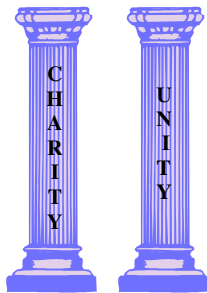




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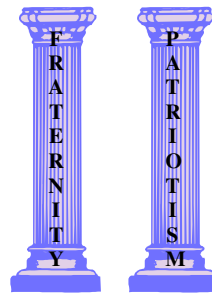


Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - June 2015

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FORTNIGHT OF FREEDOM
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The Fortnight for Freedom: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has begun its fourth annual observance of the Fortnight for Freedom to raise awareness of threats to religious liberty. This year's theme is "the freedom to bear witness."

Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore opened the fortnight at a June 21 Mass celebrated in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Recalling the Coptic Christians who were slain in Libya, he preached that "we should be inspired by their courage and renewed in our resolve not to let religious freedom in our country [or] be compromised by degrees until it all but disappears from our society."

"Religious institutions in the United States are in danger of losing their freedom to hire for mission and their freedom to defend the family," Archbishop Lori continued. "Endangered is the freedom of Church ministries to provide employee benefits and to provide adoptions and refugee services in accord with the Church's teaching on faith and morals."

"It is one thing for others to disagree with the Church's teaching but quite another to discriminate against the rights of believers to practice our faith, not just in word but in the way we conduct our daily life, ministry and business," he added.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William E. Lori,
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee
for Religious Liberty

State Deputy's Message

My Dear Brother Knights,



As we close this Fraternal Year strong together I thank you for the many Knightly sacrifices each of you has made and continue to make. Together we accomplished much and we have set the stage for a great year to come.

Thanks to your response to the work of State Director Mark Wagner and the Charity committee you have stopped the decline in the funds raised annually and have actually started us back up! Way to go! I wish I could share all of the stories of the folks you have helped, but space is limited. I will share just one.

In keeping with the dream of Father McGivney, your support of the Charity Raffle means there were funds available to help a 29 year old widow with two dependents, a two year old and an unborn baby. This young mother lost her husband in a car accident. But you, my Brother Knights, made sure she could be helped in her time of great need. God Bless you for each and every ticket you either bought or sold.

Another way you keep the dream alive is with your support of new councils.

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State Chaplain's Message

Access to the King

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, *believing*, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22)

I happen to be one of those lunatics (in the eyes of the worldly) that actually goes into each prayer/petition anticipating that God will answer that prayer. And, I believe we should always ask Mary for her help!

St. Louis de Montfort in his classic *True Devotion to Mary*, gives us a wonderful analogy of how we can have access to the king. A poor man wants to offer the King a bruised apple. The King will never receive the apple directly from the pauper/poor man. However, if the poor man knows the Queen and presents the apple to the Queen, then she will polish the apple, place it on a golden platter, deposit the apple between two flowers and present it to the King and His Majesty will receive it. Why? Not because of the apple in itself, much less due to the poor man, but "yes" due to the Queen who presents the apple to him. Our actions are poor, tainted with sin and concupiscence, but if placed in the hands of the Queen—the Blessed Virgin Mary—she purifies, polishes and perfects them so that the King accepts them. Jesus rejoices in us, the more He sees Mary present in our lives and our hearts!

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(State Deputy continued) Father's dream was to have every parish priest enjoy the support of a Knights of Columbus Council. Sometimes you accomplish that by establishing a Roundtable. Other times it is with the formation of a council. Thanks to the leadership of State New Council Development Coordinator Jim Stachura, we welcomed FIVE new councils to our brotherhood this past year. Way to go! Let's do it again!

In membership overall, under Immediate Past State Deputy Tim Genthe, you began to turn the corner in Wisconsin. You are continuing to turn that corner! We are set up to reverse our decades long decline and begin to grow again. If you have not scheduled your First Degree Exemplifications for the first 6 months of the coming Fraternal Year, contact your District Deputy ASAP to do so. Together, let's use the year just ended as our launch pad to get off to a fast start and never look back! It is high time we not only got back to 40,000 in Wisconsin, it is high time we set ourselves on a trajectory to blow right past that number.

And you sure stood up big for Life! In just one example, one council sold their clubhouse and used some of the proceeds to provide an Ultrasound match with Supreme. Way to go, Cedarburg! And not wanting to be outdone, Mukwonago redirected funds they were raising for a clubhouse to provide a building to house the Crisis Pregnancy Center receiving that Ultrasound machine!

