

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus
Notes
April - May 2018



Worthy Brother Knights,

Race-to-the-Finish!

Wisconsin has an historic opportunity, the opportunity to go back-to-back-to-back as a Circle of Honor State. That's like a threepeat of Star Council. Your State Leaders have been pushing to reach 1,400 new members for the Fraternal Year 2017-2018 our goal from Supreme is just 1,200 and we are close. State Membership Director Ron Faust and our Team is working hard to get us there. May and June are always our biggest recruiting months as Councils attempt to reach Star Council and so many are so close.

We are 264 away from 1,200 (as of May 10). If we hit our average we can achieve the Circle of Honor number from Supreme of 1,200. Is that good enough? Well Supreme wants us to do better if we can go above average the Supreme Council has offered us \$1,650.00 in incentives. We need to add 153 new members in May and 207 new members in June to receive this incentive. With 300+ Councils working for growth we can do it!

Reality Check!

Why are your State Leaders pushing to reach 1,400 new members when Supreme only expects 1,200? Because, if we only recruit 1,200 new members we shrink. Year-to-date Wisconsin has lost 773 members to death, may they Rest in Peace. We have also lost 345 to suspension, withdrawal and out of state transfers; that is 1,128 total losses with just 936 new members. We plan for 900 deaths and 450 in losses each year. We have worked hard to keep the losses under 450 the past three years and will be below 450 again this year.

Thank You! Because of this reality, the State Council requested a per capita tax increase for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year and the delegates at the annual meeting approved the increase to \$8.50 per member. Your State Deputy (me) and your State Deputy-elect Jack Wrbanich appreciate that authorization. We will continue to put our boots on the ground at the local council level to train for

and lead your efforts to support the Church, Build the Domestic Church and Grow the Knights of Columbus.

Incentive/Challenge!

If we achieve the incentives offered by Supreme in the Race-to-the-Finish Challenge we will in turn reward those individuals who make it happen. We need Every Council Active. If you are not getting new members you are not going to be able to support the Church. New Members are future leaders.

The incentive: any member recruiting 5 members in May or June or the combination of 5 new members in May and/or June will receive the State Deputy's Challenge Coin.



This challenge coin was brought to me by a 4th Degree Knight who shares these with veterans on the Honor Flights. At this year's State Deputy's Banquet I recognized a select group of individuals who have been part of my journey to serving as your State Deputy. You can join this select group by bringing in 5 new members.

“Put on the Whole Armor of God.”

“Race to the Finish!”

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
SD Guski



State Deputy's Challenge Coin.

***117th Annual Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus
State Convention
State Deputy Banquet***



Historic Opportunity

Brother Knights. You are having a great membership year! Star council numbers are trending up, star district numbers are trending up, and Wisconsin is on the verge of back-to-back-to-back Circle of Honor awards! What a winning streak!

But you and I know it is about so much more than the numbers. It is about a moment of relief for fire victims, reassurance that someone notices and cares for those suffering debilitating illnesses, self-worth for the intellectually disabled, life-affirming options for moms and dads in stressful pregnancy situations, life for babies in the womb, solidarity with the heroes who walk among us: first responders and veterans. It is about all of this and much, much more, including unflinching support for those who, every day, lay down their lives for us: our priests and bishops. What a blessing it is for us to live out the virtues proscribed for us by Father Michael J. McGivney. Alone we can do so little. What a joy it is to see all we can do in Unity. Thank you, Father McGivney!



And so, it is most appropriate that we begin this month's membership article recognizing those councils which have already achieved the "McGivney Award" for reaching their membership quota. If your council is listed here, know that all your brother knights across Wisconsin celebrate your achievement with you. And if your council is not listed, there are 6 weeks left! No matter whether your council is listed or not, the value of sharing the joy we have in our brotherhood with one man and his family is immeasurable. It is never the wrong time to do the right thing.

