



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus May 2019 Newsletter



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Dear Brother Knights:

I want to thank everyone who attended this year's State Convention in Appleton and welcome our newest members to the State Board, Worthy State Chaplain Father Andrew Kurz, Worthy State Warden (Elect) Miles Casey and Lady Carrie, and those who remain on the board State Secretary (Elect) Michael Tomsyck and Lady Kim, State Treasurer (Elect) John Huttenhoff and Lady Linda, State Advocate (Elect) Corey Coonen. Also, welcome Mark Jelinek as our new State Membership Director and George Plouf as our new Life Director. I want to thank Former

State Chaplain Cyril Guise for his guidance and support to the State Council. Father Cyril asked to step down due to health issues, please keep him in your prayers.

Congratulations to Joe and Mary Jo Graetz from the Superior Diocese for being selected as our 2019 State Family of the Year (FOY); and to our Diocesan families: Robert and Mary Key Zuleger, Green Bay, Daniel and Mary Wieser, La Crosse, Aaron and Jennifer Teche, Madison and Michael and Mary Berendes as the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Families of the Year. Our Medallion Award winners included: SK Joseph Oberweis, At-Large, SK Lloyd Delveaux, Green Bay, SK Pat Rice, La Crosse, SK Bill Paar, Madison, SK Ron Awe, Milwaukee, and SK Gary Dado, Superior.

I began my 20-page State Deputy Report (entire report has been posted on the State Website) by stating "Pride, Service and Responsibility". When I took the office of State Deputy, I dedicated my term to Father McGivney and I asked each attendee at the convention to take Pride, in themselves as Knights, renew their Service obligation to our Mother Church, our Bishops and Priests, and take Responsibility to grow our order by asking each eligible Catholic man to join us. This past year the state officer team has met many challenges set before them and our watchword "Nunc Coepi" now I begin has been a constant reminder that every time we fell or thought we are falling, we needed to pick ourselves up keep Father McGivney's vision alive and move forward (that God will provide). I hope to explain where we have had areas of success and areas we need to improve upon and give some examples of Faith in Action around our state. My theme for the convention was "Conversation to Conversion" a key factor growing the order in Wisconsin and implement Supremes Faith in Action program model."

I conclude my report by saying "From this report it is easy to see that the state of the Knights of Columbus in the Wisconsin is strong, and our programs are relevant. We are living up to Father McGivney vision, by expressing our solidarity with our Holy Father, Pope Francis to be our brother's keeper.

But how long can we maintain this level of programming with our membership numbers in a decline, suspensions and withdrawals spiraling out of control and councils not embracing Faith in Action, how soon do we become irrelevant? I am simply asking that every council in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction grow in membership and embrace Faith in Action.

To quote Pope Benedict XVI "Was not this unity of vision and purpose – root-

ed in faith and a spirit of constant conversion and self-sacrifice – the secret of the impressive growth of the Church in this country? We need but think of the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus." Gentlemen, we need not only live up to this vision, but we must live it and embrace it.

Having that conversation with the family in the pew in front of you, your neighbor, your boss, your co-worker, your friends and families can ultimately lead to their conversion of faith. The conversion is a journey and the Knights of Columbus through the implementation of our Faith in Action model will help us engage those families, we must lead, we must show Pride in our Order, Service to our neighbor, and be Responsible to each other for the growth of our Order and the growth of our Catholic Faith. WE ARE KNIGHTS!"

Thank you for attending this year's convention, we have much work still ahead, let's finish the year stronger then we started and start next year stronger then we finished this year. NUNC COEPI – NOW I BEGIN!

Vivat Jesus

Jack V. Wrbanich,
State Deputy

Knights in Action

On Sunday April 28th at Holy Family Catholic Church at the KC Pancake Breakfast, the Father Dodge Knights of Columbus Council 7827 presented Tammy Dallman, Director of New Dawn Pregnancy Center a \$6000 check for the down payment of the Ultrasound machine which is now on order and scheduled to arrive at New Dawn in late May.

Council 7827, along with Councils 3842 Pewaukee, 2032 Rhinelander, 3557 Lac du Flambeau. and 5415 Eagle River and Churches and parishioners from all across Northern Wisconsin not only raised the \$13,000 for the Ultrasound but also raised almost \$10,000 to help pay for a 3 year service plan and the training and set up of the Ultrasound. The Knights of Columbus Supreme will be paying for the other half of the purchase price of the Ultrasound.

Donations to help with any other future expenses for the Ultrasound should now be sent directly to :New Dawn PRC, P.O.Box 1845, Woodruff, Wis. 54568

Pictured below from left to right are Knights Ron Hitz, Rick Edwardsen, Ray Knapstein, Karl Fink, New Dawn Director Tammy Dallman, Beau Jorgensen, Greg Peckels, Grand Knight Bob Link, Bob Deering and Ed Wagner.



I have been asked to be a
Grand Knight,
What are my responsibilities?

Ceremonials

- ◆ Coordinates installation of council officers with district deputy.
- ◆ Schedules and publicizes frequent First Degrees.
- ◆ Confers with district deputy for Second and Third Degrees.
- ◆ Arranges Mass for departed brothers.
- ◆ Awards certificates, cards and pins during "Honorary Membership" and "Honorary Life Membership" ceremonials.
- ◆ Maintains proper conduct of ceremonials at regular meetings.

Duties

- ◆ Appoints a council chaplain.
- ◆ Appoints a membership director to organize and implement the council's recruitment, retention and insurance promotion action plans.
- ◆ Appoints Program Director to organize and implement the council's service programs.
- ◆ Appoints standing committees.
- ◆ Schedules and presides at council officers' meetings.
- ◆ Regularly monitors the council's performance toward achieving its membership, insurance and Service Program goals and awards.
- ◆ Appoints admission committee and makes sure it functions properly.
- ◆ Recognizes honorary and honorary life members.
- ◆ Recognizes past grand knights, "Knight of the Year," community leaders, etc.

Has your Council made a donation to PKD (Penny a Knight a Day), Respect Life or the Special Olympics?

- ◆ Conducts semi-annual council audit with trustees in January and July.
- ◆ Ensures forms, i.e., election of officers, appointments, awards, Fraternal Survey, etc., are completed by appropriate council officials and forwarded to the Supreme Council.
- ◆ Organizes and/or supervises First Degree team. Schedules and announces degree dates.
- ◆ Arranges for council representation at wakes and memorial services for deceased brothers.
- ◆ Arranges for "Resolution of Condolence" for family of deceased.
- ◆ Oversees preparation of annual reports from all officers and standing committees for council files and incoming officers.
- ◆ Obtains and acquaints the booklet, "How to Conduct a Meeting — Parliamentary Procedure."
- ◆ Starts all Council Meetings on Time.

State Program/Community Director

Brothers,

It was great to see and speak with so many of you at the State Convention in Appleton this past weekend. I'm happy that so many enjoyed all the displays we had for so many of our State and Supreme programs as well as other groups who were present.