You, my Brother Knights, are stepping up bigger every year for widows and orphans, for the unborn, for the elderly and infirm, for our veterans, for the intellectually disabled, for school children, for our Bishops and Priests; in short, for all that is Good and Holy. While the rest of the world ducks and runs for cover, we have something else to offer. Good works done in good spirits in His name, and good times shared; such as a hundred consecutive years of bowling together, to mention just one way we have fun.

And how many of you, just a year ago, would have predicted online registration and Flocknote? Or Holy Hours, Building the Domestic Church, the Doug Barry "Battle Ready" Tour? Wisconsin Knights are not sitting still. You are on the move, even while you stay faithful and true.

I thank you for your service in the year ended and I invite you to be part of the year to come. And the best way you can begin that is to be present at your District Meeting. Don't know when that is? Contact your District Deputy or the State Officer assigned to your Diocese. Need help with that? Call me at 608-225-7281 or email me at rfaust@wikofc.com.

Once more I will close with the question posed by Tom Smith, the representative of our Supreme Knight at your State Convention, who in noting some dramatic trends in our time asked, "If not us, who, and if not now, when?"

Let our answer be that **now** is the time for us, the strong right arm of the Church, the Knights of Columbus, to continue to show by our steadfast example that these positive trends are not a fluke, but they are instead the sure signs of a great spirit of renewal that is growing in our world today.

Vivat Jesus!

Be Not Afraid to Go To Joseph!



Ronald F Faust, State Deputy

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us.



(State Chaplain continued) Whenever I offer my prayer/petition, I always picture Mary receiving it at the edge of Heaven, placing it on a golden platter between two flowers, and turning to go to throne to present it to the King. With great joy and anticipation, I do it this way, because God has revealed *this way* through His saint. No questions asked. I hear and I obey.

The Story

This past Thursday I went to Planned Parenthood for my Rosary March. I had posted, in our [Special Forces Training Facebook group](#) (feel free to join us), that I went. In the comments section, Dan Miller, the State Director of Pro-life Wisconsin, asked if I went at 11:30. I told him, "Yes." I wondered why he asked. He told me, in an email, that he had planned to ask me to go, but forgot.

Turns out, the reason he wanted me to go (or some priest) was because they are noticing that when priests go, they have an almost 100% save rate. Well, unbeknownst to me, a grandmother had asked for prayers for her granddaughter who was scheduled to have an abortion there at 11:30 AM. All I knew was that God was insistent that I go there that day, and I obeyed ... I did not know about this granddaughter situation.

It turned out that the granddaughter went there, but turned right - instead of left - and went into the Woman's Care Center, and had an ultrasound, and fell in love with her baby inside her womb. She cancelled the abortion.

All this happened while I was there praying, and I didn't even know it. Dan said, "I forgot to ask you to go, but God took care of that for me."

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us! Go to Joseph!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.



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State of Wisconsin: May Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goal	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Insurance Members	Lost Insurance Members	%
Green Bay	280	257	283	110.3	105	178	20	46	46	101.1
La Crosse	248	228	223	98.1	79	144	13	71	34	89.9
Madison	257	236	195	82.8	91	104	19	45	44	75.9
Milwaukee	401	368	253	68.8	88	165	17	73	38	63.1
Superior	139	128	79	62	62	17	24	32	20	56.8
Total	1325	1215	1033	85%	425	608	93	267	182	78%



State Membership Director
Jon Olson

Circle of Honor	Current Status (needed)	Circle of Honor Net	Circle of Honor Net/Net 100	Deceased Members
	1325			
	1033			
	72.49%			
		998	-238	
		608	-238%	846

Brother Knights,

I would like to start this article with a thank you to Wisconsin for another great month of recruitment in May. We took in 143 new members this month and we are still moving forward in our “membership 365” theme. With your help in recruiting we can change our slow slide down into a ladder up and also into more involvement in our local areas.

We had another new council startup in Wisconsin this month. Please welcome the Combined Locks council into our order and assist them in the education on how the local council can greatly impact their area. Our New Council Development Coordinator James Stachura is now trying to get the fifth new council started this fraternal year. If you see him in your area, please introduce yourself and assist him in the dream of Fr McGivney in having a council in every parish.

I wish you all the best in your continued efforts to recruit new members and look forward to have a great end of the fraternal year and a fantastic start to the next.

Have you recruited this year?