MCGIVNEY AWARDS

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	May GAIN	FY NET	PERCENT	COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	May GAIN	FY NET	PERCENT
16280	28	Marathon	0	13	325.00	6567	87	Osceola	3	6	120.00
1840	26	Prairie Du Chien	0	17	283.33	15229	48	Cambridge	0	6	120.00
6568	47	Madison	0	16	200.00	1647	73	Lake Geneva	0	8	114.29
16765	67	Kenosha	0	8	200.00	832	80	Ashland	2	9	100.00
1690	70	Whitewater	0	7	175.00	2055	21	Menomonie	1	12	100.00
10260	6	Flintville	0	10	166.67	4240	63	Menomonee Falls	4	13	100.00
7798	60	Hubertus	0	11	157.14	5008	3	Tigerton	4	6	100.00
6587	91	Hayward	0	9	150.00	6370	87	Frederic	1	6	100.00
15739	21	Plum City	0	6	150.00	7096	20	Cashton	0	4	100.00
12662	27	Nekoosa/Port Edwards	0	7	140.00	9230	49	Janesville	1	6	100.00
4106	72	Union Grove	5	9	128.57	12269	15	Appleton	0	7	100.00
1612	70	Delavan	1	5	125.00	12467	28	Polonia	1	5	100.00
12393	11	New Holstein	0	5	125.00	15659	72	Racine	5	7	100.00
5127	30	Colby	0	6	120.00	15665	73	Burlington	0	4	100.00

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Our order does not stand on one leg!

FOUNDERS AWARDS

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	May GAIN	FY NET	PERCENT	COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	May GAIN	FY NET	PERCENT
1647	73	Lake Geneva	0	4	133.33	4240	63	Menomonee Falls	1	5	100.00
6568	47	Madison	0	1	133.33	6554	73	Twin Lakes	0	3	100.00
16280	28	Marathon	1	4	133.33	7798	60	Hubertus	0	3	100.00
16729	12	St. Nazianz	0	1	133.33	12467	28	Polonia	1	3	100.00
4735	13	Denmark	0	2	125.00	13480	42	Oregon	0	3	100.00
710	12	Manitowoc	0	0	100.00	15659	72	Racine	1	3	100.00
1654	29	Arcadia	0	3	100.00	15739	21	Plum City	0	3	100.00
2836	3	Shawano	0	1	100.00	16079	45	Pine Bluff	0	3	100.00
3450	46	Spring Green	0	3	100.00						

Can you spot which councils have achieved both?

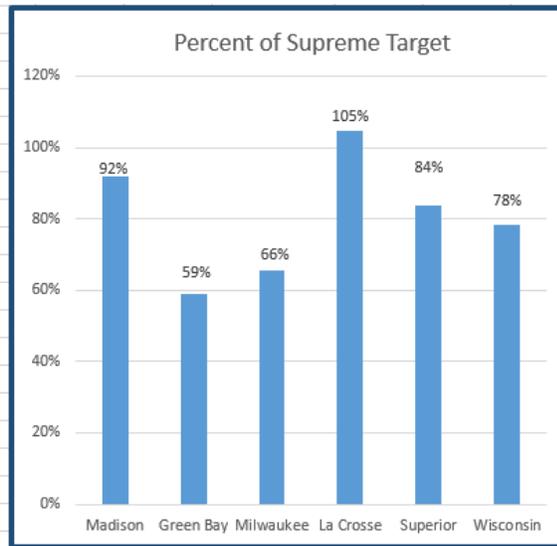
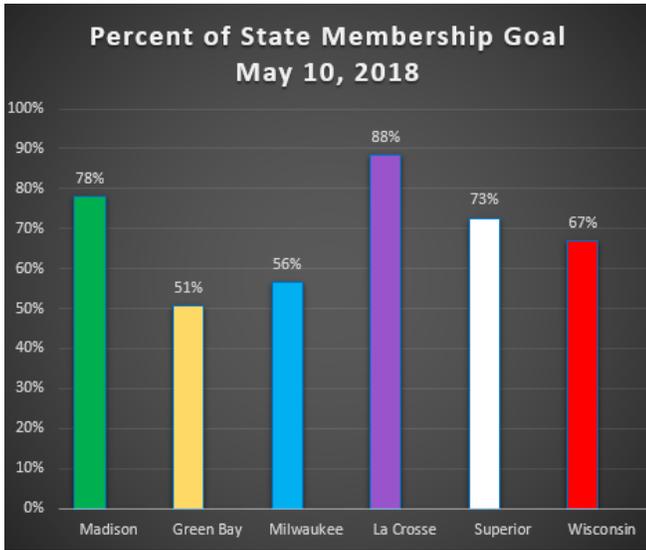
How about districts? At this writing, we have 8 districts which have met or exceeded their membership quota, 7 more that are close, one which has exceeded its insurance quota, and 5 which are close. FYI – this is WAAAY ahead of last year!

DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP			DISTRICT	INSURANCE		
	May GAIN	FY NET	PERCENT		May GAIN	FY NET	PERCENT
47	0	54	164.00	12	0	14	108.00
28	1	55	141.00	63	1	10	77.00
26	0	27	127.00	47	1	10	77.00
43	0	42	117.00	60	0	8	73.00
9	2	23	115.00	73	0	9	69.00
60	1	20	111.00	29	1	7	64.00
65	0	21	105.00				
72	5	19	100.00				
63	4	29	97.00				
70	0	25	83.00				
73	0	18	82.00				
21	1	18	75.00				
87	0	18	75.00				
49	1	17	71.00				
6	0	18	67.00				

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Next up, our Diocesan Competition!



Three cheers for La Crosse! They have exceeded their Supreme target and are closing in on the more difficult State target. The last one to hit that was last year’s champion, Superior. It is not easy! Can they hit it?

My brothers, today is a good day to welcome a man and his family to our brotherhood. It is never the wrong time to do the right thing for our brothers in Christ.

Nunc Coepi!
Vivat Jesus!
Viva Cristo Rey!

*IPSD Ronald Faust
Medic of Divine Mercy
State Membership Director
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The Knights are a Catalyst

*By Brother Knight Steve Hesprich,
Wisconsin Dells Council 4392*

I am so grateful for being a Knights of Columbus. Though I was raised in Wisconsin, most of my adult life has been outside of the state. I raised a family in Colorado and there I joined the Knights of Columbus. I joined for the simple reason to start meeting men in my parish where I was but a lukewarm Catholic and knew not even a handful of men. The Knights of Columbus was the catalyst for becoming an active Catholic fostering a stronger relationship with Christ and the Church.

The richness of membership in the Knights of Columbus has shaped my life dramatically these 21 years I’ve been a Knight. I couldn’t have known that my first involvement of rinsing silverware at a pancake breakfast

would lead to experiences far more than I or anyone could have known. I know that many get tired of the membership admonitions to ask every practicing Catholic man to become a knight, seeming that we’re just about the numbers. The numbers are important because we don’t know what the Knights might mean to a man and his family when we invite him to join. Consequently simply ask men to join! And we do have to challenge men in the usual objections we receive, especially having no time - that being one of the big ones. To me, it’s not time that is really the issue. Rather it’s our priorities. Simply stated, priorities in our life usually get our time. We make the time. Sometimes our stated priorities are not the real ones though. For example we say our family is a priority, but then our work life takes our time, and maybe other things too because quite simply, men often do not pay attention to what’s important. Our faith, our

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Programs



Brothers,
I returned home so energized by the State Convention! I hope that you too are now ready for a full court press to meet and exceed your final goals for the 2017-18 Fraternal Year. #1 on your list should be earning the Star Council and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Awards. I know you can do it, so let's all vow to do

our very best to get 'er done!

For Star Council, you need to meet your membership quota (net) so get those Church Drives and other recruiting efforts done soon; you need to meet your Insurance quota (net) now and time is short, so work with your General Agents and Field Agents to get new insurance members registered and annuities finalized ASAP. Be sure your Form 365 and Fraternal Survey are in, your per capita and other payments to Supreme are up to date, also that your Grand Knight and Youth Director have completed their Safety Training requirements. Finally, figure out which 4 programs you've done in each of the 6 categories for the Columbian Award and which areas you still need to work on (if any). Make plans to finish off those programs you still need to do this month so you can get your SP7 in by June 1 or soon thereafter!

For the Wisconsin State Outstanding Council Award, it's really very simple. Just take the checklist you have received several times this year (was available at Convention) or download it from the State website. Go over it with your officers and District Deputies at your Council and Officer meetings. Determine which items you've already done, which items you still need to do between now and June 30 and take care of completing them! In particular, if you need to fill that History Book requirement and haven't already done so, put together a book (print or electronic as best you can) and get it to me by June 30! The e-book can be on DVD or flash drive or

pdf. If you need help with this or determining if a program fits, feel free to contact me or your Diocesan Program Coordinator. Those completed checklists should be forwarded to your Diocesan Program Coordinator or to me by July 1. Your DD also has a Wisconsin Outstanding Council report grid that he'll use together with you that should also be forwarded to me by July 1. Remember that those Building the Domestic Church Initiative (BDCI) programs all fit in with your Columbian Award and Outstanding Council requirements!