For the Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award charts that were displayed, I saw and spoke to many who were wondering why many columns of information for their Council were not checked off. The simple reason is that I don't have the necessary reports to credit them! I can't give credit for programs that I don't know about. While I do get some information from Supreme and some from our State Coordinators such as Charity Raffle, ID Drive, Roundtables, etc., which are still being complied, there are many programs that Councils have completed that I don't know about yet.

So, Council need to:

1) Fill out your Fraternal Activity Report forms for each of your programs you've done and submit those to Supreme and to our State Forms address (form@wikofc.com) SOON!!

2) Fill out your Wisconsin Outstanding Council form and submit it to the State Forms address by June 30, preferably before. The form is on the State website.

3) Fill out your Supreme Columbian Award form and send it in to Supreme with a copy to the State Forms address by June 28, preferably well before that date! **(June 30 is a Sunday so it has to be in by Friday!)**

4) If you have not submitted some type of print or electronic History Book, it's required for the Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award. Get it to me by June 1 if at all possible, no later than June 30.

5) Remember that to earn the Columbian Award and Star Council, you have 4 new required Faith in Action programs that must be done for 2018-19: Spiritual Reflection Program (Faith), Consecration to the Holy Family (Family), Helping Hands (Community), and Novena for Life (Life). If not already done, you have 2 months left to do so. If not done, you cannot earn these awards!

It saddens me that we have so many Councils who do such good work, but simply do not do the recruiting, paperwork and/or requirements to earn these honors. In addition to the items listed above, many Councils will miss out on Star or Outstanding Council because they fell short on their recruiting and/or insurance quotas. At the Convention this past weekend, our Worthy Advocate reported that only 30% of our Councils are in full compliance for the Child Safety Requirements that were mandated to be completed by May 1. So, 70% of our Councils are thus ineligible for Columbian and Star Awards!

I know that for 2019-20 we can do better, so do what you can for this year and vow to go the extra mile to double, triple what we can attain for this year. Nunc Copei - Now We Begin! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Bill Frayer

State Program Director



Good of the Order Report

To the State Officers & Members of the Wisconsin
State Council of the Knights of Columbus:

This year's committee consists of PSD Wenzel Felber, FSO Dr. Thomas Rudolph, FDD Allen Christianson, FDD Peter Denissen, and FDD James Zoellner. They bring an array of views having served in almost every Officer position and as Chairman of many of the State Programs. This committee is pleased to announce that the current State Officers have operated the State Council within budget guidelines and have adhered to the By-Laws & Policy Manual.

What is Wisconsin known for? A non-resident of the state might say the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Bucks, Milk, or Cheese Heads. Former Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant said "Wisconsin is known for Programs".

Supreme Knight Dechant's statement from the nineties now asks the question are Wisconsin Councils and Districts Progressive, Regressive, or Stagnant? The Good of the Order Committee feels the number one issue holding Wisconsin from moving forward is a lack of program growth within the State.

On July 1, 1987 the Wisconsin State Council membership was 41,407 with programs growing. As of July 1, 2018 the state membership stood at 35,904 with programs struggling. What changed?

In order to analyze this one must look at the history of the past 30 plus years. From 1987 to 1994 the state membership declined to 39,901. Then from 1995 to July of 2000 the state membership rebounded to 40,009. From July of 2000 the state membership dwindled each year to the July 1st 2018 figure of 35,904. It should be noted that data used in this report is from July 1st 1987 to July 1st 2018.

In 1994 the state team realized that even though over 1400 members were being added each year the overall membership had declined to 39,901. They also noticed that programs were remaining stagnant or dwindling. In an effort to revive programs within Councils, the State initiated the Wisconsin State Complete Council Award. As you know, the Award is based on Councils doing projects in all areas of Youth, Council, Community, Church, and Family. The award is round indicating that no program is more important than another. However membership is on the top indicating that programs support membership and membership is the life blood of programs. Another challenge was Baby Boomers were moving south by the hundreds and transferring their membership to the new states causing large losses in total membership. In 1998 the State Deputy started contacting members in good standing living within the state but belonging to councils of other states encouraging them to join a local council. These two initiatives resulted in every program within the state growing, except Squires. It reversed the member-

ship losses and allowed the State to grow back to 40,009 by July of 2000.

During the time frame from 2001 to present our state membership has declined each year. This was despite many different efforts including new programs and membership promotions by every State Deputy and State Officer. Why? No one knows for sure but here maybe some of the factors:

- 1) Since 2001 Supreme has changed the requirements for state council awards several times.
- 2) Supreme changed from Surge with Service to Building the Domestic Church. On July 1, 2018 Supreme merged "Building the Domestic Church" into Faith in Action.
- 3) Economy.
- 4) Baby Boomers passing on & moving south.
- 5) Less personal contact with membership (i.e. too much reliance on the computers to get the message out).
- 6) No one talks to anyone anymore.
- 7) Leaders placing too much emphasis on one program over another.
- 8) Councils not expanding their horizons doing the same programs year after year.
- 9) Members not stepping forward and becoming leaders (i.e. District Deputies & Coordinators).
- 10) Careless use of State budgeted funds.

Regardless of the reason, by the close of the books on June 30th 2018 every program (except tootsie roll) had declined or failed to grow. Membership growth hit an all-time low. Who or what is to blame? Let's all look in the mirror!

What is the answer? How do we finally reverse this trend and become the leader Wisconsin can be?

Prayer is a powerful force and asking Father McGivney to intercede to the Lord on our behalf is a good thing. However, Father McGivney might tell us our Lord has already given us the tools to succeed.

With that in mind, and even though under the leadership of SD Wrbanich it does appear Programs are rebuilding, The Good of the Order Committee still recommends the following steps. These steps will ensure Wisconsin has Progressive Councils and Districts which will make the State Council grow!

Councils:

- 1) Take an honest look and your Council! Does your Council do the same things each year, or do you fluctuate and help people as things arise?
- 2) Stop stressing over the new report forms nothing has changed except Church is now call "Faith", Youth has merged into "Community", Council has merged into "Family", and Pro-Life is now called "Life". You can still have someone take on different duties within a program. (Example one person can do the youth programs and someone else can do the blood drive.)
- 3) Challenge each Faith, Community, Family, and Life Director to add one new program. There are 4 required programs to earn the Columbian Award. The purpose of a new program (it might be a one-time thing) is to stir up interest from another group of men. Remember we are all different and we all enjoy different programs.
- 4) Recruit all ages of men, but stop stressing over not getting new younger members. Remember 55 to 65 year old men are retiring, get them, they need to have something to do. Their wives want them out of the house.
- 5) Maintain your council membership. Make your council a plus one over all losses. Replace every lost member from deaths, withdrawals, transfers or suspensions with a New Member.
- 6) Personally contact each and every member at least once a year? Call them on their birthday! Make sure they are getting the newsletter, ask if they need any help, and be a **Brother Knight**.
- 7) Set up and have a "Round Table Coordinator" for each Parish your Council supports. Make sure they do projects within each parish. A name on a paper does not help the parish nor does it get new members for your council! Our committee feels this is so important that it is asking the State Deputy to increase training for both Council Officers & District Deputies.

