

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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'IMPROVISE...ADAPT...OVERCOME' (Slogan of the Marines)

Only 4 more months until the end of this year—which for some may seem to be the longest year ever!

Through my interactions over these past 2 months, I have heard from many councils and many members that are struggling with the current pandemic, and a sense of helplessness—a paralysis to take action.

No one will dispute that 2020 will be a year of ‘trials and tribulations,’ of ‘obstacles’ that are put in front of the mission of charity for our councils.

Parishes were shut down, and some are still limiting meetings outside of Sunday mass.

Safety of our members needs to be paramount—which was the impetus of the ‘No Neighbor Left Behind’ program to make sure that we are ensuring the wellbeing of our members in this challenging time. At this same time—we need to ‘improvise, adapt, and overcome’ these challenges that we are faced with to proceed with our mission.

When we feel a sense of hopelessness, or emptiness, we need to look to Jesus to help lead us on the way.

The motto selected for this year was ‘Now the Journey Begins’ and I feel that this translates very well to our current state of affairs. We have to adjust to a new normal to continue our journey as Knights—to continue to serve those in needs. We need to find unique ways to adapt to what is being asked of us to continue our mission of Charity as Knights. Accepting defeat is not an answer. The year 2020 will be our own ‘Road to Emmaus’ as illustrated by our State Deputy pin. We need to move on from this sense of despair over the pandemic, to hope and faith in our spiritual formation during this time and continued faith in Jesus guiding us along the way.

'And when he had taken the five loaves, and the two fishes: looking up to the heaven, he blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave to his disciples to set before them: and the two fishes he divided among them all. And they all did eat, and had their fill. And they took up the leavings, twelve full backs of fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat, were five thousand men.' (Mark 6:41-44)

In times of difficulty and strain—when we are called to do the impossible, Knights need to step forward. When we may have less money to donate to charities, less fundraising opportunities available—we are called more and more to help those in need. We can’t accept not ‘taking action’ as Jesus will be with us to guide us along the way—and in doing so, our small efforts with ‘less’ will supply sustenance to many—much like the five loaves and two fish!

Jesus is our salvation—and the Knights of Columbus now more than ever, needs to be the salvation for our Parishes, our clergy and our communities!

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy

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Call to Take up Arms

With all that is going on in this year of Our Lord 2020 we should focus with 20/20 spiritual vision on what needs to be done. Repeating from the prayer of Cardinal Dolan to open the RNC convention, I too will say, "Pray we must!" Prayer is the most powerful weapon we have because it allows the All Powerful God into our lives.

We are coming upon the month of October which is the month of the Rosary. As Knights of Columbus the Rosary is our weapon that calls upon the power of God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The swords that we use with our other regalia are only to show that we are intent on defending all that is good, true, and beautiful. The Rosary however, is something that we need to be wielding or praying to truly cut through any trial, tribulation, or obstacle that would attempt to thwart our activities in charity. As our State Deputy has said, "No one will dispute that 2020 will be a year of 'trials & tribulations' of 'obstacles' that are put in front of the mission of charity for our councils." With this our State Deputy has identified the power of the enemy so many bad things happening in our world and calls us to see before us a Knight's call to take up arms to do battle against the true forces of darkness. So, I call you to pray with the weapon that our Lady has given us.

I want to invite all who would take up this 'call to arms' to make a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help and pray the Rosary with me in a procession around the grounds there. I will be there on Saturday Oct. 3rd and will be starting a Rosary procession at 10 am. I hope you will join me.

Through meditation we can make the scriptures from the Holy Bible our breastplate and the intercession of our Lady the sword that will cut through the darkness of our present day.

Pray with Mary, walk with Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. Fr. Andrew Kurz

State Chaplain

Share Your Council Programs in the Badger Bulletin



Plans are to publish the Badger Bulletin 4 times a year to highlight programs that Wisconsin Councils are running. This is a great opportunity to share your great programs with other Councils, to both celebrate success and to inspire others. We expect to publish the next edition sometime in late September or early October. Articles and Pictures can be sent to jhuttenhoff@wikofc.com. Councils are also encouraged to share their programs on Social Media.

Per Capita Resolution Update from State Advocate Paul Lang



Brother Knights. Last week, I sent a message to all WI council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries for your vote on a resolution regarding relief from the October Cycle per Capita. As of the date of this message, we have received just over 28% of all council votes. In the message, I requested that one vote per council, either from the GK or the FS, would be counted. Brothers, we have a short time frame to get your votes submitted. Sept 10th is the deadline for final returns to be submitted. I am confident that I will see more returns from our brothers state-wide. This is an opportunity for your input to assist us in making a decision that will impact all state councils.

WI Worthy Grand Knights, Worthy Financial Secretaries and Worthy District Deputies.

Instructions for Voting:

Voting:

- A Simple “**Yes**” – Your council is IN favor of not paying the October Cycle Per Capita Tax, on the reply is all that is required with your respective council number
- A Simple “**No**” - Your council is NOT in favor of the relief from the October Cycle State Per Capita Tax on the reply is all that is required with your respective council number
- I need **ONLY ONE VOTE PER COUNCIL**, GKS and FSs of each council; please communicate among yourselves as to who will respond to me with the vote per each council

We appreciate your input and I will be tracking the votes. Please respond directly to me at the following email address, ASAP pelang60@hotmail.com for this important vote. Should you have questions surrounding this vote, please use the same email to reach out to me.

