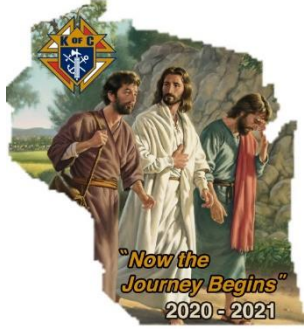


Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

June 2021

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THANKS AND APPRECIATION!



Well—Year 1 of this Leadership Team is almost in the books! Our State Officers and me have much to be thankful for and appreciate all the efforts of our Councils and our State Leaders to help us through this challenging year!

As reported in my State Deputy Report at the State Convention—2020 was a year of change for both how we learned to live through the Pandemic as well as for our State Council!

We have been blessed this past year to have many Brother Knights step forward to lead our State. Although it wasn't an easy task—these group of men kept a positive attitude and vision towards the future, post-pandemic.

First—I'd like to thank our State Officer Team—the youngest team in the history of our State Council. Without all of your efforts, we wouldn't have survived through this Pandemic as well as we have.

Next, I would like to thank our State Membership Director Rick Raulin. He stepped forward this past year to take on the challenging task of trying to grow our membership when for a majority of the year many were unable to attend mass!

Our State Program Director Bill Frayer had to adapt to constant changes regarding our Programs and how to conduct Programs during this pandemic. Brother Bill's leadership is something that we all owe a debt of gratitude for.

Our General Agent Tim Nowak helped transition his team of field agents from the traditional sphere of how many thought of them into a promotion of our Fraternal Benefits through ongoing Fraternal Benefit Nights. Our State's Fraternal Benefits is in great hands with Brother Tim and his field agents supporting us!

We were blessed to have former District Deputy Bill Hitt lead the charge with Online Membership. His relentless follow up to councils resulted in our State having one of the highest conversion rates for Online Members into local councils—a direct result of Bill's efforts!

I could go on and on thanking the many individuals that stepped forward this past year to help lead in this challenging time—know that all of your efforts are appreciated—even if not mentioned above!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our District Deputies, who continued to lead through this challenging time of change. They helped councils navigate into this 'virtual' world for meetings along with assisting them with growing their council and conducting programs. I would especially like to thank those retiring District Deputies for their help this past year as well as service throughout to our State: Brothers Michael Darne (D1), Andy Caelwaerts (D6), Ed VanderBloomen (D12), Wes Swisher (D13), Mark Koth (D15), Michael Kloss (D22), Kevin VanDenHeuvel (D24), Thomas Ladwig (D25), David Joswiak (D28), Eric Barczak (D31), John "Doc" Casey (D47), Paul Lang (D51), Michael Tennes (D60), Brian Neal (D64), Dennis Wiemer (D83), Tom Trochlil (D85).

Finally, I want to thank all of our Council Leaders. Your resolve during this troubling year has helped our Councils move forward and past this Pandemic. Your flexibility to the changing conditions and ability to adapt to the reality of virtual meetings and programs has allowed us to move forward instead of looking back! I look forward to every one's success this upcoming year as all of our councils get back on track towards growing our order and our charitable works! Now the Journey Continues!

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



The Most Holy Eucharist

I would like to address the concern I have with all the talk in our nation about the reception of Holy communion by Catholic public figures that support abortion. A perspective that I have seen in all this talk is the idea of the Most Holy Eucharist as a medicinal sacrament. This should be understood in the sense that if humbly received it can drive out the desire to sin.

I am just a simple priest so I have a simple perspective which I learned in seminary and have even taught in my days of as a teacher of high school students in sacramental theology. What I learned and taught is that the Most Holy Eucharist is not primarily medicinal and that is why it is not categorized as a healing sacrament, like Holy Anointing or Reconciliation. The Most Holy Eucharist is the height of initiation, and so it is to strengthen and support us in living out what we believe.