District Deputies:

- 1) District Deputies visit your Councils and challenge them to expand their horizon. Complete your semi-annual report on each council to the State Deputy. Be honest with your report. The State Deputy cannot do his job if he does not know the correct status of each and every council.
- 2) District Deputies ensure your Councils understand the "Faith in Action" program. Review the "Faith in Action" hand out with your Councils. Each Council received a training manual from Supreme. The Supreme "Webinar" is another excellent training tool.

State Officers and Directors:

- 1) State Deputy: Continue to promote all programs. Contact members living in Wisconsin that belong to other states and encourage them to transfer to a local council.
- 2) State Secretary: Use the funds set up in the By-Laws and ensure a Badger Bulletin is mailed to every member of our state at least once a year. Do a recruitment promotion on the front page. Do this early in the fraternal year.
- 3) State Treasurer: Continue operating the State within budgeted guidelines.
- 4) State Advocate: Insure the State council follows the By-Laws and uses the Policy Manual.
- 5) State Warden: Be the Right Hand of the State Deputy.
- 6) State Officers: Use common sense, history shows membership growth does not come from spending large sums of money on a promotion. Membership growth comes from talking to a prospective candidate and asking him to be a Knight.
- 7) State Coordinators and Directors: Take a good honest look at your program maybe it can be improved. Remember changes cannot be done without approval of the State Deputy.
- 8) Good of the Order Committee: Assist the State Officers in order to find more ways to promote and assist Councils & Districts. Monitor the councils to see if they are expanding and report to the 2020 Convention said findings.

If each and every one of us does our job maybe we will hear Supreme Knight Anderson say "When I think of Wisconsin I think of Programs" and with fixing our programs we will increase our membership. In closing there is no right or wrong answer to move forward but there is an old statement in sports "Have fun out there" and as Larry the Cable guy would say "Get'er Done".

Fraternally Submitted,

PSD Wenzel Felber

Chairman

Special Olympics at State Convention





Marian Prayer Program
Our Lady of Help of Persecuted Christians

Brother Knights,

I greet you in the Easter season with the joy of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. May is also the month of Mary. Mary has a unique role in our church as the mother of God. We also take time to honor her role as queen of heaven and earth. You will see several "May crowning" ceremonies during this month honoring this title of Mary as well. Mary was crowned queen of heaven and earth following her assumption into heaven. If your council is hosting the icon this month, this is perfect time to celebrate these titles of Mary and her powerful intercession for our intentions, especially for those suffering persecution for the faith in our country and beyond. Again, we must realize that the things and ideals that we hold true in our country is not held self evident in other countries. Not only can you not practice the faith for you and your family, you may suffer consequences such as a loss of a job, home and even the lives of you and your family. Do you know someone who has lost a family member, job, home for any reason? You know the pain and heartache that accompanies this loss. With any loss there is suffering at some level. Offer your time of prayer and sacrifice in this program to ease the suffering of those who have had these types of loss, especially for the faith. My wife and I have experienced loss and we have truly felt the power of prayer to ease our minds and soul. These people need our help not only in prayer, but in action. I hope that your time with this program of prayer and meditation will lead you and your council to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and Mary to search for charitable ways that you may assist our brothers and sister in the faith and good will to live a life of freedom according to a well informed conscience to Know, Love and Serve God and our neighbor.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to help you implement this powerful program of prayer and intercession. God Bless.

Kevin Blau
Marion Prayer Program Coordinator
608.697.9758

Our Lady of Persecuted Christian Schedule

	May 7, 2019	through	June 3, 2019	
District 63		District 28		District 80
	June 4, 2019	through	July 8, 2019	
District 70		District 27		District 91
	July 9, 2019	through	August 5, 2019	
District 69		District 20		District 83
	August 6, 2019	through	September 2, 2019	
District 68		District 44		District 87
	September 3, 2019	through	September 30, 2019	
District 67		District 5		District 89
	October 1, 2019	through	October 28, 2019	
District 72		District 10		District 88
	October 29, 2019	through	November 25, 2019	
District 49		District 14		District 81
	November 26, 2019	through	December 23, 2019	
District 50		District 9		District 21

Degrees

2nd and 3rd Degrees 4th Degree

Saturday, May 18, 2019
St. Anthony's
430 Swanke Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
2nd Degree at 10:00 AM
3rd Degree to follow
FS Donald Onesti
(715) 5352510

Saturday, May 18
Western
St. Mary's School Gym
155 W. 5th St
Richland Center, WI 53581
Degree begins at 1:30 PM



4th Degree in Appleton in April

Has your District scheduled a 2nd and 3rd Degree in 2018-19?

Have you asked your members what day would be best?

Sunday afternoon?

Tuesday night?

Wednesday night while their kids are at religion class?

Saturday morning?

We ask men to join, shouldn't they hear the lessons?

Simple Retention

“I’m the Guy”

(Author Unknown)

I’m the guy who asked to join your organization.

I’m the guy who paid his dues to join.

I’m the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I’m the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid attention to.

I tried several times to be friends, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and sit next to.

I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me.

I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn’t be there.

No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been.

I guess it didn’t matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch TV.

The following meeting, I attended, but no one asked me where I was for the last meeting.

You might say I’m a good guy or a “good family man” who holds a responsible job and loves his community and country.

You know who else I am? THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK.

It amuses me how the heads of organizations and the members discuss WHY the organization is losing members.

It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for NEW members when I was there all the time.

All they need to do was make me feel needed, wanted, and WELCOME!

E-Membership

Well it's been just over a year that we started the E-Membership in Wisconsin. We had a very slow start in the beginning but we are picking up momentum as we go. Several questions have come up and we continue to make improvements to the process of getting prospects in the system. We are trying to make this as simple as possible for our prospects and our current members that use this system!!!

This system was put in place to HELP you and your councils with membership, this is and will not replace what you and your council do now for membership recruitment. We would like to see this in used in conjunction of what you do to get new members.

Not only does this E-membership get new members, but it is starting to get our lost, past members interested in the K of C again!!! Those who had left our organization for whatever reason are now taking a second look at what we do, who we are, and why we do what we do and have used this system to rejoin our fraternal efforts. I think they like what they see and re-think...I want to become a part of that organization again.

In the past year we came up with another VERY easy way for you to get an introduction of the Knights of Columbus to a prospect. Its very simple to use and best of all does not take much time to do. Most of us now carry a cell phone so now you can sign up prospects any time any where you have cell service. You can use this at your church drives, breakfast fund raisers, fish fries, any Knights of Columbus functions you have. Also try using it at a family function to get a family member to possibly join our rank. Well what is this....Its called a landing page, all you need to get from the prospect is there Name and Email address; would be nice to have a phone number and city but not necessary. Here is what it looks like at: [**http://bit.ly/council3805**](http://bit.ly/council3805) **(replace 3805 with your council number)**

Supreme will build a CUSTOM Prospect Landing Page for your council that you can use on a phone, a tablet or a computer. Just go to info.kofc.org/pagerequest Any Questions please contact me!