Message to WDDs,

- If one of your GKS/FSs is not on this council voting list, then he either, does not have an email listed on the New 2020/2021 directory or the GK position is pending that officer for the council...either way,
- I need you to inform me of a GK to those positions and/or provide me a correct Email and phone number

Thanks to all of you for your consideration and input to this vote: We do apologize for the short notice with the time it took to write and approve the resolution and to get this mailed out to all councils in the state, it took a bit of time and now we are close to that October Cycle. Please do this ASAP

Paul Lang
pelang60@hotmail.com
WI State Advocate

Official Notice – Diocesan Meetings

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid 19 Virus and social distancing requirements, we **will not** be having Diocesan Meetings this September. This has a number of implications:

- Diocesan Program Coordinators will need to communicate electronically (e-mail and virtual meetings) with the Councils in their Diocese to share Diocesan Program Plans.
- The Supreme Council will offer a number of Virtual Trainings for Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Membership Directors, and Program Directors. Councils should take advantage of these trainings when they are offered.
- The Wisconsin State Council will offer additional training opportunities to supplement the training offered by the Supreme Council.
- Handouts that would normally be distributed at the Diocesan Meetings will instead be posted to the State Website.

The Council Charity Grant checks from the Charity Raffle will be mailed to Councils via First Class mail.

District Deputies will attend a Diocesan Huddle with the State Officers and other District Deputies from their Diocese in September. Awards, Raffle Tickets, and Lifesavers will be distributed to District Deputies at the Diocesan Huddles. District Deputies will then deliver these materials to the Councils in their respective districts. Councils should work with their District Deputies to arrange for Award Presentations and delivery of Charity Raffle Tickets and Lifesavers.

Official Notice – Diocesan District Deputy Huddles

District Deputies should plan to attend the Diocesan Huddle for their Diocese in September to get updates from the State Deputy. District Deputies will also be collecting Awards, Charity Raffle Tickets, and Lifesavers for the Councils in their Districts. Diocesan Huddles will follow all local health department and diocesan restrictions related to Covid 19. The tentative schedule of the Diocesan Huddles is:

Superior Diocese - Saturday, September 12, 2020, 9:30 am.

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 1121 Nunn Ave Rice Lake, WI

La Crosse Diocese - Saturday, September 19, 2020, 9:00 am.

Location: Tomah KofC Hall, 202 E Juneau, Tomah, WI 54660

Green Bay Diocese - Saturday, September 26, 2020, 8:00 am

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, 1305 Lourdes Ave, De Pere, WI 54115

Archdiocese of Milwaukee - Saturday, September 26, 2020, 2:00 pm.

Location: KC524 Center Inc, 16334 W Glendale Dr, New Berlin, WI 53151

Madison Diocese - Sunday, September 27, 2020, 1:00 pm.

Location: kofcroundtable.com, 1611 N Bristol St, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Huddles will last no longer than 2-3 hours.

Need help getting your officers to sign up for Flocknote?

We have a lot of amazing things going on in the Knights and practically within the Wisconsin State Council. We are feeding, clothing, helping and serving those in need in so many ways in our local community. And we have so many other ministries and events to help you meet people, share your talents, improve your relationships, answer life's toughest questions, discern the plan and purpose for your life, and to grow closer to God while becoming better leaders in our church.

We have a tremendous community here. And we want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and connected to it all.

Several years ago, we adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called *Flocknote*. Like sending a "note" to your "flock". Flocknote.

This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner.

Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from the State Council.

So you can choose things like, Grand Knight list, Disaster Relief Team, Programs, District Deputy Group and many others to help you keep informed. In addition to regular group and ministry communication, we'll also use this to send you important updates about special events coming up, special announcements, degrees, training opportunities and much more.

And it's important for you to know that you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time!

So, take out your cell phone, I'd like you to text message **BROTHERS to 84576**.

Once you send that in, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process.

If you can't complete this on your mobile phone, please go online to: flocknote.com/knightswisc and follow the instructions to sign up.

We're on a mission here at and we want you to be a part of it. This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged in to the many wonderful things we have going on here. If you're This is really going to simplify communication and increase engagement here in our community.

Let's talk about Public Relations!



Greetings Brother Knights!

Each of our Councils have a tremendous story to tell. When soon to be Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney founded the order in 1882, the purpose and vision he established was to provide charitable outreach and care for the financial well-being of Catholic families, focus on the protection of widows and orphans and strengthen the faith of its members. Today, the Knights of Columbus have grown to include nearly 2 million members in 17 countries and over 14,500 active councils.

The Order is a powerful force for good in today's society. The Knights of Columbus is actively engaged, in word and deed, in building a better world.

To ensure our continued growth in service to church and community, we also need to grow in size and public recognition. There are tremendous opportunities for sharing the good news of our activities with the public, especially through the news and social media. Many people, including Catholics, are still unfamiliar with the Knights of Columbus and have no idea what a large organization we are and what we have accomplished in our 138-year history.

