

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

November 2021

[Wisconsin State Website](#)

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A MONTH OF REFLECTION AND THANKSGIVING

As we enter into November, we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day to begin the month. A time to reflect on the Saints that came before us and to pray for those souls of the departed, especially those that left us this past year. The one aspect of life that is always a challenge is the fact that as we age, from year to year as we move along, we always lose individuals that had a meaningful impact on our lives. Family members, friends, even our fellow Knights—it seems that every year we have an individual in our live that we can reflect back on following their passing and the impact that they had on us. What a legacy someone could create—being remembered by those left behind. As we move along this month we also have Veteran’s Day on November 11th. I have always

enjoyed attending with my Dad his Veteran’s Day Dinner for his local VFW Post over the last number of years. It is a time to honor and celebrate those Veteran’s who made the sacrifice to serve our Country along with remembering those that never returned home—Prisoners of War who have yet to be found as well as those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life. When reflecting back on what a Veteran is, I’m reminded of the statements made at these dinners: A “Veteran,” whether Active Duty, Discharged, Retired, or Reserve—is someone who at one point in his or hef life, wrote a Blank Check Made Payable to “The United States of America” for an amount of “Up To, and Including His or Her Life.” Honoring and remembering individuals—a theme for November.

Later on this month we celebrate Thanksgiving—a day that maybe has taken on a new meaning over these past 2 years as we reflect on all the things in our life that we are thankful for. Coming off the month of October, ‘Respect Life’ month, one of the most precious items that we all should be thankful for is this gift of life and freedom. Freedom that we are afforded by those Veterans who served us.

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



Let us Pray for those who have Gone Before Us.

In this month of November, we are reminded by the Church to pray for our faithfully departed brothers and sisters who have gone to complete their journey to the place Our Lord Jesus Christ has gone to prepare for us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032 makes reference to Purgatory when it states, "This teaching is based on the practice of praying for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: 2nd Macc. 12:46. From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of

God. ..." We will remember in special way all those friends and family of ours when we pray at Mass this month but in addition to that I would encourage you to pray for souls each time you pass a cemetery. We are all on a journey and that journey begins anew when we take the steps to walk with Jesus, for those who are completing that journey with Jesus and entering into the perfection he calls us to, we pray they come quickly to that place that He has prepared for us.

Fr. Andrew Kurz

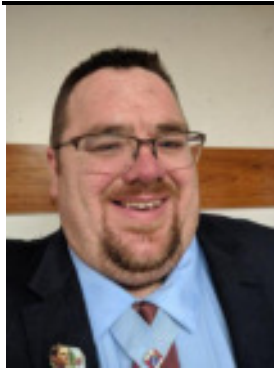
Prayers Requested

State Chaplain Fr. Andrew Kurz has tested positive for Covid.

LaCrosse Bishop William Patrick Callahan has tested positive for Covid.

Please keep both of these Brother Knight's in your prayers as they work to recover from this illness.

Please continue to pray for the Canonization for Blessed Michael McGivney.



Brother Knights,

Just a few quick reminders from the desk of your State Treasurer.

Per Capita: The notices for Per Capita were email out early October. Please check your email, and your spam filter for this notice. It is due upon receipt. Be advised, per State By-Laws, payment for your per capita does not require council approval.

ID Checks: Since we moved the program due date for councils to turn in money for their Tootsie Roll drives, we have also pushed out the disbursement of the I.D. Checks. These checks will be handed out to the District Deputies at their District Deputy meeting on the weekend of December 3-5. You should see your councils checks soon after. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Charity Grant Checks: Councils should have already received your Charity Grant refund check as they were distributed at our District Deputy huddles in September. These checks are dated for 11 September and are only valid for 90 days. If your council still hasn't deposited this check, please do so as soon as possible so they do not go stale, and we need to re-issue.

Thank you all for your dedication to the order!!

Myles Casey
State Treasurer

District Deputies Needed

We still have a few Districts in Need of a District Deputy. This truly is one of the most rewarding positions within the Knights of Columbus. District Deputies visit each of the Councils within their District Quarterly, Attend District Deputy Meetings in June and December, attend the State Convention, and Diocesan Huddle, and host District Meetings in July and December. Training and support are provided. If you are interested in being a District Deputy, please reach out to State Deputy Corey Coonen or any of the State Officers for more information.