Paul Quigley Wisconsin Online Membership Coordinator

District Deputy District 46

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Council 3805

Assembly 1198 Faithful Scribe



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March Diocesan Families of the Month

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Brother Knights!

It is an **honor and privilege** for me to present to you our Diocesan Families of the Month!

Green Bay Diocese – Richard and Dorothy Kloes, Council 6926, District 2

Richard and Dorothy are very active in church, council and community. They have 7 children of which one is deceased, plus, 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Six of the children are sons and one daughter. Richard is active in the Knights of Columbus, the Lena Lions Club, the Doney-DeGrave American Legion Post, works at Feed My Sheep Food Pantry as does Dorothy every week. He chairs the Social Concerns committee of which Dorothy is also a member. He serves as an usher for the parish. He is a board member of Clean Water Action Committee for the county and has served the American Legion Post as a Post officer for several years. Richard is an active member of the Posts firing squad that performs for holidays and Legion members funerals. In addition to the work Dorothy does at the Food Pantry every week, she is the Secretary of the Social Concerns Committee, sings in the choir, and is President of the American Legion Auxiliary in Lena. It should be added they both work for Council Card parties, Special Olympics, Fund-raisers for the Handicapped Disability, Legion Fund Raisers, Council Food stand at the Lena Dairy fest, visit members in nursing homes and are a big help with running games for the annual Columbian Olympics. Dorothy also helps serving food for the Columbian Olympics. The Kloes do a lot for the church, council and community. The council is pleased to nominate this family for this honor.

La Crosse Diocese – Jason and Kelly Bahr, Council 10914, District 25

Kelly is a family physician at Gundersen Clinic in Onalaska. She is on the boards for both the Aquinas Foundation and the La

Crosse Irish Fest. Jason teaches physical education at Lincoln Middle School in La Crosse. He coaches H.S. basketball and football. He also coaches middle school softball, and volleyball. Jason volunteers for many of the Knights initiatives including donation drives for disabled children, right to life, and rose sale for life. He helps for the free throw contest and the punt, pass, and kick competitions. Jason makes the pancakes and French toast at the Sunday morning breakfasts. For 25 years the Bahr family has donated their Christmas evenings to work at the Rotary Lights. Jason also helps with the set up and takedown of the Rotary Lights. They also volunteer together for the Friday Lenten fish fries. Both Jason and Kelly are communion ministers. The Bahr's 4 children all attend the Aquinas School System. Kayla, Brianne, Shealyn, and Treyton, are all active in school clubs and multiple sports teams.

Madison Diocese – Robert and Margaret Koch, Council 12491, District 42

Robert and Margaret are one those families that bring life and leadership to the St Ann's Parish. They attend Mass regularly, both daily Mass and Sunday Mass.

Robert and Margaret have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Robert is a 3rd degree Knight. Robert has been active in the Knights for the last ten years. He has served as Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight. He is currently a Trustee. In addition to his council leadership roles, he has helped with many council events and activities. In the Parish, Robert has served on the Parish Council, Stewardship Committee, and the St. Ann Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. He is a past Parish Council President. Robert helps with many things in the parish, usually related to facilities.

Margaret is the current Parish Council Member and President and Liturgy Committee Member. She served on the St Ann Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. Margaret has been the St. Ann Parish Fall Festival Chairman for multiple years. She coordinates Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange with St. Ann 4th graders and Coordinates Lenten Meal for St. Ann Shut-ins with St. Ann Confirmation Candidates. She prepares soup and bakes bread for Lenten simple supper meals. She also coordinates the Annual Senior Brunch. Margaret has been involved with many

St. Ann's events where food may be a part of the event. She also has a special relationship with the children of the Parish, often becoming another grandmother for many of them.

Robert and Margaret have been involved with St Ann's Christian Experience Weekend, a Men's or Women's retreat, both as participants, team members, and individual team leader for several years.

Milwaukee Diocese – Richard and Elaine Garvey, Council 2487, District 63

Dick and Elaine are valuable, veteran members of our parish community and our council. Dick has served as an usher at St. Jerome and Elaine as an EME for as long as I can remember. Dick is an honorary life member of the council, and a fourth-degree knight, having served the assembly in several positions (including faithful navigator). He has served as grand knight, first degree chairman, trustee, and many more positions within the council. He and Elaine help coordinate aspects of our council fish fries and is always seen at Mass every weekend. Their son, Michael, is also a member of the council and went on to become scoutmaster of the local BSA troop. Dick and Elaine are staples of the local parish community, and I can think of no better family of the month than Dick and Elaine Garvey.

Superior Diocese – James and Ruth Michaelson, Council 1762, District 81

Jim and Ruth both support the parish through practical means, with Ruth heavily involved in PCCW with funeral dinners and Jim a regular Mass usher. Both Jim and Ruth are Eucharistic ministers. Jim coordinates and prepares the monthly KC post-meeting food. Jim also not only chronicles events with photos for the newsletter, he recently finished about 300 hours on the council history book and many more on the FOY book. Jim volunteers his time regularly for all KC programs and church fund raisers and maintenance projects. Ruth attends the LA Religious Congress in Anaheim CA each year. Jim also volunteers and supports Knights Aid projects in the community helping those in need. Jim is a former DD, past council officer along with past State Program coordinator. Jim holds the position of Assembly Commander and coordinates the need for honor guard.

A Call to Action

Brothers, **it is critical** that we identify the outstanding families that are in your parishes and honor them as being your council's family of the month. By doing so, we are thanking them for all they have done and encourage them to continue being a great Catholic family. Their example provides inspiration to the other families in our parishes. **But more importantly**, they are teaching our children and grandchildren how to be a great Catholic family so that one day, they too can pass this example down to the next generation.

Thank you, gentlemen, for honoring the families in your parishes. You are raising their candles up for all to see!

Vivat Jesus!

SK Joe Uchytel
State Family Coordinator





Faith in Action – Family of the Month

Hello Brother Knights!

Thank you again for an **awesome** March!

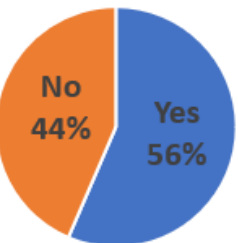
Below is a summary of our progress to date.

District Participation

Our district participation increased by one from last month to 35 putting us at 56.5% participation.

Worthy Brothers. *Can we continue to find at least ONE family in the 12 parishes in each district that deserves to be honored for all they do for our parishes, community and councils?*

62 Total Districts



Percent of 62 Districts Participating



I believe we can!