I hope that your recent ID and Charity Raffle Ticket Drives were successful. Along with your parish support and other Charitable Community Outreach programs, these activities can help to strengthen your parish, Council and community in the effort to bring more men into our Honored Order!

Remember in May and June to help organize and carry out programs to honor our Blessed Mother (and all mothers); to honor St Joseph (and all fathers) - the Renewal of Marriage Vows on or around Father's Day is a good way to go. Also, it's a great time for Council/family outings, Corporate Communion and especially for end of the fraternal year Recognition programs to honor your Knights and Families of the Month and Year as well as those Brothers, Ladies, parishioners and community members who've worked so hard to make this a successful 2017-18 Fraternal Year.

I so enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Convention, especially as you viewed the displays and checked on the progress of your Council on the big Outstanding Council charts and in the Hospitality Room. Good luck to you over these next 2 months; enjoy the warmer spring weather.

Vivat Jesus!
Vivat Cristo Rey!

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer



2017 State Deputy Trophy Presentation
State Deputy Banquet
Division I winner - Sacred Heart Council 14478 (Horicon)
Division II winner - Fr. Mark Mueller Council 9230 (Janesville)
Division III winner - St. Croix Council 1762 (Hudson)



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Serve Others Defend Your Values

Background

At its meeting in April 2017, the Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 4 of the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, and Sections 9 and 37 of the Constitution and Laws, voted to allow men to be initiated into the Knights of Columbus by completing an online application and ceremonial. These men would then be Associate Members under the jurisdiction of the State Council of the state in which they reside.

At its meeting in June 2017, the Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 4 of the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, and Sections 9 and 37 of the Constitution and Laws, voted to establish an online ceremonial by which candidates for membership are initiated into the Order as Associate Members, without having to take the First Degree. The Board further voted to establish a state division under the jurisdiction of each state council of the Knights of Columbus. These divisions shall be

composed of members who are initiated into the Order as Associate Members through the online ceremonial and who reside within each respective state council's jurisdiction.

The online membership initiative required two relatively minor changes to the Laws of the Knights of Columbus, which were accomplished by means of resolutions passed by the Board of Directors at its meeting in July 2017, and submitted to the Supreme Council. On August 3, 2017, the Supreme Council adopted the two resolutions: (1) Resolution 349, amending Section 120, permitting men who have entered the Order through the online initiation to purchase insurance, even though they have not taken the First Degree; and (2) Resolution 350, amending Section 240, authorizing the Supreme Secretary to issue membership cards to men who have entered the Order through the online initiation.

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By virtue of the actions set forth above, every state council is now authorized to accept members through the online membership initiative, with no need to amend the state council by-laws. The Supreme Council office will administer the state divisions, including the collection of dues and the issuance of membership cards.

The online membership initiative is currently being piloted in a number of jurisdictions.

Rights and Privileges

Men who join the Order through the online membership initiative do not form a new class or type of member. Therefore, as members of the Knights of Columbus they are entitled to the rights and privileges of membership, which include:

- right to attend local, state, and Supreme Council events
- eligibility to attend local council meetings as nonvoting participants
- right to receive fraternal benefits
- eligibility to purchase Knights of Columbus financial products and services

receipt of *Columbia* magazine and other Supreme Council publications

Attendance at Meetings

Men who join the Order online are permitted to attend local council business meetings, but may not vote unless they become members of that council. The *Guidelines for Conducting a Council Meeting* will be amended after the online membership pilot has concluded. In the interim, all states currently in the online membership pilot can waive the part of the *Guidelines* that reads "in the first section."

Ceremonial Top Ten List

Brother Knights All,

During the State Convention, I presented a Top 10 List for Ceremonials. These are tips and suggestions that I feel worth sharing with not only the District Deputies, but with the Council representatives that were at the State Convention. I am hoping that these suggestions will enhance your Degree's for the candidates. State Deputy Tim Guski referred to this list as "The First 10". I guess there is more to follow!!
Thanks Again, Michael Jordan, State Ceremonial Director

Ceremonial Top 10 List

1. During the Degree, no one should be looking at a Degree book or other paperwork in view of the Candidates except from the podium. If you need a "prompter" please use the Music Man as they are usually behind the Candidates.
2. If reading from the Degree book, read well. Do not make the actual Degree the first time the parts were read.
3. If parts are not memorized, then present from the podium. Never walk out to the Candidates reading out of the Degree book.
4. Always work toward memorization. Take it one part at a time.