Districts currently in need of a District Deputy are: 1, 6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 29, 31, 40, 42, 44, 51, 85.

Winter District Meetings/Diocesan Meetings

In December, we will be holding Diocesan Meetings in place of the traditional Winter District Meetings. These meetings are being scheduled early in December to avoid Holiday conflicts. All Councils should make plans now to have their Grand Knight, Membership Director, Program Director, and Financial Secretary attend the meeting for their Diocese. More details will follow at a later date, but for now, please put these dates on your Calendar. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

La Crosse/Madison – Sunday, December 5, 2021, 1:00-5:00 PM – Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells

Milwaukee/Green Bay – Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Fond du Lac

9:30-10:30: Adoration and confessions with State Chaplain

10:30-11:30: registration and cold brunch(ish)

11:30- 3:30 Diocesan/District Meeting-Membership, Programs, Training

4:00: Optional Parish Mass with Archbishop presiding

Superior – Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 10:00 Rice Lake

Safe Environment – Home Corporations



Brother Knights,

There are still many councils who have yet to turn in a form 365. I am in the process of sending out Safe Environment updates to let you know where you stand. Supreme does appear to be overrun with forms and may be a bit behind in updating records, please bear with us on this. I hope all of you that have received the link from Supreme have had the opportunity to complete this Safe Environment training. Remember it is for the protection of those we serve as well as for us.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the December Diocesan Meetings, there will be much information shared at this meeting as well as your Tootsie Roll checks.

We are continuing an analysis of councils who have their own club house. There are regulations from Supreme that must be followed. You will be receiving a query from your DD requesting a photo of your club house signage if you have one. This is something that was first brought up about a decade ago.

Vivat Jesus!

Don Schoenherr

Worthy State Advocate



Delta Church Drives Checklist Summary

Steps to a Successful Drive

- Obtain Prospect Landing Form Link
 - Info.KofC.org/PageRequest
- Order Delta Drive Kits (*Free to all councils.*)
 - Order directly from Supplies Online (either GK or FS)
- Order Candidates Kit #531-G from Supplies On-Line.
- Schedule Information Night and Exemplification within 2 weeks of drive.
- Submit bulletin Announcement
 - 2 – 3 weeks prior to drive date.
 - See below for sample.
- Build Ambassador Teams and agree on attire.
- Confirm Pulpit Speaker
- Submit Post Event Bulletin Announcement
 - See below for sample.
- Send "Thank you" note to Pastor.

Day of Event:

- Arrive early and assign Ambassadors to locations.
- Pass out cards.
- Remind Ambassadors to enter information from cards into the Prospect Landing Page after each mass and not to give out the URL of the Prospect Landing Page.
- Clean up church afterwards to ensure nothing is left in the pews.



Recruiting Best Practices

1. **Start with the why.** Why are we recruiting? Remember the four MORE's – **MORE** knights bring **MORE** hands to raise **MORE** funds & evangelize, doing God's good works helping **MORE** people in need! It's that simple, remember the four MORE's.
2. **Talk to your Pastor.** A council who can't work with their pastor is struggling. We are called to serve our parishes and our communities. Start by talking to your priest or parish administrator. Ask if you can conduct a membership drive at church, ask him if he would invite men he feels would be a good fit for your council.
3. **Challenge your members.** Challenge each of your members to bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. Everyone knows someone who should join our Order.
4. **DELTA CHURCH DRIVE.** Delta church drives are a great way to run a membership drive at church. This program has been very successful. The next Delta Church Drive training is scheduled for November 11th at 8 pm. Register:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6631914808264685837> or email me and we can set up a date and time to receive this valuable training.
5. **Set clear expectations on promoting membership.** Every council activity is a chance to recruit a new member. Your events are concrete proof of your council's good works. Be prepared to talk to others about the Knights, use online e-membership to learn more about the knights.
6. **THE HARDEST THING TO DO.** Step outside your comfort zone. You have heard the story about why someone doesn't join is because no one ever asked. Let me ask you a few questions. Why did you join the Knights? What do you like about being

a Knight? Who recruited you? Answering these questions will help you to start the conversation. Go beyond your everyday circle, talk to parishioners at Mass, be visible, reach out to young and old, other ministries and ethnic groups in our parish. You may be surprised about how little people know who your council is and what it means to be a Knight.