Let's set our goal to having **100% district participation to by the end of December 2019.**

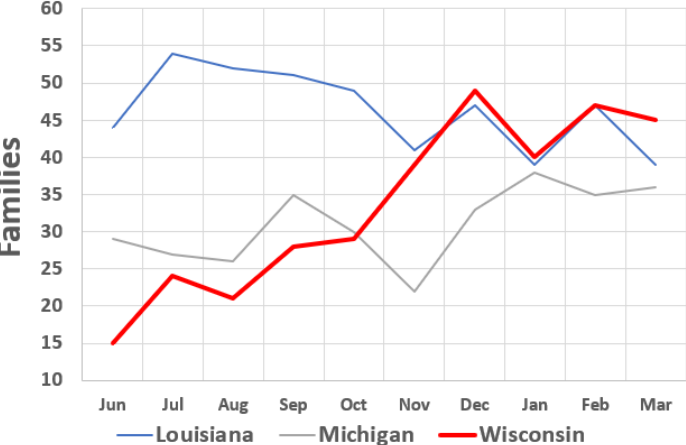
Supreme Standing

Although we dropped two FOMs submitted to Supreme, Louisiana dropped eight so that places Wisconsin still in 1st place for the fourth month in a row. This probably isn't the best way to claim being in 1st place due to our total going down less, but we'll take it.

There were six families submitted to Supreme that did not get submitted to state. Unfortunately, these families were not considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award. **Gentlemen, PLEASE send your forms to forms@wikofc.com too!**



Family of the Month Order Standing Reported By Supreme



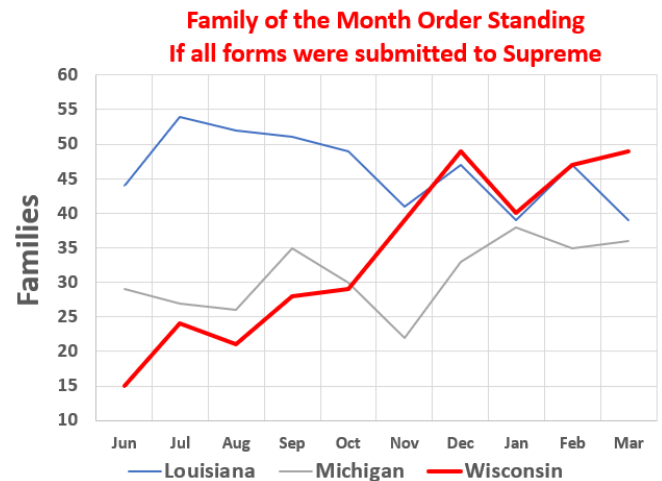
There were four forms sent to state that did not get sent to Supreme, so these families were not considered for the Supreme Family of the Month awards. **Gentlemen, PLEASE remember to send your forms to frater-nalmission@kofc.org too!**

Here is what our results could have been if the four state forms were sent in to Supreme as well.

Supreme Families of the Month

Supreme chose the following families as the Supreme Families of the Month. Supreme will be sending them a nice certificate and letter.

- **Jason and Holly Viestenz**, Oconto Council 1475, Oconto, Green Bay Diocese
- **Michael and Donna Drost**, Quad City Council 9546, , Birchwood, Superior Diocese



Diocesan Families of the Month

The March Diocesan families of the month are:

Diocese	Families Submitted	Winning Family	Council
Green Bay	10	Richard and Dorothy Kloes	St. Charles Council 6926
La Crosse	10	Jason and Kelly Bahr	St. Patrick's Council 10914
Madison	12	Robert and Margaret Koch	St. Anne's Council 12491
Milwaukee	7	Richard and Elaine Garvey	Oconomowoc Council 2487
Superior	4	James and Ruth Michaelson	St. Croix Council 1762
Total	43		

Please refer to the **March Diocesan Families of the Month** article to learn about these amazing families! The Grand Knight will receive the Diocesan Family of the Month awards very soon. There was a delay due to the State Convention.

Thank you, worthy brothers for submitting 43 awesome families to Supreme!

Welcome to the Family of the Month Program!

We had **one** new council that submitted Family of the Months. Welcome to the program!

Council	Grand Knight	District Deputy	Diocese
Vincent T Lombardi Council 10893	David T Mather	7 – Gary Janssen	Green Bay

Every council should be striving to submit **at least one** family of the month before the end of 2019, so they can choose them as the council Family of the Year. The family can then be considered for the Diocesan family of the year, State family of the Year and International Family of the Year.

FOMS	District	Diocese
5	2 - Chris Mosconi	Green Bay
4	21 – Paul Zimmerman	La Crosse
3	87 - Tre Waldren	Superior
2	10 – Mike Bushman	Green Bay
2	40 - Joseph Loy	Madison
2	49 – Paul Romanelli	Madison
2	52 – Vaughn Blaeser	Madison
2	81 – Paul Krenik	Superior

District Deputies on Fire!

This month's District Deputy leaders are **Chris Mosconi, Paul Zimmerman and Tre Waldren.**

Here are the other amazing District Deputies that have more than one Family of the Month in their District.

Thank you, worthy District Deputies! Your leadership is greatly appreciated!

Overall, we are doing pretty good this year with the number of districts that have more than one council submitting a FOM.

Hopefully we can do better next month.

Thank you again DDs!

Districts with more than one FOM



Meet all our March Families of the Month!

Here are all the Families that were submitted to state for March. The yellow highlighting indicates they were the Diocesan Family of the Month.

Diocese	Council	District	Family	Member
Green Bay	719	3	Matthew and Kim Duffrin	Yes
Green Bay	1475	2	Jason and Holly Viestenz	N
Green Bay	1957	12	Raymond Seegers	Yes
Green Bay	2478	4	Robert and Barbara Borkovetz	Yes
Green Bay	4869	2	Jim and Sandy Rieth	Yes
Green Bay	5514	10	Jon and Beckett Matthews	Yes
Green Bay	6926	2	Richard and Dorothy Kloes	Yes
Green Bay	10243	13	Dave and Denise Doering	Yes
Green Bay	11834	7	Robert and Joan Peters	Yes
Green Bay	12269	15	Mike and Karen Wachuta	N
La Crosse	1799	31	Paul and Dorene Binder	N
La Crosse	2055	21	Joe and Jill Zydowsky	N
La Crosse	3249	24	Adam and Brianna Schmit	Yes
La Crosse	3294	26	William and Judy Saeman	Yes
La Crosse	4125	23	Paul and Jackie Dwyer	Yes
La Crosse	5456	21	Adam Walter	Yes
La Crosse	5488	28	Mike and Tammy Gorski	Yes
La Crosse	10914	25	Jason and Kelly Bahr	Yes
La Crosse	13880	27	Gene and Rita Lesinski	Yes
La Crosse	17021	21	Jordan Zimmerman	Yes
Madison	765	41	Todd and Karla Timmerman	Yes
Madison	1386	40	Raymond and Samantha Pugh	Yes
Madison	1909	52	Eric and Debbie Tranberg	Yes
Madison	3099	43	John and Sharon Helt	Yes
Madison	4392	46	Michael and Jan Hess	N
Madison	4871	52	Ray and Marie Brokish	Yes
Madison	4879	51	David and Christine Volz	Yes
Madison	9230	49	Doug and Kristen Kath	N
Madison	10363	49	Bob and Sue Schleis	Yes
Madison	12491	42	Robert and Margaret Koch	Yes
Madison	12644	40	Ronald and Barbara Kohout	Yes
Madison	16863	47	Jonathan and Elizabeth Hoelter	N
Milwaukee	1647	73	Tim and Christine Grossi	Yes
Milwaukee	2487	63	Richard and Elaine Garvey	Yes
Milwaukee	4897	71	David and Heidi Antoni	Yes
Milwaukee	11301	66	Matty and Julie Thelen	Yes
Milwaukee	12588	60	La Roy and Connie Pestka	Yes
Milwaukee	16022	67	Jeff and Maria Western	Yes
Milwaukee	16821	65	Don and Vicki Althaus	Yes
Superior	1762	81	James and Ruth Michaelson	Yes
Superior	2137	83	Guy and Mildred Miller	Yes
Superior	6587	87	Ben and Meghan Droessler	Yes
Superior	9546	87	Mike and Donna Drost	N
Total	43		Members	35
			Non-Members	8
			Percent Non-Members	18.6%