Jon Olson, State Membership

Membership as of 07/01/2014	Current Membership as of 05/01/2015
36,616	36,378

5 “Truth Bombs” About Marriage from the Catechism

<http://www.churchpop.com/2015/06/25/5-truth-bombs-about-marriage-from-the-catechism/>

“The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring.” (1601)

“‘The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. . . . God himself is the author of marriage.’ The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. (1603a)

“Since God created them man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man . . . And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation.” (1604)

“Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: ‘It is not good that the man should be alone.’ The woman, ‘flesh of his flesh,’ his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a ‘helpmate’; she thus represents God from whom comes our help.” (1605)

The experience [of evil all around and within us] makes itself felt in the relationships between man and woman. Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. To heal the wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God in his infinite mercy never refuses them. (1606, 1608)

By the same token, vices contrary to nature are everywhere and always to be detested and punished. Such were the sins of the Sodomites.
—St. Augustine

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Militia of the Immaculata Consecration Prayer

(Composed by St. Maximilian Kolbe)

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, (name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet, humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you.

If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the whole world." Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin, Give me strength against your enemies.

Enrollment to the Militia of the Immaculata: <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/Marytown/OnlineRegistration.html>

Emails: <https://uno.flocknote.com/list/311087>

Facebook Group: KC Special Forces Training Website: romancatholicman.com



Q. Why did God make you?

A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in heaven.

Family of the Month Report

I think I have touched on this subject once before but new seasons bring to mind new challenges. Welcoming in a spring season that has been busy and full of interesting decisions of what kind of things should I plant this year so that a bounteous harvest may happen later this year. I hope this all sounds familiar, to many of you, but this is the way life is. Are we planting in our councils the seeds that will produce a bounteous harvest during the coming fraternal year? Will the decisions our council officers make enhance the lives of the members of our councils and their families? Have you looked at your council through the eyes of a new prospective member, and say, "Do I, want to be a part of this, is this what I want to spend my time doing, and are these the people I want to be involved with?" I hope you can answer these questions without hesitation, and begin to look at what your council did last year, and like all of us, continue to smooth out the rough edges and improve on the things our council is doing, and take on new challenges, and take our council to new beginnings.

As State Family Coordinator I am asking all those councils that have not submitted a Family of the Month nomination to think about submitting at least one nomination this coming fraternal year.

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

Wisconsin State Council's May 2015

DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Green Bay Diocese	Council	District
Hugh & Sharon Magnin Lena, WI	6926	2
La Crosse Diocese		
Alvin & Sandy Janeczko Tomah, WI	4125	23
Madison Diocese		
Terry & Sue Wolfe Highland, WI	1909	52
Milwaukee Archdiocese		
John & Virginia Webb Campbellsport, WI	9685	60
Superior Diocese		
Larry & Patricia Huiras Hudson, WI	1762	81

The recipients of the Holy Plaques from Supreme for March are:

Daniel & Annette Schwab	1762	Hudson
Rick & Deb Welch	4125	Tomah
Paul & Cindy Gorectke	4879	Sun Prairie
Steven & Debra Mommaerts	6926	Lena
Lawrence & Sheila Raab	11155	Verona

2015 State Family of the Year



Kevin & Rebecca O'Leary Family
Fr. Mark Mueller Council 9230 Janesville



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We are the Church Militant. One of the three parts of the Catholic Church. The other two are, The Church Suffering and The Church Triumphant. The Church has always taught that while we live in this world we are at war with spiritual enemies, most clearly expressed by temptations and attacks that come from the world, the flesh and the devil.

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State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brothers,

As we bring our 2014-15 Fraternal Year to a close, I want to thank all of you for the strong efforts you've put in over the last 12 months to strengthen both your Councils and our Honored Order! To those Councils who've done well this year in membership growth and insurance member additions, congratulations. Keep up the good work next year. To those Councils who recruited few no 0 members this past year, I challenge you to make every effort to do better in 2015-16! Remember, Star Council and Complete Council should be the goal of every Council.

Be sure that you have your Columbian Award, Food for Families, RSVP and Roundtable Report forms in to Supreme with copies to Tim Genthe, your DD, and your Diocesan Program Coordinator and/or me. Again, you're better off to scan and e-mail them rather than just sending them directly off the computer. Sending the copies can help to assure that you get proper credit in case of some error. You can also send in your 185s and 365s for 2015-16 as soon as your election is held and your Service Personnel are chosen. You should not wait until the July 1/August 1 deadlines to get them in.

Once that is accomplished, you should also immediately start planning your programming for 2015-16! Of course, it's important to finish 2014-15 strong, but we also need to start off 2015-16 strong! I've just returned from Dallas and the annual meeting of State Secretaries/Advocates, Membership and Program Directors. **There they continually stressed how very important it is for Councils to be strong and active in July, August and September – not to “take the summer off!”**

It was also repeatedly emphasized that Councils need to try new things/programs, not fall into the rut of the same ole same ole. That leads to complacency, stagnation; it also tends to become boring and irrelevant for many members! **You need to be open to new ideas and new leadership**, especially from your younger members!