Consider that, annually Knights raise and donate an amount exceeding 170 million dollars to worthy church and charitable programs. In addition, our members and their families provide over 70 million dollars of volunteer service hours to church, community, and people in need. During the past decade, the Knights have given more than \$1.5 Billion and 700 Million hours to charitable causes. That record should be a source of inspiration for each of us.

The Knights in Wisconsin have many remarkable stories to tell, and an active Public Relations Campaigns from your council can be a compelling way of telling them. What's more, your Public Relations initiatives are an effective vehicle for communicating the message and meaning of the Order's mission, and the mission of the Church.

Saint John Paul II urged leaders of the communications industry during one of his visits to the U.S.:

"The media . . . can build or destroy, uplift or cast down. You have untold possibilities for good, ominous possibilities for destruction. It is the difference between life and death – the death of the spirit. And it is a matter of choice. The challenge of Moses to the people of Israel is applicable to all of us today: 'I set before you life and death . . . choose life.'"

Through our activities and outreach as Knights of Columbus, we affect many lives for the good. To continue these efforts, we need a constant influx of new members who know who we are and what we do. Our Public Relations efforts will contribute to that success.

Vivat Jesus!

Viva Cristo Rey!

Jack Wrbanich

Immediate Past State Deputy

State Public Relations Chairman



LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICTS AND COUNCILS RECEIVE TOP AWARD

The following Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Councils have received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils.

Star Council Awards

Madison Council #531 – GK Roger Nicolai
Lake Geneva Council #1647 – GK Ed Cook
Medford Council #1744 – GK Ben Egle
Jefferson Council #1864 (Double Star) – GK Benjamin Warborg
Two Rivers Council #1957 – GK Mike Wojta
Oconomowoc Council #2487 – GK Nicholas Glaser
Pewaukee Council #3562 (Double Star) – GK Marshall Senfleben
Reedsburg Council #3805 – GK Karl Berna
Wisconsin Dells Council #4392 (Double Star) – GK Pat Moertl
Cedarburg Council #4520 (Triple Star) – GK Eric Stanton
Sparta Council #4592 – GK David Kuderer
Brookfield Council #4648 (Four Star Council) – GK Andrew Orgovan
Milwaukee Council #4706 – GK Kevin Kozinski
Sun Prairie Council #4879 – GK Paul Shepherd
Glenwood City Council #4954 – GK Joe Kulzer
Colby Council #5127 – GK Paul Wirtz
Milton Council #6547 – GK Joseph Sesek
Twin Lakes Council #6554 (Triple Star Council) – GK John Taylor III
Hayward Council #6587 – GK Robert Sanford
Hollandale Council #7489 – GK John Conway
Holmen Council #9385 – GK Brian Clements
Birchwood Council #9546 (Four Star Council) – GK LaVern Pottinger
Green Bay Council #10243 – GK Wesley Swisher
Appleton Council #12269 – GK Mark Koth
St Lawrence Council #12743 – GK Ronald Olszewski
Plum City Council #15739 (Double Star) – GK Peter Helmueller
Pleasant Prairie Council #16022 – GK Richard Mich
La Crosse Council #16444 (Four Star Council) – GK Brian Logue
Oak Creek Council #16821 (Double Star) – GK Thomas Ludka
Monona Council #16863 (Four Star Council) GK Tom Coffey
Athens Council #16937 – GK Thomas Ellenbecker

Star District Awards

District 29 District Deputy Ross Larson
District 50 District Deputy Roland Breunig
District 63 District Deputy Mark Becker
District 67 District Deputy Richard Mich
District 82 District Deputy James Mitchell

The Star Council and Districts awards recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance programs, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities.

With more than two million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people. In 2019, the Knights of Columbus at all levels of the organization raised and distributed \$187.6 million to charity and rendered 77 million hours of volunteer service.

Congratulations to these Districts Deputies and Grand Knights.

These are the councils who have qualified for the Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award for 2019-20:

Green Bay Diocese

Fr. Vanden Borne Council 4489 (Kimberly)
Neenah Council 5514 (Neenah)
Mother of Good Hope Council 1957 (Two Rivers)
St. Bernadette Council 12269 (Appleton)
Msgr. Sylvester Borusky Council 10243 (Green Bay)

La Crosse Diocese

Tomah Council 4125 (Tomah)
Emer-Quinn Council 3249 (Stanley)
Fr. John Rossiter Council 9385 (Holmen)
St. Bronislava Council 13880 (Plover)
St. Mary of Colby Council 5127 (Colby)
Plum City/Arkansaw Council 15739 (Plum City)
Msgr. Flock Council 4529 (Sparta)
St. Juan Diego Council 16444 (La Crosse)
St. Anthony Council 16937 (Athens)
Cristeros Council 17035 (Abbotsford)

Madison Diocese

Black Hawk Council 3099 (Sauk City)
St. Andrew's Council 11155 (Verona)
Msgr. Condon Council 3805 (Reedsburg)
Madison Council 531 (Madison)
St. Joseph Council 4586 (Madison)
Sun Prairie Council 4879 (Sun Prairie)
St. Patrick's Council 7489 (Hollandale)
U. W. Catholic Center Council 6568 (Madison)
Our Lady of the Green Scapular Council 16863 (Monona)
Holy Rosary Council 1864 (Jefferson)
St. Mary's Council 6547 (Milton)