VERY IMPORTANT PROPOSERS CLUB (VIP)

Recruiting a new member into the Order is one of the most important and noteworthy accomplishment that any Knight can achieve. New members keep our organization vibrant and ensure our success in the years ahead. For the proposer, however, there is more to recruitment than just asking a man to join.

When a proposer recruits a member, he will receive 500 VIP Points to use at Knights Gear. Please visit the Knights Gear website and select items that your points will cover. NOTE: 500 VIP Points are equal to \$3.00.

Please fill out the VIP Recruitment Rewards Points Order Form and send the points and order form to:

Knights of Columbus
VIP Program
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510

Diocesan Membership Coordinators

Holding councils accountable for recruitment and scheduling of exemplification is one of our primary goals this Fraternal year; your Diocesan Membership Coordinator (DMC) is there to help and assist you; please give them your attention when they call.

FY 2021-2022 DMC's

Green Bay Diocese

Chuck Rohr

La Crosse Diocese

Scott Frome

Madison Diocese

Doc Casey

Milwaukee ArchDiocese

Les Kostera
Superior Diocese
Mark Rasmussen

WISCAPITA

First Quarter Results are in!!



This year's State Membership Incentive programs titled "WISCAPITA" gives your Council a chance to reduce or eliminate per-capita billing from the State Council.

Second Quarter Expanded!! WISCAPITA +

WISCAPITA+ what's this about?

New look incentive:

** By December 31--if a Diocese achieves 75% ACTIVE COUNCILS then the Councils in the specific Diocese that are 'ACTIVE' for the Year to that point will receive a 10% reduction of their April 1 Per Capita.*

** By March 31--if a Diocese achieves 90% ACTIVE COUNCILS then the Councils in the specific Diocese that are 'ACTIVE' to that point in the Year will receive an additional 10% reduction of their April 1 Per Capita (or a 10% reduction only for those that only became active between January 1st-March 31st). |*

The original incentive remains in effect:
If a Council reaches and maintains their Supreme Membership INTAKE quota by December 31, their April 1 per-capita will be waived.

For this incentive, growth is considered a net increase over losses through suspension or withdrawal. **Deaths do not count against your quota, and transfers in or out of your Council do not count for or against your quota.** Your council quota can be found under the Membership tab in Officers Online, which is updated daily

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Online Membership

Online membership is your easiest to use tool to use in processing new members into a council. All you need to do is contact the men on your Prospect list, get them through a degree (in person or online), then process them into the council by entering their degree date.

82 councils have men on their Prospect list, 56 of these councils have yet to take in a new member this fraternal year. 5 of these Prospects have already taken their degree and only need to be processed. What could be easier to work toward meeting your membership goal than to spend 5-minutes online and process these men?

Current e-membership in the state stands at:

CLASS / TYPE – as of date	09-28-2021	10-26-2021	Monthly Change
ASSOCIATE	238	241	+ 3
INSURANCE	54	55	+ 2
INACTIVE	11	11	No change
HONORARY	6	6	No change
HONORARY LIFE	1	1	No change
AFFILIATE	110	113	+ 3
EXEMPT	2	2	No change
ASSIGNED	121	119	- 2
UNASSIGNED	0	2	+ 2
TOTAL	303	310	+ 7
New e-members YTD #	70	108	+ 38
New e-members YTD % of target	17%	26%	+ 9%
Conversion into a council YTD #	36	56	+ 20
Conversion into a council YTD %	51%	52%	+ 1%
All time intake #	758	795	+ 37
All time conversion into a council #	514	535	+ 21
All time conversion into a council %	68%	67%	- 1%

Don't forget to visit the Degree schedule page of the state council website to find an upcoming exemplification near you.

If you need help using Supreme's online tools, go to the training 'how to' video page of the Supreme website.

State Online Membership Coordinator

William G. Hitt

www.kofc.org/joinus



Programs

Brothers,

Here we are in November, heading into the busy Holiday season and the end of calendar year 2021, another trying year with the pandemic and its effects, natural disasters throughout the nation, etc. I hope that in these final 2 months of the year you're able to make real progress! How is that you say?

Progress in terms of Church Drives and other fruitful membership-building programs to bring more hands for our charitable efforts. Involving not only your members but parishioners, prospects, parents and community members in your programs to get them to experience the benefits of membership in the Knights and our potential for good.