5. Present All Degree's from the script provided by Supreme
6. Set up the Chamber per the layout provided by Supreme
7. All Degree members should act professional and know that we are here for the Candidates. Everything that we do during the Degree must be critiqued from the candidates point of view
8. Priority list for what to Degree Team members should wear at Degree's
 - a) Ceremonial Robes that are clean and in good shape
 - b) Suits with Ceremonial Sash
 - c) Suits
9. Each District should have a 2nd Degree team. Exception, adjacent Districts can have a shared team.
10. Schedule Degree's promptly and often. Scheduling Degree's annually can be traditional regardless of current District Deputies and Grand Knights. Submit the necessary paperwork accurately and on time. This includes Degree requests and reports.

Mike Jordan
State Ceremonial Coordinator

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

Congratulations to the Wisconsin KofC Raffle winners. The winners are posted on the state web site. The raffle was a great success bringing in approximately \$607,000.

The Charity committee did a great job at convention again this year and in the months leading up to the convention. Thank you to Ron and Marilyn Frosch (Green Bay Diocese), Dan and Joan Spencer (La Crosse Diocese), John and Linda Huttenhoff (Madison Diocese), Bob Pizur (incoming member for Madison), Jim and Beth Ten Pas (Milwaukee Archdiocese), and Dennis and Doris Berends (Superior Diocese)!

Thanks also, to all of you who attended the convention and remembered to bring your tickets, checks, and the annual council request form. If you forgot your tickets, the money will need to be returned!

Ron and Marilyn Frosch are retiring after 20 some years on the committee! John and Linda Huttenhoff are also exiting for other roles on the State level. Thank you to all of you!

Below is the speech I delivered at convention: Thank you and please pass on our thanks to your councils for selling raffle tickets to raise money for those people who had tragedies this last year, who were in needed your care, your financial help, and your spiritual help! Preliminary numbers show that together Knights over the state sold 121,000 tickets. At \$5, we collected just under \$607,000! The results are published in the handout here today. On one side are the raffle winners and on the other side are the results of raffle ticket sales by Diocese. The adage that the last shall be first was true again this year.

- a. LaCrosse was the only Diocese down last year and this year they were the only one up. You were the highlight of the year up 0.2%
- b. Superior is down 1%
- c. Madison is down 2%
- d. Milwaukee is down 3%
- e. Green Bay Diocese is down 7% but still leading in terms of dollars.

After prize money and expenses such as printing and

mailing, 65% of the money will be sent back to your councils for you to give out to worthy causes. This money is given out by your councils to individuals and families that you know of in your communities. When this money is not enough, I hear of many fund raisers for those who have cancer or were in a car accident or any number of other tragedies. The remaining money will be granted via requests that you send to the Charity Committee each month. Through the state Charity Request Form, we are giving out \$10,000 to \$20,000 per month to typically a dozen people requesting money, so this will translate to perhaps 150 families per year.

As I read these grants, I pray for those individuals that are being written about. A year ago, we made changes to the form to ask the hard financial questions that were not being asked before. We must know that there is both tragedy and financial need. There is so much need out there; that all of us must distinguish between tragedy and tragedy with financial burden that cannot be erased. It is both your job as a requester and my job to ask the hard questions about finances.

When we read your Charity Fund Requests we look for a number of things:

- a. Is the size of the debt listed?
- b. Is the debt really bills or is it debt that they must pay?
- c. Is there insurance and if there was, what are the deductibles?
- d. Did the council give money themselves?
- e. Did the council run a fund raiser or participate in a community fund raiser?
- f. Will they be able to earn their way out of debt?

Do they have assets to sell to pay the debt?

These are key questions that I ask and it is common for me to call the requester to find out the real story if the information is incomplete. I have one last insight for you that you may not be aware of. So many people who ask for money are looking for hope and others need some advice. Sometimes it is fear that is not founded. Sometimes it is that they have not made the transition to a new reality. Do not shy away from giving gentle advice. Thank you again for your Charity work!

-Mark Kohls, WI Charity Committee Director.

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

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.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. We look forward to meeting with you.

May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month



For four consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been designated a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute, and is one of only a handful of companies in the insurance industry to have earned the honor.