Thank you councils for submitting all the awesome families!

Closing

How do I find a family to honor as our council's next Family of the Month?

I would suggest

- looking in the bulletin
 - families of servers
 - Eucharistic ministers
 - Organizers of church events
 - Older families who have been parish members forever
- Ask the church leadership (priests, deacons, staff) to suggest families that are always helping out
- Ask your parish contact during your round-table meetings
- Council - consider
 - your District Deputy
 - your council leadership, officers and program directors
 - those helping with council events
 - New members
 - **Shining Armor** award winners

Gentlemen, these families are worthy of honor and being thanked for always being there. They are silently being the example that others, including our own children and grandchildren, need to follow.

Through this awesome Family of the Month program, the Knights of Columbus has the privilege to bring joy to families for thanking them for all they do on behalf of everyone. The benefits are:

- The family is grateful for the recognition
- Everyone else is grateful to the Knights for stepping forward to honor the family
- The perception of the council increases for taking time to serve the parish in a very visible way

It is a win-win-win situation!

I am grateful that your councils are willing to take the time to choose a family, give them the recognition they deserve and submitting them for the Family of the Month.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Joe Uchytel
Wisconsin Family Coordinator



Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run

One Life, One Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

Canada - United States - Mexico

We now have the Silver Rose schedule for Wisconsin 2019. The schedule for Route 3 is :

Manitoba	4 Mar thru 1 Apr
North Dakota	2 Apr thru 1 May
Minnesota	2 May thru 20 May
South Dakota	21 May thru 21 Jun
Iowa	22 Jun thru 21 Jul
Wisconsin	22 Jul thru 12 Aug
Illinois	13 Aug thru 9 Sep
Missouri	10 Sep thru 7 Oct
Arkansas	8 Oct thru 7 Nov
Texas	8 Nov thru 1 Dec
Mexico	2 Dec thru 12 Dec



The Roses are presented to Our Lady on her feast day, 12 Dec, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Monterrey, Mexico. We have the Rose for three weeks, one less than the previous couple years.

Thank you to all of the Councils and Districts who volunteered to host the Silver Rose. We could not use all of the Councils that volunteered, but we did meet our goal of covering the whole State and minimizing the travel distances.

Hosting the Silver Rose does not mean that it is a Council function. The Council represents all of the Councils and parishes in it's surrounding area. If you are in the surrounding area, contact the host Council and make the service a true outreach to bring Mary to the people. On any one given day, the number of services is NOT limited to one. We have warm evenings with long hours of sunshine, hopefully without ice or snow. Some Councils have even had a run (walk) between the

sites. Posters and announcements will be available to help communicate this great opportunity to link with our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas.

John Sustar, Wisconsin Silver Rose Coordinator

(608) 847-1140 jsustar@hughes.net



Date	City	Location	Coordinator
Sun 21 Jul	Prairie de Chien	Highway 18 wayside on the Mississippi Island	Chris Riegel- Iowa Coord John Sustar-Wis Coord
Sun 21 Jul	Lancaster	St Clement 132 S Washington St	#2820 D40 Mike Tennessen
Mon 22 Jul	La Crosse	Cathedral St Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St	#839 D25 Charlie Peters
Tue 23 Jul	Tomah	Queen of Apostles 315 West Monroe St	#4125 D23 David Dechant
Wed 24 Jul	Adams	St Joseph 166 N Main St	#6718 D23 Paul Beyer
Thu 25 Jul	Marshfield	St John the Baptist 201 W Blodgett St	#1799 D30 Gary Niziolek
Fri 26 Jul	Eau Claire		#1257 D22 Randy Demars

Sat 27 Jul	Glenwood City	St John the Baptist 761 1 st St	#4954 D82 Joe Kulzer
Sun 28 Jul	Spooner	St Francis de Sales 409 N Summit St	#5397 D87 Mike Crain
Mon 29 Jul	Superior	Cathedral of Christ the King 1410 Baxter Ave	#499 D91 Bob Benson
Tue 30 Jul	Hayward	St Joseph 10586 N, Dakota Ave	#6587 D81 Joe Wadas
Wed 31 Jul	Stanley	Holy Family 226 East Third Ave	#3247 D24 Russ Pogodzinski
Thu 1 Aug	Schofield	St Therese 113 W Kort St	#4628 D28 Greg Cemke
Fri 2 Aug	Stevens Point	Sacred Heart	#12467 D28 Lee Falkcavage
Sat 3 Aug	Green Bay	St Agnes 1484 9th St	#617 D7 Matt Wolcanski
Sun 4 Aug	Champion	Shine Our Lady of Good Help 4047 Chapel Dr	Corrie Campbell
Mon 5 Aug	Appleton	St Bernadette 2331 East Lourdes Dr	#12269 D15 Mark Koth
Tue 6 Aug	Kaukauna		#1033 D9 David Vanderloop
Wed 7 Aug	Kiel	Sts Peter and Paul 413 Fremont St	#5539 D11 Barry Blatz
Thu 8 Aug	Sun Prairie	St Albert the Great 2420 St Albert the Great Drive	#4879 D51 Paul Shepherd
Fri 9 Aug	Verona	St Andrew 301 N Main St	#11155 D45 Bill La Berge
Sat 10 Aug	Hales Corners	Sacred Heart School of Theology 7335 S Hwy 100	#4580 D68 William Blaser/Gary Pluta
Sun 11 Aug	Burlington		#1578 D73 John Peter Wolter
Mon 12 Aug	Clinton/Beloit		#605 D49 Roy Nelson
Tue 13 Aug	Beloit		Roy Nelson Paul Isherwood - Illinois Coord



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RELIEF WHEN DISASTER STRIKES



A Higher Purpose

The Knights of Columbus help prepare our community before disaster strikes. Our local councils will engage their parish and community in disaster preparedness exercises by organizing trainings, fundraisers and various awareness activities as designed by their state's respective Disaster Relief Directors.