Progress in building Faith in our parishes with Holy Hours, Spiritual Reflection and Rosary programs, the new Icons, RSVP, Sentiments for Seminarians, etc. Be sure to collect your gas and gift cards and get them to your Diocesan Program Coordinator or State Officer in Charge of your Diocese by December 3.

Progress in strengthening our families with Food for Families collections (Holiday food baskets), Keep Christ in Christmas (poster contest, yard signs, Posada, Consecration to the Holy Family...), Family Prayer Night, Family of the Month, etc. You can get all the information and supplies you need from the State and/or Supreme websites. Be sure to have your winning "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters (ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-14), with proper entry forms, to me by January 15. Be sure to have "True Meaning of Christmas" posters (grades 1-4), with proper entry forms, to your Diocesan Program Coordinator by January 1.

Progress in building our communities and aid those in need with our charitable programs and giving such as Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, Leave No Neighbor Behind and Disaster Preparedness. Wrap up your Catholic Citizenship Essay Contests and get your winning 1st, 2nd place essays in to me by January 15 (with proper entry forms). Start arranging now for your local Free Throw and Knowledge Contests.

Our most significant program in this area is Coats for Kids. Whether you get your coats from Supreme or local suppliers, do all you can to help the neighboring Councils, Districts, Assemblies, etc. Include mittens and gloves, scarves, hats, boots in your collections and distributions. Together, we can all make a difference. There will be at least 3 coat distributions throughout the state aided by the Supreme and State Councils with special attention to minority communities and parishes in need. At this writing I don't have specific details, but they will likely be in late November. If you have ideas for doing a major Coats drive for areas in major need (that may also be prospects for new Councils or Roundtables) for 2022, contact your DPC or SOIC with your ideas.

Progress in strengthening and growing the Culture of Life with the Ultrasound and Pregnancy Center Support programs, Mass for People with Special Needs, Novena for Life, blood drives. Now is an

especially good time to build both financial and volunteer support for Special Olympics since the 2022 National games (Team Wisconsin) is rapidly approaching. In addition, now is the time to be planning and arranging for your participation and support for participants in the January Marches for life in Washington, D.C. and Chicago. Blood drives are always important, even more so during the winter months; get involved with your parish and the Red Cross now.

Finally, be sure to meet with Father and find out how you can be of service during the Holiday season. Be the visible right arm of the pastor – the go-to group in the parish or cluster. You'll be glad you did.

A Happy, Blessed, Wonderful, Peaceful Thanksgiving to you and your family as you gather together, perhaps with friends, neighbors, parishioners to give thanks to God for all the graces we've received and for our great nation. God Bless America! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director



General Agent Message

Worthy State Family and
Members of the Knights of
Columbus, Wisconsin, and
Upper Michigan,



As we look to the next three months, our hope would be to bring in more families to our Knights of Columbus fraternal Benefits nights. How we do this is about being creative, we have live events, and we have events right after masses. We invite everyone to participate, unlike the way we use to have council meetings and degrees, today we have opened door wide to all these events to help people understand why the Knights exist and why they should be a part of your council.

Not too long ago, I had a State Officer speak with me about how the Knights are perceived at local events. His comment was that other insurance companies give a check to the event say \$100 dollars or \$200 dollars and that the Knights never do that, he knew why, but asked me to explain it so anyone would understand. I stated it is confusing to most non-knights' families, but we are the ones the Local Knights council that does all the work for the event, say make the food, cook the food and serve the food. However, because someone didn't write a check before that event and give it to someone, we are seen as being less than supportive. What most people don't get to see is that we do all the heavy lifting and then give all proceeds less expenses to the event. Like let's say \$10k and no one see that as the Knights participating, because it is after the fact. We did most everything in this event but someone else who gave a \$100 check is seen to have been a better participant. We as the Knights must do a better job, reporting the true impact we had on those events, both in the bulletin and to those receiving the funds.

An example of that right now is that Knights of Columbus of Wisconsin are giving \$117 thousand dollars in local communities across Wisconsin for the Culture for life. The 32 clinics and groups are all receiving checks in October. We will be posting pictures of these different Culture of life group on the states Facebook page, who submitted grants to help them with their missions that truly align with the Knights of Columbus mission as well. As we look to share what we do and how we do it, we need more people understanding that we are very active in all our churches. One last thought on that, I had heard a quote that only 8% of the local parish do 100% of the work in that parish. I challenge you to look closer, of the 8%, 70% of those families are Knights of Columbus families, doing Charity, Unity and Fraternity at a high level. So, invite all those you can to come and discover the Knights of Columbus and we will grow to a whole new level.'