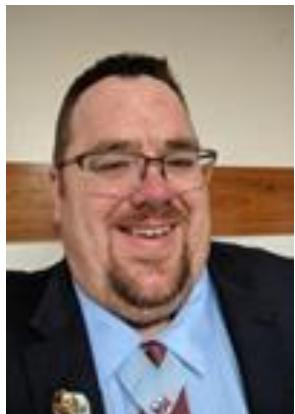
Milwaukee Archdiocese

Plymouth Council 1789 (Plymouth)
Oconomowoc Council 2487 (Oconomowoc)
Kettle Moraine Council 3562 (Pewaukee)
All Saints Council 4240 (Menomonee Falls)
St. Stephen the Martyr Council 16821 (Oak Creek)
Divine Mercy-St. Anne Council 16022 (Pleasant Prairie)
San Salvador Council 4520 (Cedarburg)
Immaculate Conception Council 4706 (Milwaukee)
Msgr. Dreis Council 4831 (Sturtevant-Caledonia)
Lake Geneva Council 1647 (Lake Geneva)
Unity Council 12743 (St. Lawrence)
Holy Ghost Council 4648 (Brookfield)
St. John Neumann Council 973 (Kenosha)
Twin Lakes Council 6554 (Twin Lakes)

Superior Diocese

St. John Council 4954 (Glenwood City)
Apple River Council 16298 (Amery)
Quad County Council 9546 (Birchwood)
Medford Council 1744 (Medford)
Msgr. Walter Kalandyk Council 6587 (Hayward)

Country Store Survey



Brother Knights, in the near future, your Grand Knight or Financial Secretary will be receiving an email regarding the Country Store. We are asking that your council takes a moment to consider the questions carefully, and answer this survey in a timely manner. We are considering the best options for the Country Store and its future.

Thank you.
Miles Casey,
State Treasurer

Protecting our Brand



Brother Knights of Columbus,
I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the protocol established by Supreme Knights of Columbus for using our branding, as it has been brought to my attention on numerous occasions where we promote other entities outside of our organization to advance their financial services, which is a direct violation of our Supreme Rules . The name and emblems of the Knights of Columbus are among its most valuable assets. For this reason, the Order has registered them as trademarks in the various countries where it is active. In addition, the Order has numerous other marks, many of which have also been registered. The registered and unregistered trademarks and service marks (collectively the "Marks") are intellectual properties that belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Proper use of the Order's Marks, including its name and emblems, is a critical element of protecting the Knights of Columbus brand ("brand" is a broad term that encompasses an organization's name, emblems, trademarks, service marks, and reputation). Protecting the Knights of Columbus brand is one of the most important responsibilities of any Knights of Columbus officer.

The Order's Marks do not belong to subordinate councils or other branches and divisions of Knights of Columbus (collectively "Subordinate Units"). Subordinate Units may use the Marks only with the express written permission of the Board of Directors. Home corporations, which are independent legal entities, may not use the Order's Marks under any circumstances. Similarly, individual members of Knights of Columbus may not use the Order's Marks, except in connection with approved activities of a Subordinate Unit or the Supreme Council, as set forth below.

Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Order provides the basis for comprehensive management of the Order's brand, including its Marks, by the Board of Directors. As set forth in Section 162.11, any member using the name of the Order or his membership in Knights of Columbus in connection with any business or social or other enterprise, without permission of the Board of Directors, is subject to discipline, including fine, suspension, and expulsion from the Order. As a general policy, the Board of Directors does not permit and will not authorize any member or any subordinate council or assembly to enter into any contract, agreement, or informal arrangement, or to use one's membership in the Order, in connection with the promotion of any goods and services other than the financial products and services offered by the Knights of Columbus. Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Order prohibits members from "using the name of Knights of Columbus or [their] membership in the Order in connection with any business, or social, or other enterprise, without permission from the Board of Directors." In addition, the Board of Directors has explicitly prohibited the use of all Knights of Columbus publications, websites, mailings, membership lists, and other facilities for the purpose of promoting, endorsing, selling, or advertising any product, service, or enterprise other than the Order's insurance program.

The purpose of this policy is to preclude the use of, among other things, the Order's name, emblems, events, meetings, membership lists, and facilities to promote goods and services other than the financial products and services offered by the Knights of Columbus. The Board wishes to minimize the risk that anyone would draw the mistaken conclusion that the Knights of Columbus (a) has endorsed the good or service being offered or (b) has guaranteed the integrity of that good or service. Obviously, the Board cannot make any such endorsement or guarantee about any good or service other than those offered by

the Knights of Columbus. The Board also wishes to avoid any business association that might expose the Order to liability if a good or service does not meet a customer's expectations.

Prohibition on Promotion of Financial Products and Services

The mission of the Knights of Columbus is two-fold: to confirm men in their Catholic faith and to ensure the financial security of members and their families. It is for this reason that the Order has both a fraternal program and an insurance program. Through its councils, the Order offers members the opportunity to engage with fellow Catholic men and deepen their faith. Through its financial products and services, the Order offers members the opportunity to provide financial security to their loved ones. These two components are integral to the founding vision of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. It is for this reason that the Laws of the Order strictly prohibit members from using their membership or the name and emblem of the Order to promote financial products and services offered by companies other than the Knights of Columbus. The relevant sections of the Laws are Section 162.11 and Section 162.24.