The “World’s Most Ethical Company” evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of a business’ operation, including its corporate citizenship and responsibility, its culture of ethics, its governance, and its leadership, innovation, and reputation.



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Our Marriage Prayer – The Marriages Entrusted to Us



Worthy Brother Knights!

Back in 2015, Wisconsin Department of Health Services released the document **Wisconsin Marriages and Divorces**. Here is the historical divorce rate in Wisconsin since 1920 and a trendline to help see where it is going.



In 2010 it bumped up to 57% and had come down to 46.1% in 2015.

The trendline shows we are on track to reach 70% divorce rate around 2050. With an average age at first marriage of 28.2, this is approximately one generation away.

Data such as this in a graph can be a bit desensitizing; after all, it is just data. *But what does that mean to you and me?*

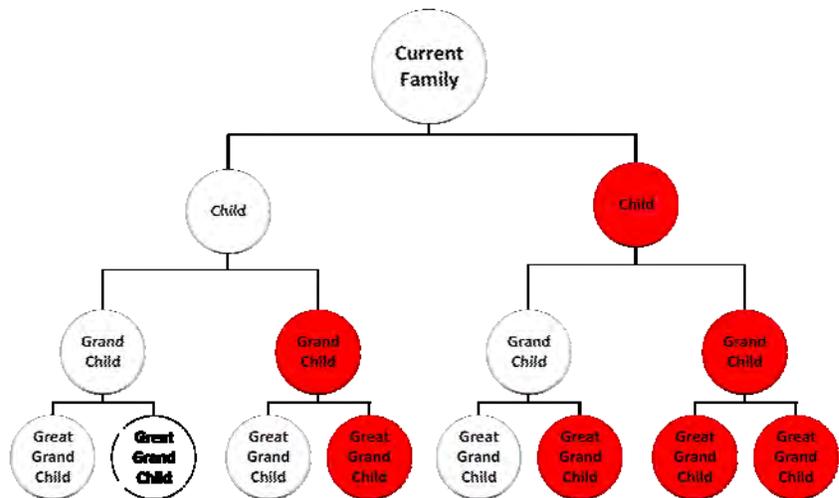
Wisconsin has an average of 1.9 children per family. To keep it simple, let's round this up to 2.0. Let's also round the divorce rate from 46% up to 50%.

The chart below, shows a family of marriages having two children per family. The red marriages are those that ended in divorce showing a 50% divorce rate.

Now that we've visualized the statistics, an additional nugget of wisdom seems to reveal itself.

The green arrow shows the generational path where none of the marriages ended in divorce, while the red arrow shows all marriages ending in divorce.

Wouldn't it make sense that the next generation on each path, the great-great-grandchild generation, would have different perceptions of marriage?



The great-great-grandchild on the green side would have the memory and experience of all previous generations having a strong marriage and would be more willing to work harder at keeping their marriage together. When they encounter a struggle in their marriage, they can lean on the advice from their parents and grandparents on how they have overcome similar struggles.

The great-great-grandchild on the red side would have memories of their parents getting a divorce as well as the example of their grandparents and great-grandparents also having a divorce. When they get married, how much effort will they put into saving it when they encounter a struggle? What advice will they get from their parents and grandparents?

Gentlemen, I believe we have a wonderful opportunity before us. By our saying the Our Marriage Prayer every day in front of our children, it can help us overcome our marital struggles and pass the prayer down to the next generation. The example we set are memories to help our children overcome their struggles one day.

For those of us who are grandparents, perhaps we can help our children's marriages by going to their home and sharing the Our Marriage Prayer with them each time we visit. The effort we extend can only help our next generations down the green side rather than them being pulled down the red side by the trendline in the graph above. Who knows? *Maybe it could even help bring some of our children back to our beautiful Catholic faith.*

As God entrusted us with each child born into our families, He has indirectly entrusted to us all the families in that

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new branch of our family tree. While we are still alive, we have the opportunity and obligation to help them. I close in sharing a vision that I pray we will all see one day. On the day we meet our Lord, imagine Him being able to show us all the families in our family tree and having Him hug us and say with gratitude, **Well Done.**

Vivat Jesus!

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The marriages we will treasure more than our own will be those of our children and grandchildren

ID Grants

We are currently in the heart Assisting Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Drive around the State of Wisconsin. Councils are doing an amazing drive collecting for this Amazing Individuals. Let keep up the great work. Please have your council turn in all of the money and mail it along with the Council Distribution Form before June 30. The Council Distribution Form and all Forms and Information pertaining to the ID Program can be located on the State Website.