Our Next Live Event will be November 9th State Wide, ask you field agent for more details.

Vivat Jesus,
Tim Nowak

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FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY PLEASE VIEW;

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

www.kofcwi.org

ID Program Update

Where are the checks?

That is a common question right now with the Assisting People with Intellectual Disabilities Program. The answer is you will all have them the first week in December at the Winter Meetings. With the program year ending in September and the auditing that happens, the December Meetings became the time to disburse the checks. When you do get the checks, get them out and take pictures of the check delivery if you can. Take that photograph and put it in your local newspaper, church bulletin, council social media account, monthly newsletter and anywhere else you can think of. People like to see their donations and work did something for others.

In talking it over with the State Officers we will begin doing checks twice a year instead of just the one time. The thought behind this is, it gets the money back sooner especially for Councils who run their drives at non-traditional times of the year. More details on this to come in future months.

We are currently seeking grant application for State ID Grants. The link to the pdf is:

<http://uknight.org/States/2021%20Grant%20Application%20Instructions..pdf>

Please encourage groups to apply for this money.

We will announce in the December Newsletter the Councils who lead their Diocese in total amount earned and highest amount per member earned in the 2020-2021 year.

Thank you for all you do for the Order.
Mark Jelinek
WI KC ID Director

Culture of Life Happenings

Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552's ultrasound is going to St. Gianna Clinic in Green Bay. Council #10552 has asked that you write the check out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. in Madison – BUT PLEASE EARMARK IT FOR COUNCIL #10552 ON THE MEMO LINE!

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

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

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

Through Christ,



Dan Miller
State Director
Culture of Life Committee
State Council – Knights of Columbus
Oconomowoc Council #2487
4th Degree Assembly #1304
Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org – 262-993-6262

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Councils need to report their participation in Special Olympics activities using the online #10784 **immediately after their Special Olympics event**. This will allow for a better report of the extent of participation each month. Timely reporting will also mean less headaches trying to collect reports at the end of the year. Data for the 2021 calendar year is due by January 31, 2022. **Please note that the Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report Form #4584 is no longer being accepted.**

A how-to training video for the #10784 is available in the [Fraternal Training Video Library](#).

TEAM WISCONSIN DRIVE

A THANK YOU to ALL Councils, that have donated to this drive over the last 3 ½ years. As we are going into our final 6 months of our drive to fund the travel expenses of Team Wisconsin athletes to the National games in Orlando, FL in June 2022. I ask that all Councils make an effort to help financially. The goal of this drive is \$125,000.00 which needs to be collected before the Wis K of C Convention in 2022. At the time of this writing we have received \$100,529.20, leaving us to raise another \$24,470.80.

I hope that Council's have remembered this drive in their Tootsie Roll Drive. When you receive your check, **PLEASE** send any checks made out to Wis K of C Charities, Wis state council, or Special Olympics to me for recording. I will process and get to the appropriate places for deposit.

John Benisch
Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator
4645 State Hwy 80
Pittsville, WI 54466

Please keep our Special Olympics athletes in your prayers.

John Benisch
Special Olympics Coordinator

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

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

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

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

God Bless
John Benisch
Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator

Supreme Training Update

Below are the trainings being offered in November along with the Registration links.

Delta Drive

Come learn how to do the Delta Church drive method. this highly effective process of growth through communication will help you go from prospects to members and answer the why of growth.

Monday 11/8/21 at 8PM CST (9PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6631914808264685837>

Covid or Council Recovery Project

We all know that this past almost 2 years has been very different and also very challenging. As Catholics, many of us have had our churches shut down for a prolonged period of time with limited opportunities to receive the sacraments. And as Knights, it's been tough to keep up the fraternity and friendships. Also, our fundraisers and events have been affected in great ways too. Some of our councils have found ways to adapt and adjust but that hasn't always been the case everywhere. This training will help organize and direct councils on what steps can help be more effective in you parish and community as we continue to have restrictions eased in our areas

Tuesday 11/9/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/293336926763992333>



You Are Your Programs

We will cover in this training

Understand the council's perception by fellow parishioners, particularly that of inactive members and future potential members.