Overview

Communities can be brought to a halt when disaster occurs – from large natural disasters to local crises. As community leaders, Knights of Columbus will ensure that their communities are prepared through a campaign that promotes planning and education.

Current Activity

Currently, we have long term care efforts ongoing in Juneau County. We will be reaching out to councils surrounding that area trying to assemble a local team and Knights leader for that team to manage it through September 2019. Please consider this and reach out to us if you or your council can lead a small team to help these communities and also attend meetings as needed with the Juneau County Emergency Management.

We gave an 'all clear' last week after our last sandbagging effort in Pardeeville with everyone standing down. Currently with the calm weather, the only long-term recovery project is noted above in Juneau County.

Thanks for your consideration as we continue to work together for your communities in need and remain vigilant to any disaster situations that affect widespread areas or communities.

Contact Information

The text number to the WI Knights of Columbus State Disaster Relief Team's FlockNote is 84576.

If you, or your council, have not signed up for the Wisconsin State Council Disaster Relief Network please Text: **disaster team to 84576** to receive updated relief effort messages and volunteer information as it occurs.

Once you sign up you can choose one or more of the Diocesan Disaster Teams networks as well.

Our Email for the State Disaster Relief Team is kcwldr@gmail.com

'Now we Begin' Nunc Coepi

Your Wisconsin Disaster Relief Team





2019 State Golf Tournament

Register Today!



EVENT DATE: Saturday & Sunday / June 8th & 9th 2019

EVENT TIME: Registration @ 7:30AM / Shotgun Start @ 9:00AM

EVENT HOST: Merrill Golf Club / 1604 O'Day Street, Merrill, WI
Phone: 715-536-2529 / Email: manager@merrillgolfclub.com

Established in the late 1920's, **Merrill Golf Club**, is the one of the oldest 18-hole golf facilities in the Northwoods. After the completion of the back nine in 1986, Merrill Golf Club is one of the more challenging and longest courses in Central Wisconsin. With banquet facility, two bars, and patio overlooking the 9th hole, Merrill Golf Club makes a welcome environment for our visiting Knights and their guests!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 29, 2019

EVENT COST: \$75 / Day / Person
\$135 / 2-Days

PLAYER INFORMATION

If a foursome, please list your team captain & all team members below. **Each team member is responsible for their own registration form.** No metal spikes or "cutoffs" please.

TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME	E-MAIL	PHONE

GOLFER NAME(S)		PLEASE MAKE YOUR SELECTION			AMOUNT
	Council Number	Golf Sat. & Banquet	Golf Sun. & Banquet	Golf Both & Banquet	Total
(Example)		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$135.00	
John Smith	1234			X	\$135.00
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

Note: If golf events for both Saturday & Sunday are not filled, we will put teams together as necessary.

Special Note: I have members of my party that are not golfing but wish to attend the banquet at the course on Saturday evening:

NUMBER of GUEST DINNERS _____ @ \$16.00 / Person

Send / Fax / E-mail this Entry Form to:

Kevin Cohrs
1310 N Center Avenue, Merrill, WI 54452
cohers@charter.net
Ph: 715-218-1791; Fax: 877-577-5971

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Please return form w/check payable to: **Fr. Rene Menard Council #1133**

LOCAL ACCOMODATION SUGGESTIONS:

- AmericInn by Wyndham Merrill: 715-536-7979
- Boarders by Cobblestone in Merrill: 715-539-6880
- Wausau area hotels: Adjacent to shopping
- Wausau Hilton Garden Inn: 715-298-5775
- Wausau Hampton Inn: 715-848-9700



29th Annual WI Knights of Columbus State Camporee

June 21,22&23,2019

Stoney Creek RV Resort
50483 Oak Grove Road
Osseo, Wisconsin 54758
Phone: 715-597-2102

E-Mail—www.stoneycreekrvresort.com

Come join us for a wonderful family weekend of camping experience and meet other Brother Knights and their family in a quiet country atmosphere. The campgrounds have sites blocked until 1st of Oct 2018. After that you can try again after April 1st 2019. Please mention you will be with the K of C Group when making your reservations.

For additional information about the weekend contact chairman,
Harold Stohlmeyer & Mary Pat, his wife

Ph. 608-723-2611 or 608-778-3150 or E-mail: mpstohl@tds.net
or State Coordinator

Joseph & Mary Huser his wife

Ph. 715-572-4531 or 715-570-0264 or E-mail: joehuser@charter.net

51st Annual Knights of Columbus International Camporee

August 2 to August 9, 2019

Held at Yogi Berra's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort
Monticello, Iowa 52310
Phone: 319-465-4665

E-mail--- resevations@monticellojellystone.com & info@monticellojellystone.com

Contact chairman Don and Lavonne Bries at 563-582-2852 or e-mail dbqbries@hotmail.com

(note: enter KCIC in subject line)

General information can be printed of the KCIC website. KCIC website at www.kcic/campers.com

For more information on camping with the Knights of Columbus contact:

Tom Schmitz, (KCIC) Representative.

Phone: 1-920-923-1215 or E-mail at trsknights@yahoo.com In subject line put in camping.



SAVE THE DATE

MALLARDSBASEBALL.COM ★ WE BRING THE FUN!

August 10th, 2019
Knights of Columbus
Night at the Duck Pond

Save the Date
Summer Special Olympics
June 6,7,8 in Stevens Point
Parade of Athletes and Opening Ceremonies
June 6
Honor Guard has been requested.



DAY OF SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

ST. ANTHONY SPIRITUALITY CENTER

MARATHON, WISCONSIN

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

9:00AM TO 3:00PM

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Take time out to get away from the stress of everyday life, rejuvenate your spirit and leave a lasting impact on your relationship with God and your faith.

Join us for a day of spiritual reflection including prayer and inspirational talks by Deacon Bryan Hilts of Nativity of the B.V.M. Parish, Marathon, and Deacon Michael Lambrecht of St. Therese Parish, Schofield. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel and time for quiet reflection on the beautiful grounds of St. Anthony Spirituality Center (weather permitting), including the way of the cross, grottos and pathways along the Rib River.

Registration and the program will be held in the Solonus Center. Please use the parking lot on the east side of the building and the east entrance. The cost is \$20, including lunch. Please call Dave Joswiak at 715-573-0208 or e-mail at djoswiak@charter.net if you have any questions and to make reservations.

Save the DATE!



**KNIGHTS
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**Merrill
Golf Club**

2019 State Golf Tournament



Golf Course Activities Include:

- **Shotgun Start @ 9AM**
- **Men's & Mixed Divisions**
- **Hole-in-One Events**
- **Closest-to-the-Pin Contest**
- **50 /50 Raffle**
- **Raffle Items**
- **Gift Bag & Box Lunch**
- **FUN!!!**

\$75.00 / Person
(Day 1 or Day 2)
\$135.00 / 2 Days



Off-Site Activities Include:

- **Saturday 4PM Mass**
(St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church)



- **Golfer's Banquet**
(Saturday – at the Course)
- **Cocktails @ 5PM**
(Cash Bar)
- **Dinner @ 6PM**
(Baked Chicken , BBQ Ribs & More!)