Unfortunately, the influence of the world seems to have pushed aside the need for the healing sacraments of Reconciliation and even Holy Anointing leaving an empty space for the Eucharist to fill even though it was not primarily instituted for healing. Though the Eucharist can bring the healing power of Christ into our lives, the primary purpose for us to receive the sacrament is for strengthening and supporting the lives we live as Catholic Christians and as Knights of Columbus. He gives Himself to us so that we can boldly live out what He has taught us in the scripture and tradition. In my view, if a Catholic does not live what Christ teaches us in His Church they are spiritually dead and need to find life in Christ first through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How can our Lord Jesus Christ strengthening and support those who chose to love sin and death? He destroy those on the cross! Mortal sin first needs to be washed away with the Blood of the Lamb through the healing sacrament of Reconciliation before the Life Blood of the Lamb in the Holy Eucharist can be humbly accepted?

I know it is not easy for any in the position of a bishop these days. With the responsibilities their office holds we need make sure we are praying for them. I pray for mine often and ask our Lord and our Lady to bless him with courage, (especially while praying the 3rd sorrowful mystery), I hope you can do the same.

Your Brother Knight, Fr. Andrew J. Kurz
Knights of Columbus, Wisconsin State Chaplin

4th Degree Eastern District Exemplification

The next Wisconsin Easter District Exemplification will be on October 9, 2021 at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 2133 N.22nd Street, Sheboygan, 53081. This will be an in-person Exemplification. More information to follow at a later date.

Thank you and God Bless.

If you have any question, please contact me.

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Online Membership

We have one month to go to meet your membership goals for the fraternal year. Please utilize the tools made available to you by Supreme. Of the 133 Wisconsin councils which have yet to take in a new member this fraternal year, 26 have an assigned e-member. Let's make a big push to process your assigned online members into your council by having them attend an online or in-person degree. What better, or easier, way is there to add more men to your charitable workforce?

Wisconsin has seen these numbers regarding online membership as of May 11, 2021:

FY 2018-2019 Intake	129		
FY 2019-2020 Intake	135		
FY 2020-2021 Target	324		
FY 2020-2021 Intake	330	102%	
Conversions into a council	231	70%	Highest % in the Order
All time intake	594		
All time local council interest	520	88%	Tied for 3 rd in the Order
All time conversions to council	431	73%	Highest % in the Order
Prior members returning	48		

The above numbers look pretty good, don't they? Yes, but they could be much better. As of this writing, May 25, 2021, there are 164 online members with 89 assigned to specific councils. Two of these online members have already taken a degree and only need to be processed.

19 men have joined online since May 4.

4 men successfully participated in an online degree ceremony, 3 of whom are new members and 1 advancing.

12 online members were transferred into councils.

Here are the upcoming online degrees by the state officers:

6/14/2021	Monday	7:00 PM	State June 14, 2021 7:00 PM
6/29/2021	Tuesday	7:00 PM	State June 29, 2021 7:00 PM

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

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

State Online Membership Coordinator
William G. Hitt

Membership

The Fraternal Year might be winding down but that doesn't mean our INVITING Efforts to bring in more New Members is winding down. If anything, we need to "ramp up" our efforts so we can succeed in attaining our Circle of Honor quota.

Our biggest asset has been and continues to be the **MCGIVNEY2020** promo code which allows any Candidate Members to join our ranks for FREE. This will expire on June 30, 2021, at the end of our Fraternal Year, so NOW is the time to take advantage of it. Here is the process:



- 1) Use this link (<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>) to have the member JOIN US.
- 2) They answer the questions posed and fill in their contact information as required.
- 3) The Candidate must use the promo code MCGIVNEY2020 (all CAPS please) to get the FREE Membership.
- 4) They should insert YOUR Council Number in to be attached to their Preferred Council.
- 5) If you are "proposing" them for membership, they should use your Membership # as proposer/sponsor.



Where Can We FIND New Members?

I know it is old news, but it still works when they are applied to the situation... **WHERE can we FIND New Members?**

- ✓ Talk to your NEWEST Catholics, the recently graduated Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) participants
- ✓ Tell your own members you are going to do this – ***"Who do you know that ought to be a Knight?"***
- ✓ Ask your Pastor, Parochial Vicar and Deacon, ***"Who do you know that ought to be a Knight?"***
- ✓ Make EVERY PROGRAM into a Membership Opportunity, with handouts that tell them who to contact about the Knights and instructions (and the June 30th deadline) for the **MCGIVNEY2020** promo code.
- ✓ Talk to your ushers, lectors, servers, musicians, parish council members, religious ed teachers about becoming a Knight.
- ✓ Contact the former members who left our Order and sincerely ask them to come back.
- ✓ Look for "Men of Service" in your parish (i.e. – St Vincent de Paul volunteers, festival workers, etc.).