So, if you are usually active during the summer, great. If not, break that tradition! Plan some family friendly activities for the summer months (picnic or BBQ, outing to a ball game or water park, trip to the beach, Knights Out With Their Ladies, etc.). Plan to do some charitable work (Habitat for Humanity, blood drive, work at the pantry or homeless shelter, help the scouts or at a youth camp, organize a group to help the elderly or disabled with yardwork, etc.). Plan a church/Council based function (Corporate Communion, Brat Fry, help out at the parish festival in a major way, help Father with some project(s) for the parish, etc.). And, of course, do some recruiting and 1st Degrees. Be visible in your parish and community. Invite parishioners and prospects to participate in these programs. The, have information on your Council and the Order there, especially with the new Form 100s and ask them to consider joining!

In conclusion then, I challenge you to get together soon, use those Fraternal Planners you've received for 2015-16. Plan out that calendar of activities for the summer months and for the year! Conclude this year and start off the next Fraternal Year strong! You'll be glad you did.

Vivat Jesus! Bill Frayer, State Program Director

Charity Raffle - Council Charity Fund Request Form

There have been questions by councils on how to fill out the Council Charity Fund Request Form.

We raise funds through our State Charity Raffle. Those funds must be used for charitable purposes as stated in our Mission Statement which in part reads: “will help alleviate sorrow, ease financial burdens and restore hope to families and victims of accidents and illness. This fund will also be the source of funding for vocations.” Since the State Council returns 65% of the net charity funds raised back to the Local Councils to use for their local charity needs, the State Council must verify that funds returned to Councils from the State Charity Raffle are indeed being used for charitable needs.

The Grand Knight receives this form in his state convention packet which should arrive in January. He should take this form to his next officers meeting and fill it out with his Financial Secretary and Charity Chairman. Once completed and signed he should send it to the state office. Taking care of the form in this manner will assure that the State Office has it by the May 1st due date. The Amount Requested seems to be puzzling to some councils. We suggest that you use the amount you received the year before or you can enter the amount that you listed as to where you distributed the charity funds you received last year. You council should have a separate charity bank account, but if you do not, you need to show that you keep those funds separate from your general operating funds.

The Council Charity Fund Request Form is also located on our State Website.

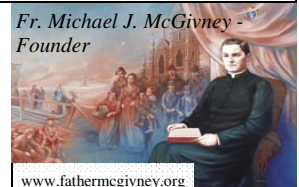
Remember – We make a living by what we do. We make a life by what we give.

Mark Wagner, State Charity Director

What is the mission of the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 to provide a means by which Catholic men could:

- **Support the Catholic Church,**
- **Provide financial protection to protect their families, and**
- **Engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate**

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2015 Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities



The 2015 Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities is nearing the finish line and many councils have done an outstanding job.

The Diocese of Madison has already surpassed their 2014 total going into June. Three of the four remaining diocese are in good shape to increase their collection amounts in 2015 and as a state the numbers should be close to previous years. Below are some councils who did exceptionally well, broken down by diocese.

5 Councils were able to break the \$10,000 mark. Green Bay: 3955; LaCrosse: 1069; Milwaukee: 664, 1964, 3702.

14 councils were able to collect over \$1000 more in 2015 than in 2014. Green Bay: 719, 2836, 6464, 11305;

LaCrosse: 1069, 1558, 3492, 4697; Madison: 1637, 1909; Milwaukee: 722, 973, 4106; and Superior: 1762.

5 Councils more than doubled the amount they collected in 2015 over 2014: Green Bay: 6464, 11305; LaCrosse: 10158; Milwaukee: 722, 4106.

25 more councils increased their collection by more than 30%. Green Bay: 719, 2836, 2984, 5008, 5382, 10260; LaCrosse: 3249, 3492, 4697, 6585, 10774, 12183, 12662, 12673; Madison: 746, 1637, 1864, 1909, 4416, 6151, 10893; Milwaukee: 1709, 5438; Superior: 1133, 2066.

We are sad to report Jim Neubauer died on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at home surrounded by his family. Jim has been a member of the ID Committee since 1988, serving as the LaCrosse Representative. He also served as his councils chair and in 2014 his Cashton council collected \$79 per member. Jim was a great asset to the committee and the order. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

The ID Committee has been served by a good solid group of men for the last several decades: Chuck Simmons 1986-2015 Committee Member and State Director; Ray Dufano 2002-2015 Green Bay; Jim Neubauer 1988-2015 LaCrosse; John Bednarek 1996-2015 Madison; Jim Krupski 2001-2014 Milwaukee; Morris Marsolek 1988-2015 Superior. These men have served our state very well in their positions to assist those with Intellectual Disabilities. The 2015-16 ID Committee will have a very different look with only one committee member having served before 2014. The July report will talk more about the new committee.

