

WINTER DD MEETING

DECEMBER 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) State Knowledge and Free Throw Contest
 - March 25 or April 8 at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids
 - Free Throw registration/practice 11AM-Noon; competition at Noon
 - Math and Spelling registration 11:30-12:30; competition at 12:30
 - Council Competitions need to be in December/January; District FT in early Feb.; Diocesan Knowledge and FT in late Feb./early March

- At all levels, travel cards must be completely, accurately and legibly filled out for ALL contestants! Free Throw and Knowledge reports need to be filled out for ALL Council and District Contests with your Diocesan Program Coordinator.

POSTER CONTESTS

- 2) True Meaning of Christmas (grades 1-4)
Posters (Council winners) are due to your Diocesan Program Coordinator by January 1.
 - “Keep Christ in Christmas” (ages 5, 10-14) are due to the State Program Director by January 16.

SERVICE PROGRAM AWARD

- 3) Service Program Award applications are due to the State Office or the State Program Director no later than March 1! (Be sure to include pictures, documentations and binder/separate pages with your application.)

SOCCKER CHALLENGE

- 4) We are promoting for 2017 running the Soccer Challenge in spring instead of fall. Councils can run the challenge from April 1-May 30. Results should be sent to your Diocesan Program Coordinator and the State Program Director as well as to Supreme. Diocesan/State Contests will continue for now to be run in the fall. Soccer packets can be downloaded from the State website and kits ordered from Supreme!

HISTORY BOOKS

- 5) History Books are due to your DD by February 15, then to Diocesan Program Coordinator by March 1.
 - Requirements for 2016 remain the same as well as the State Program Awards.
 - Information can be downloaded from State website.
 - There is an option for the 2016 books for a Council to turn in a book (print or electronic) solely for the purpose of qualifying for Complete Council Award, not competition. Send to SPD by April 1.

HISTORY BOOK REQUIREMENTS

- The History Book is a beneficial program for councils. It may not seem like it, but maintaining a record of council activities in an organized manner does help the council in later years. The history book is also a tool that can be used to show candidates and their wives what the council achieves in our different areas of interest in a positive message.

- The District Deputy is the initial State representative involved in the History Book judging. The councils submit the books to the District Deputy by 2/15. The District Deputy submits the GRADED books to their diocesan program coordinator by 2/28. These dates are negotiable between the respective parties. It's the DD's ultimate responsibility to collect the books from the councils. The History Book judging is conducted at the State Office in mid-March.

- Please ask your councils to participate at your district meeting. Even if they just complete the forms, place in a folder and submit it allows them to receive credit for complete council. It also might start them on a path to improving it the next year.

2017 HISTORY BOOK

- CHANGES COMING IN 2017!!
 - Greater point opportunities for active councils
 - Added emphasis on the Domestic Church initiative
 - New points for:
 - Membership
 - Supreme Program Activity
 - Vocations
 - Family Activities
 - Domestic Church
 - Uknight and Facebook promotion of the Knights

- Councils must use the latest form-2016 from the state website
 - **All books will still be graded, (unless submitted directly to the SPD with note that indicates “for CC credit only!”) but it is difficult to win without the correct form +100 points just for using the correct form.
 - Correct form link:
<http://kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/StateCouncilForms.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>

History Book Grading Form

- To be completed by DD prior to submitting to Diocesan Program Coordinator
- The form **MUST BE SUBMITTED** with the History Book.

GRADING

- Each page has points listed with some areas capable of an infinite number of points.
 - Page “B” - Infinite points- due to number of vocations recipients
 - Page “C” -Infinite points-due to degree of participation, members Suspended or Withdrawn

- Page “N”- photos and articles
 - PHOTOS SHOULD BE IN THE PHOTO SECTION TO ENSURE POINTS
 - 1 photo per function/activity gets points-2 points for the picture + 1 point if a caption is included
 - The same photo receives points if printed in a publication
 - Only ONE PHOTO PER ACTIVITY RECEIVES POINTS
 - CORRESPONDENCE DOESN'T RECEIVE POINTS INCLUDING THANK YOU NOTES

TOOTSIE ROLLS

- The 2017 Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive is fast approaching. The statewide drive this year will be held from April 21-May7. Be sure you have set up your distribution points in your town. Remember these businesses and churches are doing us a favor by letting us be there. Thank you goes a long way.

- Ask 5 members who never helped in the past to help.
- If your council has a local special needs group, check to see if they could work shoulder to shoulder with you on a shift.
- See if your council can get local businesses to support the project. If you have a business willing to support more than \$250 please fill out the WI Charities Donor Form and the form and check made out to WI Charities to Mark Jelinek. Do not combine your council's collection money in the business donation money.

- Council order form due to District Deputy by February 1.
- District order form and all council order forms due to State Coordinator by February 15. Forms can be sent via email or USPS.
- The Tootsie Roll Program Report with a check for the total amount collected needs to be mailed to the State Coordinator within 10 days of the completion of the council drive.

- All councils are able to promote and encourage any organization which assists those with intellectual disabilities to apply for State Funds. Instruction for how to do this is on the State Website. Applications are accepted between September 1 and November 15. Grants are awarded in January.

Special Olympics
Team Wisconsin 2018
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

IF WE SEE A NEED AND ARE ABLE TO HELP, IT IS NO LONGER AN
OPTION TO HELP, BUT THE HELP BECOMES AN OBLIGATION!!