Like the sign says, **“DECIDE to Finish Strong!”** It is ALWAYS a Choice we have to make; are we going to sit on our hands or take the bull by the horns and finish the job?

We may not have done all we intended to do this year. I know I haven't accomplished much of what I set out to do as State Membership Director, but I can still make the effort takes to **FINISH STRONG**. Our circumstances do not dictate how we finish this year, but our attitude and our decisions do. Let's take this last month by storm and **DECIDE to Finish Strong! Consider...**

- ✓ Encouraging Candidates to attend the Multi-Degree Exemplification as an Observer if they are not ready to join yet... and encourage their Family to observe with the candidate.
- ✓ Moving your own First & Second Degree members along by attending a Multi-Degree Exemplification.
- ✓ Make a call-a-day to a prospect to consider joining the Knights.
- ✓ See what your Council needs to become a **STAR Council** – membership, insurance, programs, safe environment compliance, elections reported, coordinator positions filled and reported

Finally, THANK YOU for giving me the opportunity to serve you in Membership! It has been my honor to serve, and a true blessing to work with my Regional Membership Coaches, your State Officers, and the Regional Membership team.

Rick Raulin



Programs

Brothers,

As we wind up a most challenging 2020-21 Fraternal Year, we look forward, hopefully, to a 2021-22 Fraternal Year with Councils, parishes, schools, communities, etc. ultimately being open and back to as “normal” as possible. Plan your June-August programs and membership activities accordingly. Utilizing the tools you have or can obtain from Supreme, go all out to fully implement the new COVID Recovery Program and continue your Leave No Neighbor Behind activities. Go out of your way to run a program at each parish to welcome parishioners back to church. Do all you can (phone calls, ministry, help around the grounds and with summer programs, etc.) to assist your pastor however he wishes. Meet with him, the Pastoral team, your officers and directors to plan for a “fast start” to the 2021-22 Fraternal Year.

Remember to get your SP7 (Columbian Award) form and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award form (downloaded from State website) finished and in well before June 30! The criteria for both have been significantly reduced for 2020-21, so they are not hard to achieve! Turn the SP7 in to Supreme and the State Forms address; the Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award form in to the State Forms address. Do

these well in advance of June 30 and you can have them reviewed and returned to you for any additions or corrections needed before it's too late! Also, be sure to use the 2020-21 forms.

Remember also to get your Form 185 (2021-22 Officers) in by July 1; also your Form 365 (2021-22 Directors and Service Personnel) in by August 1. The sooner the 365 is in, the sooner Supreme and Armatis can forward you the information to update and complete your Child Safety Training requirements. Far too many Councils miss out on Star Council, Columbian Award, etc. because they are in non-compliance with those protocols! THAT MEANS SHOULD LEGALLY NOT BE RUNNING ANY PROGRAM WHERE CHILDREN ARE PRESENT OF ANY TYPE – NOT JUST “YOUTH PROGRAMS!”

June 30 is also the deadline to get your 2021-22 PKD and State Culture of Life donations in to the State Office. Your RSVP and Food for Families paperwork is also due to Supreme by June 30 as is your annual Roundtable Report. Any Council submitting a print or electronic History Book to qualify for the Outstanding Council Award who didn't submit one in February or March needs to have this in to me by June 30 also. Your LifeSavers for Life order form is due to your District Deputy and Dave Grau by June 15. You can see this calendar of what's due and when on the State website or check page 113 in your green 2020-21 State Directory.