Pursuant to Section 157.1, the above prohibitions apply not only to individual members but also to councils and assemblies. Councils and assemblies, therefore, must also refrain from promoting financial products and services offered by companies other than the Knights of Columbus. This means that councils and assemblies should not accept sponsorships or advertisements from entities that promote competing financial products and services, including any form of insurance. Councils and assemblies must also refrain from inviting insurance agents and financial advisors representing other firms to promote their products and services at council meetings.

Failure to follow the aforementioned requirements undermines the mission and work of the Knights of Columbus. It is a serious violation and is punishable by fine, suspension, or expulsion from the Order.

State Advocate, Paul Lang



Silver Rose

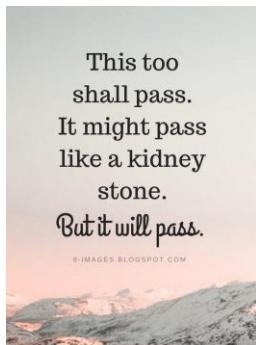
Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and

Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

The Silver Rose was in Wisconsin from July 11 – August 15, 2020. During this time, the Rose traveled 1282 miles. Thank you to Silver Rose Chair Dennis Bednarek for putting together a schedule on very short notice, the 30 Councils that hosted services, and the 706 faithful that attended these services.

Membership

Lately, I've been bumping into some confused Knights, working on **Membership Growth** in Wisconsin. They seem to think they are "volunteers" for the Order; the more accurate description is that we are ALL "**servants**" of our **Lord, Jesus Christ**, as well as the mighty right arm of our priests, ready to "serve" them as best we can. When I think of myself as a "servant," my mind is right, and my actions are in sync with the "calling" I feel to "invite" men to become Knights of Columbus. I volunteer at the pancake breakfast, but I **SERVE** my pastor, my state officers, and my fellow Knights.



COVID has been quite a hurdle for us but I remember hurdling in high school track and here is what I know... **you can jump over them, run around them, or run through them.** We can and MUST do that with these COVID restrictions as well.

If a traditional or DELTA Membership Drive is not in the cards right now, you can contact people you know that want to **grow** the Knights of Columbus. There are people who **know men who have a servant's heart**, men destined to be more than they are right now and are looking for the means to accomplish great things.

We need to start by talking to our Pastor and the Parish Secretary/Administrator to find men who are already in the parish, who are already doing things to help others, and who are not a Knight yet. Furthermore, our own members know other men who deserve to be a Knight of Columbus. We can contact them by email or phone or by ZOOM to get those names.

Father is in a tough place right now... a declining attendance at masses has been made worse by COVID restrictions. Fewer parishioners are willing and/or able to help the parish, but the list of needs keeps growing. **We need to help Father understand that a growing and vibrant KC Council means a stronger parish** with more men participating in their family's spiritual health and growth! **"Father, we want to help you – can you please help us do so?"**

With Father's permission, get a list of men (RCIA people, new parishioners, members of other service groups, HS seniors, etc.) from the parish roll; **with Father's help**, draft a "**Father needs you!**" letter to encourage men to become a Knight. That same letter can be modified and sent to men referred by your own members, naming the referring member in the letter. All of these letters need follow-up calls and emails, and your **Field Agent** is a terrific resource to make that campaign a roaring success!

Plan your work – Work your plan! Our plan is to find quality prospects then make quality contact with them. We have tremendous benefits to offer a man who joins the Knights. They can grow in their faith and become better men, better husbands and fathers, and better Catholics. They can multiply their own efforts with like-minded men of faith and create charitable acts they could never accomplish on their own. They can associate with men they are proud to call "Brothers!"

We can find those quality prospects in ways we have done (Membership Drives) and in ways that are new (Seek Father's help), but we need to find those men, invite them to become Brother Knights. Coupling dynamic membership growth with programs men are passionate about makes our "on-boarding" efforts to get new members active and enthusiastic a simple task.

"Now the Journey Begins!"
Rick Rawlin -State Membership



Online Membership Tools

Online membership is just one more tool you may use to process new members into your council and grow membership in your council and the Order. Note: To properly access the Prospect tab of Officers Online (OO), please disable any pop-up blockers and restart your browser before logging in. Here is a summary description of the Online Member process. Links are provided in lieu of repeating the available information.

Please see the document entitled [Online Membership - Use of Landing Page](#) at the top of the State Forms page of the state website:

The first 11 pages deal with the Prospect Landing page (an electronic form 921A Prospect Card) of the Delta Church Drive process.

Pages 12 through 18 deal with online membership and actions by the prospective member.

Pages 19 through 20 refer to actions by the SD, MD, or OMC.

Pages 21 through 25 refer to actions by the council, GK or FS.

[FAQs About the New K of C Exemplification](#) gives insight to the online degrees.

[Instructions for Online Exemplification](#) came out in April and describes the process and procedures.

You may wish to watch this webinar [Training for Online Exemplification](#) from April 8 where the online degree was introduced.