- If each Knight in Wisconsin gave \$.75 a year to team 2018, our goal of \$100,000 to send Team Wisconsin 2018 to the National games would be realized.
- At this point we have about \$51,410.91 toward our goal. We have to the end of June, 2018 to come up with the other \$49,000.

- Donations from councils who support local and regional Special Olympic agencies total more than \$64,000 to date and are not counted in our “Team 2018 goal.” Remember to submit your form, which could result in as much as \$12,000 return to KofC Wisconsin, Special Olympics from Supreme.
 - 4584, Partnership Profile with Special Olympics Due, January 31, 2017

- When you donate, make the check out to our 501c3 account “Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities” and earmark it for Special Olympics team 2018.
- Mail any and all donations to Bryce Lisowski.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

- It is fitting that we honor families in our councils that excel in supporting: Council, Community, Church, and Youth Activities. Every Council has families that are worthy of being honored.

Two Family of the Month Programs

- The Supreme program is a drawing.
 - Complete form #1039A and submit it to Supreme by the 15th of the month.
- The Wisconsin State program is based on Merit.
 - Complete form Supreme form 1039A and email or mail it to Larry Julson by the 15th of the month for the previous month.

- A family is chose as Family of the Month from each Diocese.
 - We need to know what makes these families outstanding for proper judging.
 - Please give comments on all members of the family and what they do for involvement.
 - Single persons have been selected for Family of the Month.
 - The Family of the Month does not necessarily need to be a member of the Knights.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

- Start working now by selecting a family you want to nominate for Family of the Year (FOY).
- It is important to use the FOY form provided on the state website.
- The State Family of the Year winning nomination is sent to supreme for consideration for the International Family of the Year award.

- Nominations should be assembled into binders, up to 2 or 3 inch size binder.
- Include photos of family members participating in activities. Also, a family photo that is suitable for publication in the State Convention booklet should be submitted.
- Include letters of recommendation from their Pastor and other Community leaders.
- Involve the family in gathering nomination information, they are the best source.
- Glean scrapbooks for information on selected families.

- Families should not be expected to fill out and prepare their own nomination.
- Last year many nominations consisted of only 2 sheets of paper, make sure to tell their complete story.
- Honoring families and publicizing who they are and what they do will encourage other families to become Knights of Columbus families.
- All nominations need to be submitted and received by February 15th to the State Family Coordinator.

COUNCIL CHARITY FUND REQUEST FORM

- We raise funds through our State Charity Raffle. Those funds must be used for charitable purposes as stated in our Mission Statement which in part reads: “will help alleviate sorrow, ease financial burdens and restore hope to families and victims of accidents and illness. This fund will also be the source of funding for vocations.” Since the State Council returns 65% of the net charity funds raised back to the Local Councils to use for their local charity needs, the State Council must verify that funds returned to Councils from the State Charity Raffle are indeed being used for charitable needs.

- The Grand Knight receives this form in his state convention packet which should arrive in January. He, along with his financial secretary and charity chairman, should fill it out, sign it and send it to the state office by May 1st.
- We suggest that you use the amount you received the year before or you can enter the amount you listed as to where you distributed the charity funds you received last year.
- Your council should have a separate charity bank account, but if not, you need to show that you keep those funds separate from your general operating funds.
- The Council Charity Request Form is also located on our State Website.

Supreme Knight tells state leaders membership key to growth and stability of the Knights of Columbus.

- “While we have other goals and activities that are necessary, no other task is sufficient to advance the Good of the Order if we do not advance membership growth. Everything we do depends upon membership,” he added.

- Today there is a challenge that has to be met, he continued. Supreme Knight Anderson pointed out that the Knights of Columbus must recruit younger men and fathers of young families. Our councils need to emphasize programs more relevant to families with young children and we need to use recruitment tools that rely upon enhanced Internet and web-based connectivity.
- It is necessary, he said, to recruit younger members in ways that respect the more limited time they have to dedicate to volunteer activities and to schedule council activities in ways that respond to the more limited time young fathers have to participate in activities outside the home.

- “Let’s remember this: Father McGivney was not yet 30 when he founded the Knights of Columbus with what was described at the time as the 'young go-ahead men' of New Haven,” the supreme knight continued. “And I am totally confident that had there been a World Youth Day in 1882, Father McGivney would have been there with his brother Knights. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus for the young working men of his day, to protect their families.”

- “Our Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative combines two great traditions of the Knights of Columbus: building up Catholic family life and strengthening parish life,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. Parishes are the natural home of Knights of Columbus councils and where they thrive best while strengthening the parish community as a whole, he added. These parish-based councils can be the drivers within the parish that promotes Catholic family life and new charitable initiatives, and that calls Catholic men to greater spiritual formation and evangelical action.

- “And these programs will do one more thing: They will help make our parishes more family friendly, especially for young families,” the Supreme Knight said. Along with this, he continued, the Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive program includes monthly themes, meditations, Scripture readings and activities for the whole family. It is a program for all families, but it is designed especially for young families. It can help families that need new ways to bring the light of the Gospel into their homes.

- Additionally, the Knights of Columbus is continuing to partner with Praesidium Inc. to provide the most up-to-date resources available to ensure safe environments for children. To further enhance this initiative, the Supreme Knight said that an Office of Youth Protection department has been developed at the Supreme Council office to monitor these efforts.

- “Young people, especially College Knights, play a large role in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. each year,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “This coming year, I ask every Knight that can make it to Washington, D.C. for this event, which is a true witness to the devotion we and so many others hold to support a culture of life, to please do so.”