Finally, as I close the 7th year of my being your State Program Director, I'm looking to turn the reins over to someone younger, with new ideas and energy. At our recent State Officers Meeting, the Worthy State Deputy presented the basis for a Reorganizational Plan that would institute an Assistant State Program/Community Director position who could help to take some of the load off of me in the area of supervising the 8 Faith in Action Community programs and Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, working also with the 2 Youth Programs Coordinators and generally learning the ropes of the position. I would be mentoring him. Hopefully, we could reverse roles in 2022-23 or find a new Assistant Director then and I'll revert back to an ex-officio or emeritus position helping out as needed.

If you are interested in filling this new position, please contact me or the Worthy State Deputy. I look forward to working with you.

Have a great Father's Day and first month of summer.

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director

PKD and Culture of Life due dates

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

Steve Geishirt



I would first like to thank all of those who have served our Country and then second let those who have lost someone in the line of Duty that our prayers and thanks are with you.

As we close the year at the end of June, thanks are in order for, all those councils that participated in a Fraternal Benefits Night. We have had a great response within the State working toward the goal of Star Council and getting and keeping the awareness of the Benefits of the Knights of Columbus in front of our new and existing Members. From Bailey's Harbor to Fitchburg to Hudson and beyond over the last month we have had successful events around the State. We are still not done, on June 3rd at 7:00 pm we will have our last statewide event for the Fraternal Benefits Night for the year. You can sign up at www.kofcwi.org **live events** to get one more group together for this Estate Planning and Benefits seminar. It is good to have as many as possible join us for these events.

Paul reminds us in Romans 12:9-16, Brothers and Sisters: Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

These are great goals and I would say the Knights and our families working toward this as our mission have continued to work for justice and peace. I added the boat above today asking one quick question, we should ask all those we meet to join us in this mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism they are not only lessons but a way of life. If not with the Knights, then with who?

God Bless, Tim Nowak, GA Wisconsin/UP

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

www.kofcwi.org

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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

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

June 5th, District Swimming, UW Stevens Point, Contact Michaela 715-204-9696

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

June 26th, State Track Meet, YWCA Oconomowoc, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

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

July 10th, District Bocce, Softball, La Crosse, Contact, Michaela 715-204-9696

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

July 10th, District Bocce, Lake Geneva, Contact Hailey hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org

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

Sept 12th, Southern State Golf, Columbus, Contact Nicole 608-442-5670

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

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

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

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

God Bless

John Benisch

Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator

ID Update

Brother Knights,

We have a steady flow of checks from councils following the completion of their Tootsie Roll Drive to fund Intellectual Disabilities. Please keep in mind to send those checks to me so that we can log the amount and record the destinations of your collected money.

Keep in mind that you have until September 1st to submit your check and form in order to get checks back from the state this year. This extension gives councils the opportunity to hold their drives in pleasant weather. We all know how unpredictable Mother Nature can be.

I have only received word from a few councils that were not running their drive due to the pandemic. There are so many precautions that can be taken and with the ongoing vaccinations, all councils should be able to run a campaign. I encourage you to reconsider your decision.

If you are unsure of where to find the forms, please go to the State Website and look under the State Forms category. Under the Community topic you will find what you need. If still unsure please contact me. Our former trusty chair, Mark Jelinek, is still receiving forms from some of you. Mark retired from the post two years ago.

Plan your event carefully to ensure you have permission to hold your drive at the locations you desire and sign up workers. Although the mask edict has been lowered, some businesses still request that you wear a mask. Please honor their request and have your workers wear them if required. Have a wonderful drive.

Fraternally yours,
Don Schoenherr
WI KofC ID Director

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

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



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

Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/12334629>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is in 1st place in the order with 53 FOMs representing **14.1%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Richard and Jennifer Rubenzer Family** (Chippewa Falls Council 974, District 24, La Crosse Diocese).

Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **85%** district participation and was the diocese with the most FOMs by submitting **14** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	Wayne and Beth Nemacek	La Crosse	Dan and Bernice Becker
Madison	Terry and Mabelle Hafel	Milwaukee	Ronald and Darlene Sabish
Superior	Andrew and Joy Nelson		

District

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

Council

There was **one** new council submitting a family of the month. Welcome **Saint Louis Parish Council 17149** from Dyckesville.

May Family of the Month deadline is June 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 **39** Golden Family Councils that submitted families for the fraternal year so far. Thank you, councils, as you are demonstrating true leadership in this program.