In August the ID Committee will begin seeking applications from organizations seeking funds from the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee. Twenty-five percent of the net of money raised through the Tootsie Roll Drive, is disbursed through the state application process.

The Committee is looking for a letter from the organization stating: who is seeking the funding, who do they serve, how many individuals do they serve, what are they seeking funding for, how much are they needing, will they be able to complete the project if we are unable to fully fund their request.

The organization must sign and mail in the application. The local council can assist an organization in applying for the money but the council cannot apply for the organization. Fifteen (15) copies of the application need to be mailed to: Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Committee, Attn: Mark Jelinek, 120 N Park St., Richland Center, WI 53581. Applications need to be received by November 20. All groups who apply will be notified by the Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities in mid-January of the Committee's decision.

Thank you.

Mark Jelinek

Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities

Thank you for all you do for the order.

"WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

We have renewed our commitment of \$100,000 to send "Team Wisconsin" to the 2018 National Games in Seattle, WA.

Our beliefs as Catholic and as Knights drive us to help these very special brothers and sisters. Our commitment reflects a \$0.75/ member/year for four years to get us to our \$100,000 goal. We have donations totaling \$23,664.69; nearly **25%** of our goal for 2018. These donation include, corporate donation, recycling donations, and Council donations. Council donations include Council checks and intellectual Disability Checks.

Make your donations to Wisconsin K of C Charities, and tab them for "Team Wisconsin"

Send them to;

Bryce Lisowski

S 1345 County Road NN

Alma, WI 54610

God Bless you all for all you do for our Faith, our Order, and for Special Olympics



May your reward be eternal;

Bryce Lisowski, Special Olympics Coordinator

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A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

We stand strong on ethical ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.



At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2014, the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

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Western District Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard has been very active the last few months. On April 27, 2015 thirty Honor Guard Members welcomed home the Never Forgotten Honor Flight Veterans at the Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee. On May 11, 2015 thirty-three Honor Guard Members welcomed home the Never Forgotten Honor Flight Veterans at the Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee. A Honor certification was held in Mosinee on June 3, 2015. There were forty-four Honor Guard Members from six assemblies participate in the training. On June 4, 2015 thirty-seven Honor Guard

Members from eight assemblies led the Special Olympics Athletes into the stadium for the opening ceremony, the raising of the American Flag and the torch run. The upcoming Western Wisconsin Fourth Degree Exemplifications are, October 17, 2015 in New Richmond and February 6, 2016 in Onalaska. I am asking all third degree members to consider joining the Patriotic Fourth Degree.



Master Ron Syhmanski

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Ultrasound Initiative Update

Brother Knights,

The fund raising initiative started about a year ago is coming to an end. A mock check for \$23,000 was presented to "Life's Connection of Waukesha at the state convention and again at the 4th annual Life's Connection Gala fund raising event held on Saturday May 9th at Lake Beulah Yacht Club. The remaining funds will be forwarded to "Wisconsin Charities Inc." to help kick start another machine. Any Wisconsin Council wishing to provide an Ultrasound machine to a women's center in their community will have access to these funds.

The matching funds from Supreme are expected to arrive soon.

Donations came from many Councils doing fund raisers, Lifesavers for Life, Private donations and even a Council from Ohio.

The committee thanks all of those that participated in any manner to this project of saving the lives of babies.

The District 65 Committee,
Dave Grau, Chairman
414-852-9885

davidg1709@yahoo.com



Our Marriage Prayer

Dear Brother Knights:

I have some exciting news to share from the State Convention as well as a recent out-of-state request for Our Marriage Prayer cards. At the state convention, it was great to hear from all the councils that celebrated the Our Marriage Prayer last February. The most interesting thing I heard was from a council that said that they handed out the Our Marriage Prayer cards to parishioners as they entered church. The council then led the Our Marriage Prayer after communion and as the parishioners were leaving, they asked for more prayer cards saying "We know of other couples that could really use this prayer!"

Their innovative thinking helped the prayer reach more families. Great job!

Resolution 20 for the Our Marriage Prayer was passed at the State convention and it was sent to Supreme. I received a call from Supreme letting me know they are reviewing the resolution.

Two weeks ago, I got a surprise when I received an order for 1,000 prayer cards from council 11595 St. Bernard of Clair Vaux in Tulsa Oklahoma. They celebrated the Our Marriage Prayer last weekend at all 4 masses at their parish.

For the time leading up to the Our Marriage Prayer celebration in February 2015, there were 30,000 prayer cards distributed to the councils. Next year, the Our Marriage Prayer will be celebrated again on World Marriage Sunday which will be Valentine's Day, February 14, 2016. With 426,000 Catholic families in Wisconsin, let's see if we can reach at least half of them by setting a goal of 200,000 prayer cards this year.