Sponsored By:



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Council #1133

(See Reverse Side for Registration Form & Additional Information)

**TO: State Deputies, State Secretaries, and District Deputies, Grand Knights
and Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers in the
United States**

FROM: Knights of Columbus Legal Department

DATE: January 2019

RE: 2018 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters

This notice is to remind councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2018 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation. ***At the present time, due to the government shutdown, the IRS website is not fully operational, and cannot be utilized for filing Forms 990-N. We do not know when it will be fully operational. Councils submitting paper returns (Forms 990-EZ and 990) may file through the United States Postal Service.***

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters (collectively referred to as councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax exempt status requires each council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-Postcard). Councils with total assets of less than \$500,000, and reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000, must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with total assets exceeding \$500,000, and reporting gross receipts of \$200,000 or more must file the Form 990.

Deadline to file annual return (all forms)

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council's annual accounting period. For example, if a council's accounting period ends December 31, it must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if a council's accounting period ends June 30, it must file a tax return by November 15. The IRS assigns the accounting period and it does not always coincide with the Fraternal Year of the Knights of Columbus.

Need more time to file a Form 990?

Although the IRS does not grant extensions for filing the Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the IRS will accept late filings if the tax return is received within three years of the due date. The IRS will grant extensions to organizations filing paper returns (Forms 990EZ and 990). A council needing more time to file its return must request an extension at least one month before the due date. For example, if the council's accounting period ends December 31, it must request an extension no later than April 15; if the council's

accounting period ends June 30, it must request an extension no later than October 15. Federal law imposes a penalty of \$20 per day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, or five percent of the council's gross receipts, whichever is less, for incomplete or late filings. The form for requesting an extension is available on the IRS website:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf>

Where to file

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed online. In order to utilize the online filing system, all new users must complete a onetime registration, even if the user was previously registered under the old system (pre-2016).

The User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System is available here:

[USER GUIDE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

The Form 990 e-Postcard Electronic Filing System is available here:

[CLICK HERE TO FILE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

Forms 990-EZ and 990

The IRS website provides forms and instructions for filing paper returns, Forms 990-EZ and 990 (Forms 990-EZ and 990):

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions>

If the IRS website will not allow you to file a Form 990-N

The electronic filing system for the Form 990-N (e-Postcard) may not accept a council's return if (1) the council EIN has been revoked for failing to file for three consecutive years, (2) the council's EIN has recently been reinstated, (3) it is a new council, or (4) the council is not on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List (updated continually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department). If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org. You can also contact the IRS customer service at **1-877-829-5500**.

Information Available on IRS Website

We suggest you visit the IRS home page for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

We also suggest you visit the IRS web page explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations:

[http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-\(e-Postcard\)](http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-(e-Postcard))

More information is also available on the Knights of Columbus website. Sign in under "Officers" and click on the "Forms" tab. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will access a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments.

Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is also responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax exempt status. In this regard, councils may wish to consult an IRS publication entitled *Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations*, which provides helpful guidance:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4221nc.pdf>

Conclusion

If you have questions relating to your council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org

Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your council or assembly can be found on the Officer's Desk Reference (ODR). For a user name and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995.

State of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus



District# _____ Council# _____

Total Amount Collected \$ _____

Council Name _____

Program Chair _____

City _____

Phone Number _____

Date _____

Worthy State Treasurer:

Our Council ordered _____ Cases.

(The number of cases ordered on District Order Form will be the number of cases assessed to each council.

No cases can be returned.)

Grand Knight: _____

Program Chairman: _____

A copy of this report must be completed and mailed along with your check to: Knights of Columbus ID Program, for the FULL AMOUNT COLLECTED within 10 days of completion of the drive.

Any funds received after June 30th will be included with the next year's fund drive.

Our Council plans to donate its share of revenue to: (Include name, address, EIN and % each to receive.)

Please Print or Type Name and Address	EIN #		Amount (Leave Blank)
1. _____ _____	_____	_____ %	_____
2. _____ _____	_____	_____ %	_____
3. _____ _____	_____	_____ %	_____
4. _____ _____	_____	_____ %	_____

Checks will be made out to the above named individuals/organizations. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of the date the check was issued or else the check will be voided and another check will not be issued.

Do not write in the space below

Total Revenue Received	\$ _____
Cost of Tootsie Rolls (\$19.50 per case)	\$ _____
Promotion cost and State Use Tax (2% of gross)	\$ _____
Total Cost	\$ _____
Balance Remaining	\$ _____
State Council's Share (25% of Balance)	\$ _____
Council Share-pay as listed above (75% of Balance)	\$ _____
Council's ID donations through Charities Inc.	\$ _____

Officer Use Of Debit and Credit Cards

Officers may use personal credit and debit cards to conduct Council business, provided that they do so in accordance with Council by-laws and any other procedures established by the Council for the expenditure of funds.[1] Councils should understand, however, that while debit and credit cards offer convenience, they also present serious and substantial risks. In order to mitigate those risks and to ensure a full and transparent accounting of all funds, the Supreme Council strongly urges Councils to follow the “best practices” set forth below. Failure to follow these best practices will disqualify a Council from recovering losses from fraud or embezzlement under the Supreme Council bonding program.

1. Written Policies: Councils should establish clear and specific written policies regarding the use of debit

and credit cards, including the purposes for which the card may be used, who may hold use a card for Council business, who is liable for misuse of the card, and who is responsible for payment of bills. The written policy should state that debit and credit cards may be used only for expenses that have been duly authorized in accordance with the Council by-laws and procedures relating to the expenditure of funds. In addition, the written policy should set forth a transparent and accountable procedure for reimbursement. **2.**

Application for Cards: Councils should NOT apply for credit or debit cards. To the extent that a

Council concludes that its officers need a credit or debit card to conduct Council business, the Council should specifically designate which officers may use a debit or credit card. These officers should apply for the cards in their own names and NOT in the name of the Council. **3. Guarantee:** Councils should NOT guarantee credit cards. **4. Separate Accounts:** Credit and Debit cards should NOT be connected to the Council’s operating

accounts. **5. Expense Receipts:** The Council should reimburse an officer only after he has submitted a detailed voucher, including original invoices and receipts. The details should be reviewed and approved by the Council Treasurer. If the Treasurer holds a card, the voucher should be reviewed and approved by the Council Financial Secretary. **6. Acceptable Expenses & Reimbursement:** Councils should identify permissible expenses (e.g., travel,

supplies, convention costs) and impermissible expenses (e.g., payment of council dues). If a credit card is used exclusively by an officer for Council business, it is reasonable for the Council to reimburse the officer for the annual credit card fee; it is not reasonable to reimburse late payment penalties or interest.

[1] For purposes of this entry, "Council" refers to all state and local councils, assemblies, and chapters.