Follow the standard procedures for a new member – Completed form 100 or e-member status, admission committee vetting, council action (voting) [Guidelines for Online Voting - Motions](#), degree, and form 100 submission, or online candidate form transfer, or e-member transfer. See this video for training on use of the [Candidate Tab](#).

For online degrees, Supreme has suspended scheduling online degrees, but does include the [On Demand](#) link, to take an online degree at the candidate's convenience. The State officers are also providing regularly scheduled online degrees. See the [Degree schedule](#) page of the State website where you will find links for him to register for the state ceremonies. He may do this at any time by using the [On Demand](#) link to the supreme ceremony and filling the registration form, and watching the ceremony in its entirety. It is encouraged that his family watch it with him (25-30 minutes). Here is the schedule and registration links for the upcoming state degree ceremonies.

9/8/2020	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Register Here for 9/8/2020 Degree
9/22/2020	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Register Here for 9/22/2020 Degree
10/6/2020	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Register Here for 10/6/2020 Degree
10/13/2020	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Register Here for 10/13/2020 Degree
10/20/2020	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Register Here for 10/20/2020 Degree
10/30/2020	Friday	7:00 PM	Register Here for 10/30/2020 Degree

Provide the appropriate link to the prospective member, as the member must do the registration process himself. Be sure to provide him with your council number to enter on the registration form.

Once the new member has successfully completed an online degree, he may be able to print a certificate and provide that to you, but Supreme or the state Ceremonials director should notify you of any members who have completed the degree. That notification may take a day or two for processing, but will include the date of the degree. The FS then processes the member into the council – again, form 100, candidate tab of OO, or in the case of an e-member, transfers him in via the Prospect tab of OO. The latter two methods by entering the degree date on the appropriate tab of OO and clicking 'Transfer'. Once added to the council roster, the FS enters the 2nd & 3rd degree dates in Member Management (MM) of OO, and any other pertinent information on the MM pages. The FS also issues a membership card in the council and invites the member to the next meeting.

Supreme will credit the council a pro-rated portion of the dues paid by an e-member similar to any other transfer (142). For other member types, the FS collects the appropriate dues from the member. The 1842 survey is passed on to the GK and Program Director in order to get the new member active in the council where his interests lie. Encourage the new member to work toward the Shining Armor award.

Please utilize the tools made available to you. They are there to assist you and make your tasks easier.

State Online Membership Coordinator

William G. Hitt

www.kofc.org/joinus

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Now the Journey Begins

September 2020

Charity Raffle Update

The charity committee will be working hard this weekend to prepare packets for each council and district deputy with the tickets and posters for this year's raffle. The plan will be to distribute these packets to the District Deputies at the Diocesan Huddles in September. If you haven't received your tickets from your District Deputy by October 1st please let me know. Now is the time to put your creative minds to work, with COVID-19 still very prevalent we may have to come up with new ways to increase sales. In my short time as charity director, I have read first-hand how families, by no fault of the own, get into desperate situations. We need to be the ones to offer support for families in need. This raffle does that in a way that no individual or council can.

DO YOUR PART to help Wisconsin families, **SELL, PURCHASE, or TRADE**

Knight of Columbus Charity Raffle

Total Prize List - \$124,000

1st - 2021 F150 XLT Super Cab or \$50,000

2nd - Harley Davidson Motorcycle or \$25,000

3rd – 100th - \$500

Tickets \$5.00 each

Drawing Saturday May 1, 2021

Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI

Bernie Heit, Charity Director
bernieheit@gmail.com

Programs



Brothers,

With September, we are 3 months (1/4) of the way into our 2020-21 Fraternal Year. By month's end, will you be 25% of the way to reaching your program and membership goals for this year? You should be! If so – great; if not, it's time to get moving. Many Councils have let 6 months slide by due to COVID inertia. As I said last month, we need to lead – to be as active as possible in the parish and community. Most of our programs can be done either live or virtually. Meetings can be done live if possible, virtually or both. If you can't meet at church, find another spot where you can social distance as needed along with virtual connections. Continue to implement the programs suggestions I made last month.

Supreme has advised that some programs can be done outside in parking lots, parks, yards, etc. PPK, Soccer, Free Throw can be done at any time – not just in the usual time frame. Parents or schools can video the shots/attempts being taken and send in/verify the results. Essays and posters can be done at home as well as in school or CCD. Coats for Kids can be given to the recipient organizations or schools to hand out. ID Drive and LifeSavers can be done throughout the year, with the recipient organizations helping to staff tables at businesses or street corners.

Remember that the Into the Breach video series and men's study groups revolving around them should be the basis for all your programming this year. Nearly all our Faith in Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind programs involve Knights stepping into the breach to provide the answer to faith, family, charitable, etc. challenges we face! You can download from the Supreme website or order all the information and supplies you need for your fall programming. Check it and use it often as well as the State website.

More information will soon be coming out regarding PPK, the Culture of Life Essay Contest topic and the results of the statewide survey on Free Throw and Knowledge Contests. The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest theme is on the Supreme website: "Discuss How Trusting in God During a Difficult Time Has Helped You or Someone You Know Find the Strength and Hope to Endure It." Due to the COVID issues we have extended the deadlines this year so that Culture of Life essays are now due to Councils from the schools or students by **December 1**, rather than November 1 as before. Catholic Citizenship essays are now due to me by **January 10**, rather than November 30 as before.

