specific suggestions are: along the coasts and borders; in front of state capitols or other government buildings, in other public places where you can gather people; or outside parish Churches. We recommend signs or banners to let people know what you are doing. Invite a Priest, Bishop or Religious to speak at the rally. A Rosary or Eucharistic Procession from the Church to the public location is encouraged. For those who are unable to attend Rosary rallies, please join in as families and individuals.

The focus of all local events should be praying the Rosary; preferably simultaneously across the country at 4 pm Eastern, 3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific, noon Alaska, 10 am Hawaii.

We recommend that it be the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary since that is both the Rosary of the Day (Sunday) as well as the Rosary with which we will be concluding the 54 day Rosary Novena for Our Nation. October 7 is also Respect Life Sunday and the 2018 date of Life Chain.

Rosary rallies should be scheduled and located so that they are independent of Life Chain events. That way those who would like to participate in both are able to do so without creating an unintended connection between Rosary Coast to Coast and Life Chain.

Rosary Coast to Coast will be anchored by the 3rd annual National Rosary Rally in front of the US Capitol in Washington DC on October 7. I personally invite all who are called from across the country and especially those in the greater DC area to join us! Nationally known Catholic speakers will address threats to Life, Marriage and Family and Religious Liberty.

We will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill, have a Rosary Procession to the rally site and pray all Mysteries of the Rosary. Details are available at <https://www.novenaforournation.com/national-rally-2018/>.

Thank you for your participation in all these much needed prayer campaigns; you are all in our prayers! Together we call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness!

**Yours respectfully in Christ,
Fr. Richard Heilman
President of Holy League
Wisconsin State Chaplain Knights of Columbus 2016-2018**

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Team



Brother Knights,

Wow, what a busy summer it has been for the disaster relief response team. We started in July with the explosion that effected downtown Sun Prairie. There we were able to help with monitory donations for families that had been displaced. The Knights of Columbus Councils were able to donate over \$ 4,800.00 to those displaced families.



August brought record rain fall throughout the state creating widespread flooding. Governor Walker declared State Diaster and is bringing in Federal relief.

We Did our part as well. The Knights of Columbus stepped up to help sand bag multiple communities to ensure homes, lives and valuables were not lost from the floods. Multiple councils sent members to help out in Reedsburg, Madison, La Crosse, and Montello. This was a great time to showcase our younger membership. These young men were able to save many of these communities from massive losses.



That said, please share these accomplishments when doing your membership drives. As knights, we are here to serve.

The Disaster Rleief Program is a great way to involve all ages and an even better way to provide membership oportunities to our parishes. We are looking to our younger generation of Catholic Men to stand in the gap of natural disasters. It's a young man's game requiring dedication, rescue, physical strength and good moral character



We have a plan to assist our councils with their membership drives through parish life and the concept of involving your priests in this valuable community program.



Members of Council 4879 assisting above & below



Various other Council members assisting



Members of our Hispanic Council doing double duty -

these men did this to save this

May God Bless.

Rob Schwerin
WI State Disaster Relief
Logistics Chief



Committee to Define Charity

WSD Wrbanich will forward this report below to the Financial Review committee and GOTO committee as required by State Resolution.

I also instruct State Secretary to publish subject definition in the next State Deputy Newsletter and do consider this matter closed at this time.

Meeting was held via Uber Conference on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00

Present: State Advocate John Huttenhoff, Past State Deputy Tim Genthe, Past State Deputy Ron Faust, Charity Committee Chair Mark Kohls

Excused: Grand Knight Peyton Hagerstrom was unable to attend the meeting as he works 2nd shift, however, he provided input via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Meeting opened in prayer led by PSD Genthe.

After Discussion, the following definition was proposed.

A response to a request made to the WI State Council to expend moneys to support people and projects that are in line with Fr. McGivney's ideals, that are not already budgeted by the WI State Council.

Motion by Tim Genthe, Second by Mark Kohls. Vote was Unanimous to approve this definition.

Meeting closed in prayer led by PSD Genthe.

**Nunc Coepi!
Vivat Jesus!
Viva Christo Rey!**

**John Huttenhoff
State Advocate
Wisconsin State Council
Knights of Columbus**

ADDITIONAL NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED

A \$6,000.00 check was withdrawn from the WI KofC Reserve Account.

This dollar amount is to be donated to the LA Crosse Diocese in support of their Sesquicentennial Celebration taking place during the current calendar year.

This donation was approved via electronic vote by the State Officers on 11 Sep 2018.

According to the WI KofC Bylaws (Article VI, Section 13) "Special Charity Grants...must be reported to each subordinate council, District Deputy, and members of the Financial Review Committee, Investment Review Committee, and Good of the Order Committee..." by the State Secretary

This announcement is going out via this State Newsletter to all concerned.

Respectfully, State Secretary Patrick Reiff

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Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

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to schedule your council's Admissions Degrees!!

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2018 Scheduled Degrees are posted on the State Website!

<http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>

(Contact State Treasurer Mike Tomsyck for help in posting your degrees)

Don't forget to send in your Form 450 after each Degree to:
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[Download your form from the State Website](#)

State Newsletter & Badger Bulletin submissions are due to State Secretary Patrick Reiff

By the 20th of the month prior to publication

Email submissions to preiff@gmail.com



Wisconsin Knights In Action

Grand Knight Chris Mosconi of Msgr. Looze Council 4869 of the Knights of Columbus presented a check to Kathie Kelley of Oconto County Special Olympics in the amount of \$1,110.72.

The donation was half of the proceeds from the Knights of Columbus recent Tootsie Roll Drive. The other half was donated to New View Industries of Gillett. Pictured are Kathie Kelley, and Bowling Team Members Gary Hansen, Carrie Fischer, and Debbie Bostedt.

They bowl to compete in Local and State Special Olympic Tournaments. Thanks to Mark of Lena Lanes, in Lena WI. The Msgr Looze Council includes men from the parishes of St Anthony, Oconto Falls; St John, Gillett; and St Michael, Suring. Thank you to parishioners of all three parishes for their support of Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

Fraternally,

Chris A Mosconi

District Deputy #2 Marinette, Oconto, Lena, Coleman, and Oconto Falls Councils

Grand Knight Msgr Looze #4869

Faithful Comptroller Bishop Bona #1217



Badger Bulletin



Wisconsin Knights In Action

WDD Michael Tennis of District 60 of the Milwaukee Archdiocese spent the day with our Brother State Deputy from Alaska today at Holy Hill.