Supreme News

70% of the family of the months were submitted using the new Online 10784 form! **Thank you!** Remember that **Supreme will stop accepting the 10668 FOM in July 2021.**

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

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

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

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

Family Programs

Camping

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

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

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



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

Vivat Jesus!



SK Joe Uchtyl
State Family Coordinator

Culture of Life

Culture of Life – LIVE ultrasound initiatives in Wisconsin

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

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

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

Msgr Heim Council #15665
FS Mark Mandry
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Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552
FS Michael Bors
c/o Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.
42697 W Beltline Hwy
Madison, WI 53711-3859
mikebors@icloud.com
920-639-2636 (C)

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

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

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

Through Christ,



Dan Miller
State Director
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State Council – Knights of Columbus
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Training Update

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



CRP Program

A year ago when the global pandemic altered our way of life, you were there with your councils leaving no neighbor behind. Now, as communities begin to reopen, you will be there to help them again. To aid your parish and council in this, we have developed the COVID Recovery Program, a basic framework for your recovery efforts to best help your parish and council emerge stronger. Supreme and the State Officers are putting a lot of emphasis on the CRP Program. Please visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/042221.html> and [kofc.org/crp](http://www.kofc.org/crp) for more information, including resources, and presentation slides.

Upcoming Webinar Training Programs

These 2 trainings are to help state leaders, District Deputies and councils gear up and be ready to start growing their District and Council (and in turn their State) in the upcoming fraternal year.

Delta Drive

6/14/21 at 7PM CDT

6/22/21 at 6PM CDT

6/28/21 at 7PM CDT

The Delta Drive Presentation will cover The Prospect landing page and interaction with the prospects. Come learn how to adapt the Delta drive Method to your council's next event. It is valuable to retake the training even if you have done it.

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/62455974190747406>

Council Growth

6/15/21 at 8PM CDT

6/21/21 at 7PM CDT

The presentation will help Fraternal leaders resolve to leave councils, parish, and community better than how they found it. Leaders should also learn how to develop a simple, specific, year-round plan in place for growing council membership, that involves participation from the

whole council. Attendees should commit to work with their pastor(s), field agent, and DD to accomplish their goals. Leaders should understand the importance of hosting regular ceremonials, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives

Registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7663798770936794893>

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

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

Thank you and God bless,
Chuck Rohr, Jr.
Council Officer Training Coordinator: Wisconsin Jurisdiction

STAR Council UPDATE:

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

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

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

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

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

members.

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

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

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

Brother Knights:

In his November 28, 2016 address to the State Deputies, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, “Our responsibility as the leaders of the Knights of Columbus is to assure the continued growth and sustainability of our Order. This is our first and primary responsibility.” The focus of this meeting was membership recruitment and retention. He went on to say, “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.”



This “mandate” to grow our Councils applies not only to younger men – husbands and fathers – but to even younger men – those 17½ years of age and older. I am specifically referring to high school seniors – like the two young men who graduated from St. Lawrence Seminary High School (SLS) this year.

Russel Kilian is a member of the New Richmond Council #2845. Andrew (Quan) Le is a member of Kiel Council #5539. I learned of Russel’s membership through Andrew while I was encouraging him to join the Knights and assisted in his Exemplification at the Kiel Council’s May 13th meeting. His transportation to that meeting from SLS was facilitated by Br. Mitchell Frantz (a 2005 SLS alum & 3rd Degree Knight).

So despite the Covid-19 Pandemic, we did bring several high school seniors into the Knights. And you can too! Now is the perfect time to begin conversations with your local high school administrators. Contact me and together we can add even more young men to our Councils in 2021-22!

Both Russel and Andrew proudly wore their KofC Honor Cords at graduation. I was privileged to present them with their Honor Cords at their Senior Awards Ceremony where I educated the audience of SLS juniors, seniors and staff about the Knights of Columbus. This is just the beginning. Let’s make this an annual component of all high school senior awards ceremonies cross Wisconsin.

Blessings & Vivat Jesus,
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(Pictured L to R: Tre Waldren, Andrew (Quan) Le, Russel Kilian, Br. Mitch Frantz)