As you raise money this summer for your charitable efforts, please consider budgeting \$50 for Our Marriage Prayer cards that you can distribute at the Our Marriage Prayer celebration on Valentine's day next year.

I would be grateful if your council would consider ordering the cards sooner and not wait until the last minute. I would hate to not be able to meet the demand as the date gets closer, especially if we begin to get more out of state requests!

<http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Portals/0/OMPEvent/Our%20Marriage%20Prayer%20card%20order%202015.pdf>

Have a great summer everyone!



Our Marriage Prayer

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us.*

*To work that love into practical things
so that nothing can divide us.*

*We ask for words both kind and loving
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness
as well as to forgive.*

*Dear Lord,
we put our marriage into Your hands.
Amen*



Vivat Jesus!
Joe Uchytel

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WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2015 STATE GOLF OUTING sponsored by Neenah Council 5514 July 18 & 19, 2015



Westhaven Golf Club
1400 S Westhaven Dr.
Oshkosh, WI 54904

Westhaven offers 18 beautifully manicured holes. During your round you will encounter a variety of obstacles to navigate including water hazards, strategically placed sand traps, and plenty of mature trees. With two creeks feeding into ponds, water will be in play on four holes of each nine.

The Saturday golf outing is a 4 person scramble format that includes 18 holes of golf with cart, golf souvenir, lunch and the Saturday night buffet. Whether you are a golfer or not, join us on Saturday evening for a delicious all you can eat buffet.

Sunday is an 18 hole individual stroke play event using the Peoria handicap System. Prize & trophy presentation follows. Attendees will be supplied with accommodation information along with a listing of the Mass times at local Parishes.

For more information, please contact

Michael P. Bushman, Chairman of the 2015 WI State Golf Outing
1045 Babcock Street., Neenah, WI 54956
920-585-1776, E-MAIL: mbushman@new.rr.com

She was pregnant and scared.

She had no job and no higher education. A baby was the last thing she needed. Where would she turn? Then the doorbell rang. It was Joe, the father of her child. "What are you doing here?" Christine asked hesitantly.

Joe pulled out a ring. "I want you to marry me," he said.

Years later, Joe and Christine have four beautiful children. Joe works hard to provide for his wife and kids, and their home is filled with love and laughter.

One man stepped up and took responsibility. And his choice made all the difference.

Through our chastity education and crisis pregnancy resources, Pro-Life Wisconsin equips men like Joe to be fathers who care. We realize that responsible choices can literally save lives, and we want equip mothers---and fathers---with everything they need to welcome new life with joy and love.

This Father's Day, we give thanks for men everywhere who gave and still give the gift of their presence and care. Because dads really do make a difference.



In Christ,
Dan Miller, State Director

K of C Camping Opportunity

The KCIC (Knights of Columbus International Campers). This camporee will be held in Monticello, IA at Walnut Ares Campground from August 1-7, 2015. This camporee gives you the opportunity to meet members of the Knights of Columbus and their families from a variety of states and members from Canada. Whether you are coming for a weekend or a few days, you are sure to have a wonderful time at our family-friendly KCIC Camporee. Walnut Acres has over 600 camping sites and two cabin rentals. Enjoy the campground's spring fed lake where you can fish, river tubing trail and large sand beach. The campground also has a new zero entry swimming pool. During the week there are many events for all to enjoy.

For more information about camping, contact Tom Schmitz, State Camping Coordinator, at (920) 923-1215 or by e-mail at trsknights@yahoo.com please put **KC CAMPING** in the subject line. I do not open any e-mails that are not familiar or recognizable to me.



First Degree - Honoree

State Deputy Ronald Faust asks all Councils to show their appreciation to their Bishop
Host a first degree in the Bishop's honor this year.
Thank your Bishop for his support of the Knights of Columbus
and for attending the State Convention.



Superior ?

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"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!
What are you doing to keep "That Guy"?

Everyone is Welcome

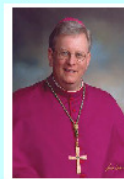
Special Celebration
Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



Rosary 6:30 pm

Holy Mass 7:00 pm

Celebrant & Homilist
Most Rev. David L. Ricken
Bishop of Green Bay



"Entrusting Ourselves to Mary"

In response to the spiritual crisis in our culture

Thursday July 16, 2015

Refreshments & Reception to Follow

Hosted at the Carmelite Provincial House

(Air-Conditioned)

1230 Kavanaugh Place, Wauwatosa
(0.8 Miles North of Blue Mound Rd. & 1 Block East of 84th St/Glenview)

Sponsored by the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus & Rosary Evangelization Apostolate
Rosary Evangelization Apostolate: PO Box 305, Oak Creek, WI 53154 • 414-570-4389 • info@rosaryeva.org • www.rosaryeva.org
Episcopal Advisor: Most Rev. Jerome E. Listecki of Milwaukee
Donations are Welcome to Support this Ministry

State Council Membership Recruitment Incentives -from State Deputy Ron Faust

2015 - 2016 Well Begun Incentives: (Well begun is half done!)