The True Meaning and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contests will run as usual, with January 1 and January 15 due dates respectively.

Order your materials from Supreme for your October Church Drives and other membership activities. Work with your Field Agents and General Agents to start setting up those Benefits Nights at your parishes. Be sure to get your 185, 365 and Audit in if not already done and remember to file your Form 10784 with Supreme and the State Forms address for all programs when completed except those with their own special form like RSVP or Food for Families.

Finally, plan to promote the October 31 Beatification of Fr. McGivney as widely as possible. Plan a major Council or parish event. Congratulations to all Councils who earned Star and/or Wisconsin Outstanding Council honors. Those, along with other State and Supreme awards should be coming to you this month or early October. Have a great September!

Bill Frayer

State Program Director

ID Director Don – Update on Tootsie Roll Drives 27 August 2020



Brother Knights,

Needless to say, there is still much uncertainty out there with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that all of you are taking steps to remain safe. Please keep in mind that your council can run the drive and turn in money by November 1st to receive checks at the DD meeting in December. I am not certain what the format may be for that meeting, I suspect it may be a virtual meeting but your DD will get the checks.

I have sent out information to organizations seeking grants from our State ID Fund. Please keep in mind that if your council is not running the drive you should contact me to determine how much your council owes for Tootsie Rolls. On November 1st I will send out billing to all councils who have not sent in money for the Tootsie Rolls.

Our council just started their drive yesterday. Needless to say, the amount of traffic is less at the locations but we did very well for a Thursday. I spoke with the managers of four locations and they were all comfortable with us running the drive at their store. Our members are wearing masks even though we are outside just to keep the public comfortable. I do hope that all of you pursue the drive as there are many organizations out there who need our help. Stay Safe!

Vivat Jesus.

Don Schoenherr

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Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities – Director



General Agent Message

As part of the updated Star Council Requirements, each Council is to plan and host 2 Fraternal Benefits nights. Proper planning and promotion lead to successful events. The following Checklist is being provided to help Councils plan and host Successful Fraternal Benefits Nights.

Councils are encouraged to start planning their Fraternal Benefits Nights today. Please contact the General Agent or your Local Field Agent to setup your Fraternal Benefits Night.

Tim J. Nowak, General Agent

Wisconsin/UP Michigan

920-462-4100

Protecting Catholic Families & Preserving Wealth

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

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Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Officers:

Fraternal Benefit Seminars are excellent opportunities for councils and field agents to partner together to talk to members and parishioners about the tremendous financial benefits offered exclusively through the Knights of Columbus. Beginning July 1, 2020, councils striving for Star Council recognition are required to co-host and promote two fraternal benefit seminars per year with their field agent(s).

Council email blast (Required)

PROMOTION OF SEMINAR (MUST DO AT LEAST 3):

Council social media announcement

- Use the council Facebook page
- And / or create event on Facebook for larger outreach than just email
- Your state council's website can also be used

Parish bulletin announcement / event poster

- Place an announcement in bulletin or insert
- Hang a poster in the back of the church

Parish email blast / Parish social media announcement

- Many parishes are sending out virtual reminders on Mass, ask your parish office if they can include the announcement.
- Announcement under events on Church website or Church Facebook page

Parish pulpit announcement

- A member of the council, or the agent can speak
- If Mass is still being held virtually, Father may be willing to make the announcement himself

Prospect specific email / outreach

- Any prospects from Church drives, NCD sites etc. can be invited with specified individual emails or phone calls to them. Fraternal Benefit Seminars can be used as a recruiting tool so prospects can learn about the benefits membership will offer them.

Fraternally,

Tim Nowak

Supreme Representative, General Agent

State Training Schedule

Brother Knights,

With the ever-changing situation we are in, we are looking at doing virtual training through the rest of the year. If circumstances change, and it becomes safe to do so, we will again do physical training sessions. Following is our schedule through the end of the year. There are 2 sessions of each, in the hope that one fits your schedule. They will be Zoom meetings, with graphics being shown. If you are unable to join us on a computer or tablet, please try to find someone you can view with or use the option of joining us by telephone. We plan to get the slides available to you if this is the case.

Please also take advantage of the training being done by our Supreme Regional Trainer, Jon Olson, and Supreme Webinars and presentations archived on the website. Take a minute, go to www.KofC.org/training and look at the resources available. If you need help navigating the website, please contact me.

Schedule

Grand Knight Training

Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 am

Financial Secretary Training

Tuesday, October 20th, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 28th, 7:00 pm

Financial Secretary Member Dues Billing Training

Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2nd, 7:00 pm

Membership Methods in our Trying Time (and other times also)

Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00 pm

If you need anything, please call me at 920-540-4486. *Please note, while working at home, my voicemail says not to leave a message, this does not apply to you. I want to hear from you!! You can also email me at wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com.*

Thank you, and God Bless all you are doing.

Chuck Rohr

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

July was another fantastic month for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below but click on the Flocknote link below for all the details. Also included is information on a recent meeting with Supreme and planning steps for programs this fall/winter.



Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! Below is a quick summary of our progress to date. All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post

<https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/8440697>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is still in 1st place in the order with 52 FOMs representing **14.1%** of all FOMs received by Supreme.