Construct a council mission statement that reflects the council's vision and goals. u Understand the Faith in Action program model and its four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Identify the council's flagship program(s).

Access the council's current program regimen and identify the current strengths and weaknesses among its program calendar.

Develop a calendar for the next 6-12 months that responds to the council's mission statement and addresses some of the council's strengths and weaknesses identified above.

Understand the Program Director's role in leading the council's programming efforts.

Wednesday 11/10/21 at 6PM CST (7PM EST)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5134107292350176013>

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

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



Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/13656795>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is in 1st place in the order and have submitted **10.4%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Joshua and Angela Dart Family** (Our Lady of the Green Scapular Council 16863, District 47, Madison Diocese).

Diocese

Green Bay Diocese led with **73%** district participation with Green Bay and Madison Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **15** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	Joseph and Holly Rutchik	La Crosse	Denis and Sharon Sinz
Madison	Denice Jimenez	Milwaukee	Chirs and Teresa Horner
Superior	Darron and Deb Carlson		

District

58% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Four districts submitted three or more families and seven districts submitted two families.

Council

There was one new council submitting a family of the Month.

- **Fr. John A Satterlee Council 7811, District 43, Madison Diocese**

Golden Family Councils

Golden Family Councils are those that submit a family of the month each month of the fraternal year starting in July and ending in the following June. There are 41 Golden Family Councils that submitted families for the fraternal year so far. Thank you, councils, as you are demonstrating true leadership in this program.

Supreme News

There is a problem with the online 10784 where the family summary is restricted to 250 characters. Supreme is aware of the problem and there is not estimated time of repair.

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

https://site-842560.bcvportal.com/detail/videos/forms/_video/6222163148001/fraternal-programs-report-form-10784-training-video?autoStart=true

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

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 through the guide sheet and determine what you need to order
- Order the supplies from Officers Online
- **In a hurry?**
 - Print off the entry forms <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>
 - Buy some 11x17" paper
- One suggestion is to offer a monetary award for the 1st place winner for each age division. Your council may choose a different amount, but my council gives our winners \$25.
- The deadline for sending in your 1st and 2nd place winners to our State Program Director **William Frayer** is December 31st. His address is 2339 Meachem Street, Racine, WI 53403-2463.

Consecration to the Holy Family

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 25/26, 2021.**

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)

Our Marriage Prayer

The event is normally celebrated on World Marriage Sunday which will be on Sunday February 13, 2022. Check out the training video at <http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

I plan on being at the December district meetings to provide Our Marriage Prayer cards. The price will be \$7 per pack of 125 cards which is about half the price I need to sell them on Amazon due to Amazon and shipping fees. If your council would like some cards, please bring cash/check.

Start planning seeds with gentlemen to see who can lead the Our Marriage Prayer during mass.

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

Vivat Jesus!



SK Joe Uchtyl
State Family Coordinator



ST. JOSEPH STRONG MEN'S CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 13, 2021
WISCONSIN DELLS
St. Cecilia Parish
603 Oak Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI
8:00am - 4:00pm

Register at: MenofChristMadison.com

Challenge Coin
Every man who attends will receive a St. Joseph Strong Challenge Coin inscribed to over 100 million of saints.

Bishop Donald Hying, Fr. Donald Calloway, Steve Karlen

Listen to: [Message from Bishop Hying](#)

<https://KofCCommemortesYearofStJoseph>

"St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, but he's also the patron saint of the universal Church and is extremely important in our cultural journey today."

Brother Knights,

The Madison Men of Christ Conference is less than two weeks away! November 13th at St Cecilia Catholic Church in Wisconsin Dells.

Tickets can be purchased in advance, \$40 for adults, \$20 for students, \$50 the day of the event. Religious and Seminarians free.

Go to www.MenOfChristMadison.com scroll down to Conference Costs, click on your choice of Registration.

There will be a consecration to St Joseph at the event by Bishop Hying and Fr Don Calloway. Bring your sons! There will be a Father/Son blessing and seminarian altar call.

This event fulfills one of the 4 required programs of our Faith in Action program – Spiritual Reflection.

Steve Geishirt, Administrative Manager, and Board Member of Men of Christ Madison

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly