

# BADGER BULLETIN

WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL



"FIRST IN FAITH AND CHARITY"



DECEMBER 2024







## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Marquette University Council 6883



### **Marquette University's Council 6883 Welcomes 25 New Members at Gesu Church**

Marquette University's Knights of Columbus Council 6883 hosted a meaningful exemplification ceremony at the Church of Gesu, welcoming 25 new members into a legacy of faith and service. The event began with a solemn Honor Guard procession led by Commander David Sytkowski.

Accompanying the candidates were six Jesuit priests, including Father Michael Maher, the Chaplain for Council 6883, who inspired the assembly with his homily on the values of charity and faith established by Blessed

Michael McGivney.

In a powerful moment, the candidates gathered around the altar to pledge their commitment to Catholic values, receiving blessed Rosaries as symbols of their spiritual journey. The ceremony concluded with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and group photographs, highlighting the unity and tradition of the Knights of Columbus while marking a significant milestone for Council 6883.

### **FRONT COVER:**

### **Oconomowoc Knights Holding Soccer Competition**

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## District Councils Landing Day Celebration

District 11 recently held a successful Landing Day Banquet, featuring delicious food and a great turnout. We had a gifted speaker who spoke about a "Senior (Special Needs) Day Care" called Welcoming Willows. During the event, we also had the opportunity to inform three excellent local non-profit organizations about our donation from the Tootsie Roll proceeds. Although we did not have the physical checks to distribute, they were all extremely grateful for the support! To top off the evening, two Councils in District 11 received the "Star Council" award for the past Fraternal year. Overall, it was a wonderful evening filled with fantastic food, great fellowship, and camaraderie.



## Coats for Kids

Knights of Columbus Council 4505 delivered 46 gently used coats to Melanie Skalmoski, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Green Bay Police Department, following the Coats for Kids campaign.



## BooyahTime of the Year

Vincent T. Lombardi Council 11834 proudly prepares for some warm 'Booyah for Vocations sales as they came together to support and celebrate future leaders in faith and service.





## Answering the Call

The Sir Knights of #1449 Pere Rene Menard Assembly rallied together to support their brother in need. Recently, Sir Knight Buddy experienced a stroke that left him with mobility challenges, requiring a wheelchair ramp to access his home comfortably. Understanding the importance of community and brotherhood, members of the assembly came together with a spirit of generosity and craftsmanship. They dedicated their time and effort to constructing a sturdy and beautiful ramp, ensuring that Buddy would have safe and easy access to his home once again.



## Clergy Appreciation

Fr. Heindl Assembly 1902 in Tomah hosted a Clergy Appreciation Dinner at the Tomah KC Hall, organized by Faithful Navigator Michael Kelly and decorated by assembly members. Deacon Bob Riedl, Rev. Garin Forsberg, and Father Ethan Hokamp praised Father Bowe's significant contributions to three parishes. Lady Lorraine Riedl led "God Bless America," and Father Hokamp closed the evening with a blessing. The event raised about \$1,500 for the Seminarian Fund, with 60 attendees joining in this special celebration.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diaper/Baby Hygiene Drive

Wausau Council 1069, Marathon City Council 16280, WAVE FM 100.5, Welcome Baby, The Babies' Place, and New Pulse Marketing collaborated for the 2nd Annual Diaper and Baby Hygiene Drive in Wausau, which was a great success. All donations support The Babies' Place, an organization that raises awareness about diaper needs in Marathon County and provides essential baby and menstrual hygiene products to families in need. Together, they made a meaningful difference in the community.



## La Crosse Family of The Year Mass

The Charlie and Beth Altenhofen family received the 2024 Family of the Year award from Bishop Battersby at their home parish of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Marathon City. Charlie is a Past GK and current Trustee of #16280 Queen of the Apostles Council. His Brother Knights served His Excellency at this Mass as Altar Servers, Lecturers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers. The Altenhofen's brought up the gifts for Communion.



## Honor Guard for Fr. James Logan

Rest in Peace, Dear Fr. James (Jim) Logan, our Good Shepherd, at St Bronislava, 1985-1993



## St. Bronislava Council 13880, Plover

Early Thanksgiving enjoyed by family and friends.