The Supreme family of the month is **Dave and Ann Hoffmann Family** (Council 2770, District 20, La Crosse Diocese).

Diocese

Madison Diocese led with **77%** district participation and tied Green Bay for the lead by submitting 14 families each.

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

Green Bay	Robert and Pat Luedtke	La Crosse	David and Ann Hoffmann
Madison	Darrell and Jane Kreul	Milwaukee	Andrew and Cindy Steinhauer
Superior	Dennis and Rhonda Malecek		

District

59% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Two districts submitted three or four families and twelve districts submitted two families. There were six new councils submitting families for the first time.

August Family of the Month deadline is September 15.

Golden Family Councils

I will be honoring each month the amazing councils who will be trying to earn two credits for the family category of the Columbian award. To stay a Golden Family Council, the council must submit a family every month of the fraternal year. We are starting the fraternal year with **55** Golden Family Councils with eleven months to go. The Golden Family Councils are listed in the Flocknote article.

Suggestions

The Flocknote article has a whole page of ideas and questions that can be asked to the family in order to gather a more complete summary of all the things the family has done for their parish, community, country and council. Please review them. Please also read the family summaries of the Diocesan Families of the year at the end of the Flocknote article as that is what was submitted by the council about their family.

Supreme Quarterly Family Director Meeting

On July 20th, I had a meeting with Supreme and seven other State Family Coordinators.

Online Fraternal Programs Report Form 10784

Supreme is moving from the PDF version of the 10784 to an online version. The plan is for the online version to be used for all programs but that may not happen entirely this fraternal year. It is supposed to handle six of the family programs today.

It does **NOT** handle Family of the Month or Food for Families yet so continue using their respective PDF report forms. The link to the new online form is

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.019>

The goal is to have all DD/council fill out this form monthly to minimize reporting at the end of the fraternal year and provide visibility of current council program status. The form will eventually be integrated into on online SP7 Columbian Award form but that is the future for now.

No Required Programs

There are **NO** required programs! Consecration to the Holy Family is NOT required.

Into the Breach

Supreme would like councils to promote the Into the Breach video series and explore ways to integrate family programs with it. <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

Easiest Two Credit Family Program

Supreme said that the easiest program to get two credits towards the family category on the Columbian Award is to complete the requirements for the **Family Fully Alive** program. All that is required is to distribute and actively promote the use of the Family Fully Alive Booklets. There is even a PDF version of the booklet <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-fully-alive/10162-family-fully-alive-booklet.pdf>

Remote Family Programs

Some councils in the order are overcoming Covid concerns by implementing family programs remotely. The Family Prayer Night celebrated virtually has helped families reconnect with each other. It may not always go perfect but that is OK.

Planning

Two family programs are coming up quick: Keep Christ in Christmas and Consecration to the Holy Family. Here are some things to consider doing soon.

Keep Christ in Christmas

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

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

- Read though the guide sheet and determine what you need to order
- Order the supplies from Officers Online
- Ask your district deputy what the deadlines are in your diocese

Consecration to the Holy Family (Required for Columbian Award)

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

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

- Read through the guide sheet to prepare for the event
- Order prayer cards (and other supplies) from Officers Online (they will go quick)

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!

Joe Uchytil



SK Joe Uchytil
Wisconsin Family Coordinator

Stars and Stripes Parade of Honor August 29, 2020



Milwaukee area Honor Guard and Knights Brigade Members:

Dave Sytkowski, Commander,

Gerald Falk, Bill Blazer, Gary Pluta, Joe Zompa,

Mark Payette, Kevin Kozinski, Tim Nighbor, Dan Baggott

The Stars and Stripes Parade of Honor. A silent salute to 180 Veterans that were not allowed to take the Honor Flight due to the Covid-Pandemic-19. Today they participated in the motor vehicle parade that was led by a police escort. The route was lined with various military, service and civilians. The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard and Knights Brigade were present. They are named above.

Thank You Brothers.



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Unit on Aging

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7/21/2020

Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus
4297 West Beltline Hwy
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Subject: Regarding your In-Kind Donation to Washburn County Unit on Aging

Dear Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus,

Washburn County Unit on Aging would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Unit on Aging programs rely on the generosity of donors such as yourself and we are truly grateful. The funds and goods you donated have been used to create care packages that were delivered to the participants of our Home Delivered Meals Program, assuring that homebound elderly and disabled receive nutritional meals and have the recommended personal protective equipment. With increasing numbers of elderly and shortened hospital stays, personal protective equipment and home-delivered meals have become a critical component of the growing community service system.

Thank you once again for your support during these unsettling times.

Since ely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Hand". To the right of the signature is a small, simple drawing of a smiling face with a single eye and a wide smile.

Linda Hand
Aging Director/ADRC Supervisor
Washburn County Unit on Aging

Donation Date	For	Type of Donation	Amount	Tax Deductible	Non Tax Deductible	Note / Description
05/14/2020	COVID-19 HDM Donation	In Kind	\$66.34	\$66.34	--	23 Cases of Bottled Water/Various Sizes
05/14/2020	COVID-19 HDM Donation	Check	\$2500.00	\$2500.00	--	