The past three years we have set new record collection amounts. I hope we can set another record in 2018 but we need all hands-on deck.

Did your council do better in 2018?

The bigger question to answer is, did all of the Councils in your district participate?

If each council that didn't participate in 2017 collected \$250 there would be no way we wouldn't set new records. New records equal more support for the Intellectually Disabled.

Last week I had the privilege to deliver the Knights of Columbus donation to Wisconsin Badger Camp for \$50,000. This grant will be used towards the Building Fund which will support the construction of a new camper lodge as well as much-needed updates to the current Cedar Lodge. We are so grateful for the partnership between the Knights of Columbus and Wisconsin Badger Camp.

Thank you for all you do for the Order.

Mark Jelinek
ID Director



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family, and then our work should be the order of priority.

I find that active membership in the Knights helps fulfill what most would agree are the two most important priorities – our faith and our family – and that though not necessarily stated in our priorities – also includes an active involvement in our communities served by the council. Nowhere have I seen one involvement that can so well contribute to our obligations, than membership in the Knights.

I moved to west central Wisconsin 3 months ago to be near family. We have joined a parish, and I quickly evaluated councils to join and am active in the council I chose though how I will contribute there still remains to be seen.

Most knights only know the knights from their council experience. If they are part of a vibrant council they will appreciate what the knights are about. If they belong to a council not all that active, it would be essential in my opinion that they find a way to - one, of course help their council to be more active - and two, attend events that involve multiple councils – a training, a district meeting, a state convention, or if they can, attend a Supreme Convention (the one in 2019 will be in Minneapolis), to see much more readily the impact of our organization on the Church, parish and communities we serve.

Ask each practicing Catholic man to become a Knight. It could be the catalyst for a well lived, active Catholic life for them and their family.

District Deputies log on to: <http://kofcknights.org/DistrictDeputy/> 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 Secretary Jack Wrbanich for help in posting your degrees - jwrbanich@wikofc.com)

Don't forget to send in your Form 450 after each Degree to:
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Email submissions to jwrbanich@wikofc.com

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On Saturday, May 5th twenty-one members of the Faith Walkers joined the 2018 ProHealth Care River Walk at Frame Park in downtown Waukesha to support those who are undergoing cancer treatment and in memory of those who have lost their cancer battle. The majority of those who walked are St. Joe's parish members, the oldest being Gene O'Connell who is 92 years young. This is the 5th year for our walk which originally started in support of Pat Garske, former St. Joe's member, who travels to join us each year. KC members, Vern Garske, Roland Ransom, Gene O'Connell, Reiner Pannicki and Greg Wuerger were among the 21 Faith Walkers.



John Schindhelm - Financial Secretary of Fr Al Hietpas Council 6764 submitted this Plaque for "Time Capsule" regarding Green Bay Diocese 150YR jubilee celebration. (as requested for St Benedict parish Suamico)

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Alex Williams, Grand Knight presents a check from the Wisconsin State Council to help support the Survivors of a Apartment Fires in Beaver Dam, WI. The check was presented at a community dinner provided by the Beaver Dam Community Meal Coalition on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The Wisconsin State Council provided a \$300 donation for each apartment unit to help support their needs. Checks were also provided to both families who lost loved ones in the fire.

At the dinner Alex Williams said “It is such an eye-opening experience to learn both the devastation that can happen in our local community, and witness how a community can come together and support our neighbors

down the street when they need it. It is a great privilege to be with everyone tonight and support our Community Family here in Beaver Dam.” In a meeting with many of the survivors from the West 3rd Street Fire, many people expressed, “It is so difficult to actually be the person in need”. Photo left to right:

Rita Schram (Grace Presbyterian Church Team Member), Kristen Westlake (A loving Neighbor to The West 3rd Street Apartment Building), Patrice Vossekul, Coordinator (Beaver Dam Community Meal Coalition), Alex Williams, Grand Knight (Beaver Dam Knights of Columbus).

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Honor Guard at 2018 Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally. This Honor Guard was present for Mass on Saturday March 17th with the high schoolers. The main presider at this Mass was again our very own Brother Sir Knight Archbishop Jerome Listecky.



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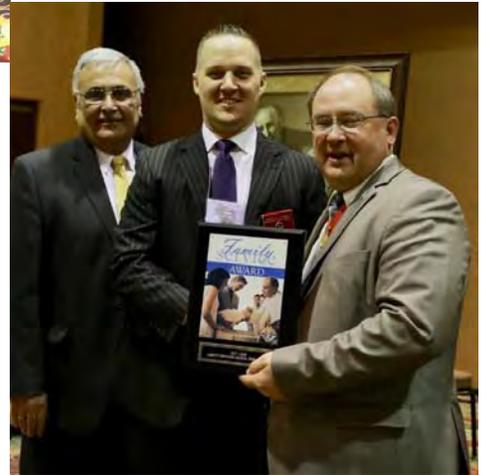
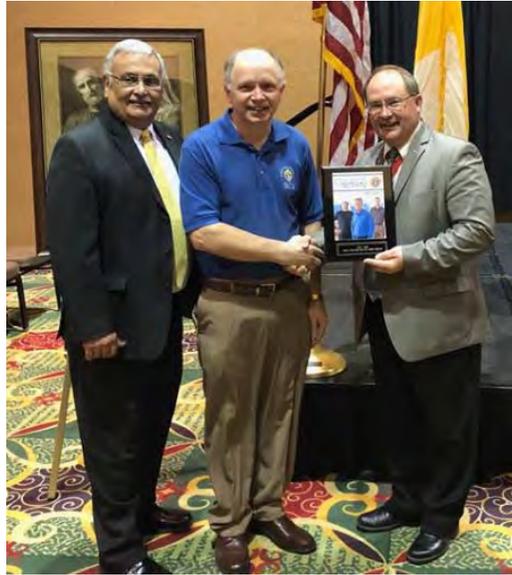
Worthy State Secretary, Jack Wrbanich open the Wisconsin 117th State Convention at the Marriott West Convention Center in Middleton/Madison. Civic Opening by Dane County Sheriff, David J. Mahoney followed by Awards Ceremony.

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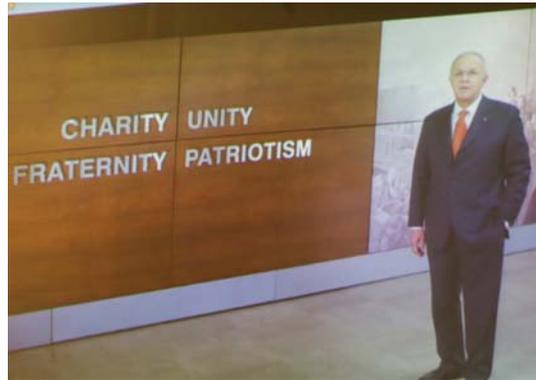


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Saturday, April 28, 2018 - Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 117th. State Convention, Madison, Wisconsin - Business Session and Caucuses for Supreme Delegation.

Worthy State Deputy, Timothy J. Guski gave his Report and processed to conduct the business of his agenda. Breakout sessions for caucusing for electing delegates to the Supreme Convention that will take place in Baltimore, Maryland. The date of Supreme Convention is August 7 thru 9, 2018.



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New State Chaplain Fr. Cyril Guise



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Newly Elected State Officer Team (left to right) and Ladies: State Warden: Corey Coonen, State Advocate John Huttenhoff & Lady Linda, State Treasurer Michael Tomsyck & Lady Kim, State Secretary Patrick Reiff & Lady Therese, State Deputy Jack Wrbanich & Lady Lisa, IPSD Timothy Guski & Lady Angi

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28th ANNUAL WI Knights of Columbus State Camporee June 22, 23 & 24, 2018

Vista Royale Campgrounds
8025 Isherwood Road Bancroft, WI 54921
Come join us for a wonderful family camping experience and meet other Brother Knights and their families in a quiet country atmosphere. The campground has sites blocked for the camping group until May 15, 2018. Please mention KC Group when making your reservations.

For additional information about the weekend contact chairman Jim Drmolka at 715-498-6756.

THE WISCONSIN STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
WILL BE RETURNING TO THE NORTHWOODS

IN 2018!

ON SATURDAY JUNE 9TH AND SUNDAY JUNE
10TH , THE FATHER DODGE COUNCIL 7827 IN
WOODRUFF WILL BE HOSTING THE STATE GOLF
TOURNAMENT AT TROUT LAKE GOLF COURSE IN
ARBOR VITAE, WI.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON ON
THE
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