### Charity Checks Presented in Madison

St. Joseph Council 4586 in Madison, in collaboration with District Deputy Roland Breuing, is passionately devoted to enhancing our community through generous contributions. Recently, they proudly awarded checks for charitable donations and the ID program to several remarkable organizations. Among the recipients are the Willow Women's Center, which provides vital support to women in need; Easter Seals - Camp Wawbeek, a haven for children with disabilities to enjoy summer camp experiences; Gigi's Playhouse, dedicated to individuals with Down syndrome and their families; Madison Area Rehabilitation Center (MARC), known for its impactful programs assisting individuals with disabilities; and the Special Olympics, which empowers athletes with intellectual disabilities through sports and competition. Together, these organizations shine brightly as they work tirelessly to fulfill their inspiring missions.



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## Coats for Kids

Members of Holy Spirit Council 4648, Brookfield, proudly donated 96 coats to Life's Connection of Mukwonago as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids charity program, spreading warmth and care in the community.



## James Pihringer's 75th Knights of Columbus Anniversary

On May 1st, 1949, Brother James joined KC Council #2487 as member #435186, becoming a First-Degree Knight. One month later, on June 12th, 1949, he completed his second and third degrees. May 1st, 2024, was Jim's 99th birthday, marking his 75th anniversary in the Knights of Columbus. On November 5th, we will celebrate this incredible milestone alongside his wife, Marilyn, and Brother Knights. Thank you, Jim, for your years of dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus.



## Soccer Challenge

On a chilly November morning, a vibrant soccer challenge unfolded at the St. Jerome Parish soccer field. Despite low participation, the event radiated worthiness. Council #2487 Knights of Columbus Members inspired the youth with warm-up practices, scrimmage games, and spirited competition. Ashley Smith managed the scoring, ensuring every effort was recognized, while award certificates celebrated the participants' dedication. Green travel cards were bestowed upon the age group winners, enabling them to advance to the District competition and igniting dreams and aspirations.





## **Superior Diocese PP&K Winners Ready to Move On**

Recently, Superior Councils 1762 and 2845 hosted the inspiring Diocesan youth PP&K challenge. The winners are now set to advance to the State Competition, embodying the spirit of dedication and excellence.



## **Council 1762 Delivers Truckload of Diapers to Options for Women St. Croix Valley**

The truckload of diapers and wipes that were collected from the annual October (Pro-Life Month) diaper drive has been delivered to Options for Women St. Croix Valley. The Knights of Columbus Council 1762 say "Thank You" for all the donations to this annual event to help those who chose Life.



## **Council Charity Projects**

Christ the King Council 16691 is joyfully preparing chicken noodle soup for sale after this weekend's masses, with proceeds dedicated to supporting our meaningful charity projects.

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# THANK YOU

Helping to provide warmth for children in need during the cold winter months through the Coats for Kids program, which ensures that no child in Wisconsin goes without a coat this winter. Thanks to the dedication of councils across the state, over 11,000 coats were purchased this year, which means an additional 3,300 children will receive new winter coats to keep them warm this season. The efforts of our State Council have led to our largest increase in coat distribution this year, making us number one in the Order. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Coats for Kids program.



Thank you Knights of Columbus council 4648 in Brookfield



Eau Claire council, in partnership with the Early Riser Service Club, sorted, packaged, and delivered 144 coats, 100 hats, and 100 pairs of mittens to 9 elementary and 3 middle schools in Eau Claire. Thank you.



Council 13880 Coats For Kids 2024 concludes with the last delivery October 28th to Kids Closet.

The Carthage Knights are having a "Coats for Kids" drive for Frank Elementary.



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## ◆ Newsworthy ◆ Broad Appeal ◆ Concise ◆ Complete ◆ Factual ◆ Accurate

Answers the Questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, How

Badger Bulletin reports on local and state council activities throughout the entire State of Wisconsin

- Pictures need to be sent separately **as an attachment** in their original form. Please do not format or edit them in any way. In addition, please provide clearly labeled captions for each picture.
- Article size: 300 words ideal to 600 words max (half-full page)
- Articles need to be submitted a Word document attachment
- Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and of interest to the entire State Council
  - What is the event/activity about?
  - Whom did it benefit?
  - What was the result?
  - Who are the key players/Knights?
- Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the Editors.
- Photos and articles should be submitted in a timely manner to be considered for publication.
- Proof your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (use spellcheck).
- Document filename should reflect the Council/Assembly Number/office/title, i.e. *Cover Story Submission\_Council2055\_MsgrBlecha*.
- Every Dioceses needs to participate – minimum of one page of the Badger Bulletin will be dedicated to each Diocese respectively.
- If a Diocese does not submit content their page will be eliminated from that issue.
- Cover story submissions need to be submitted ahead of the deadline due to special photo editing.
- Cover story photos – in portrait style at least 1mb in size - not formatted or resized.
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