1) DD gets \$25 of Country Store Cash if they have a Scheduled 1st degree from July 2015 to November 2015 on their DD portal of the State Council UKnight 1st degree web site by July 1. This will be tracked by SA Jack Wrbanich through UKnight.
2) DDs will get an additional \$25 of Country Store Cash if they have submitted a 450 for each of those months to the forms@wikofc.com site by December 1 and the new members are listed by Supreme as of December 1.
Tracked by State Officer to the Diocese and State Membership Coordinator.

2014 - 2015 Strong Finish Incentives:

1) DD will get \$5 of Country Store Cash for each 1st degree in their district during the month of June. Also an extra \$1 of Country Store Cash for each new member recorded at Supreme as a result of those degrees.
2) DD gets \$5 of Country Store Cash for each council that improves from zero to plus one in membership during the month of June. Tracking for items 1 and 2 of the "Strong Finish": Must have 450 report to Forms@wikofc.com site by July 1 and the members must show up on the councils membership listed by Supreme as of July 1. Tracked by State Officer assigned to the Diocese and State Membership Coordinator.
3) \$25 of Country Store Cash to the District Deputy that has all councils 100% with submission of forms 185, 365, 1728, SP7, and both audits by June 30. Tracked by State Forms Coordinator, Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy Tim Genthe. Forms must be submitted to Forms@wikofc.com.

NOTE: If you do not have the personal ability to submit the forms to that email address, enlist the aid of a Knight of your District.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEN'S RETREAT



with Abbot Marcel Rooney

JULY 17-18, 2015
DURWARD'S GLEN

Invest some time in understanding our faith and lead your family and others and join other Knights of Columbus members from the Madison Diocese and the surrounding area for this special retreat on the Liturgy of the Mass. We will be learning about the different portions of the Mass as God speaks to us and receive Him in communion. Over the three talks you will deepen your understanding of the Liturgy to lead us to a more full, active and conscious participation. You will be renewed and empowered in your understanding of the mass and in the Faith with prayer, reflection, fellowship, adoration, confession and the sacrifice of the Mass.

Retreat Master ABBOT MARCEL ROONEY:

Throughout his lifetime, Abbot Marcel has dedicated himself to deepening Catholics' understanding of the Sacred Liturgy in a wide variety of roles, including teaching in Rome and consulting with the Congregation for Divine Worship. Abbot Rooney served as Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Federation from 1996 to 2000. Since retirement from that position, he has been a pastor in Arkansas, deepened his passion for the Sacred Liturgy, and laid the groundwork for the Orate Institute. Madison's Bishop Robert C. Morlino invited Abbot Rooney to make himself at home in this diocese and continue work on the Orate Institute of Sacred Liturgy, Music, and Art, which Abbot Rooney founded.



Friday

6 PM REGISTRATION & COOKOUT
7 PM TALK 1 IN CHAPEL
8 PM ADORATION
8 -10 PM CONFESSIONS

Saturday

7:45 AM BENEDICTION 11:00AM TALK 3 IN CHAPEL
8 AM MASS END OF RETREAT
8:30 AM BREAKFAST
9:30 AM TALK 2 IN CHAPEL

Cost:

\$40 - Includes all the retreat activities, cookout Friday, lunch Saturday.

\$95 - Overnight stay at the Glen and all Retreat activities and meals.

If cost is a concern, let us know what you can or cannot afford.

Durward's Glen is located at W11876 McLeisch Road, off Highway 78, in the Baraboo Bluffs. To register please go to the Durward's Glen (events tab) or Wisconsin State K of C website (events calendar) or call Kevin Blau at 608-697.9758, or email your name, email, address, phone to kab68@wildblue.net.

Historic 2015 National 54 Day Rosary Novena

August 15 through October 7, 2015

Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages in prayer
across America

Mark your calendars & spread the word

A Message of Hope in response to the spiritual crisis in our culture and nation

What: Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena Intentions
27 days in *petition* from August 15 through September 10, 2015
27 days in *thanksgiving* from September 11 through October 7, 2015

Take Action for Religious Freedom



Where: Pray the rosary individually or as a family
in your home or as part of your parish community or
other groups

Primary Novena Intention: "For the Family & Marriage" including for peace, hu-
man life and religious freedom

Visit the website for more information www.54days.org and to view
Archbishop ListECKi's letter to the Bishops of America
A Hearts United Campaign of the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate



MEN OF THE CROSS

Catholic Men's Conference

"The Call to Fatherhood"

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Viterbo University Fine Arts Center, La Crosse WI

Adults: \$35/person
\$40 after Oct. 10

Student: \$22

Seminarians
& Religious - FREE

SPEAKERS



Fr. Larry Richards
The Reasons for Our
Hope Foundation



Doug Barry
Battle Ready Strong



Tom Peterson
Catholics Come Home



**Fr. Conrad
Targonski**
Chaplain, Viterbo
University



**The Most Rev.
William Patrick
Callahan**
Bishop, Diocese
of La Crosse



www.menofthecross.org/



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I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives. ~The first words spoken by Our Lady of America, September 26, 1956

<http://www.ourladyofamerica.org/>

"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the wicked rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens."

Ephesians 6:12

Building the Domestic Church "The Family Fully Alive"

<http://www.kofc.org>

**July — Because God is the Father of orphans and widows,
we want to reach out to all those who are lonely and abandoned.**

Jesus wanted to belong to a family who experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the loving closeness of God.

The flight into Egypt caused by Herod's threat shows us that God is present where man is in danger, where man is suffering, where he is fleeing, where he experiences rejection and abandonment; but God is also present where man dreams, where he hopes to return in freedom to his homeland and plans and chooses life for his family and dignity for himself and his loved ones.

Today our gaze on the Holy Family lets us also be drawn into the simplicity of the life they led in Nazareth. It is an example that does our families great good, helping them increasingly to become communities of love and reconciliation, in which tenderness, mutual help, and mutual forgiveness is experienced.

Pope Francis

Angelus Address, Dec. 29, 2013

Witnesses for Christ

Annual Conference

August 7-8, 2015

La Crosse Center

300 Harborview Plaza

La Crosse WI

Diocese of La Crosse



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1. How is our family rich in companionship?
2. Who is one person or family who lacks the love of a close family — perhaps lacking a parent or parents, or a family far away. How can we reach out to help share our family with them?
3. Do material things and busy schedules isolate members of our family, perhaps taking people in different directions all the time or excluding a parent, spouse, child or sibling? Is there a way to imitate the Holy Family's "simplicity of life" to ensure that those in our family do not feel alone?
4. Do the elderly in our family feel lonely? What are some ways we could make them feel more included in the family's love?

July - Reading of the Month (Isaiah 58)

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a man to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a rush,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am.

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Ask the Advocate

Frequently Asked Questions

'THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM'

As with any new program we are often times presented with there will be confusion, frustration, and changes. The Safe Environment program was rolled out last Fraternal year, many Grand Knights and youth directors within our jurisdiction have completed the obligatory training some have not and some still have questions.

Supreme has an excellent resource to answer most questions regarding the Safe Environment program though the Supreme Advocate Officer Desk Reference which can be accessed through Officer Online. Here is a small sample of what you can find under the Safe Environment tab.

What is the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

The Knights of Columbus has no higher priority than the safety and well-being of the young people served through its programs and activities.

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is designed to protect young people served through Knights of Columbus programs and activities, including the Columbian Squires Program, from all forms of abuse.

Councils participating in official Supreme Council programs and activities are required to comply with all policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.

Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program requirements are in addition to all of the safe environment/youth protection requirements established by local dioceses and parishes.

Why does the Knights of Columbus maintain a safe environment program?

- As the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, the Knights of Columbus has a responsibility to maintain its own safe environment program across all of the dioceses in which it is active around the world. This means that the Knights of Columbus has a duty to ensure compliance with its own safe environment program policies and procedures, including training and background check requirements.
- The Knights of Columbus maintains the highest standards for the protection of young people across all of its programs and activities within all dioceses in which the Knights of Columbus is active.
- The program helps assure families, dioceses and communities that the Knights of Columbus has done everything within its power to safeguard the young people served through its programs and activities.
The program helps protect the good name and reputation of the Knights of Columbus.

Who administers the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program? Who may I call with questions and concerns about the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

- The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is administered by the Fraternal Services Department of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with Praesidium, an international leader in youth protection.

All inquiries regarding the program should be directed to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Line at 203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org

How can someone report a violation of the policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, or suspected abuse, to the Knights of Columbus?

- Policy and procedure violations and suspected abuse should be reported to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Hotline at 1-844-563-2723.

Who must comply with the policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

- Every person serving in a Knights of Columbus sponsored youth program or activity is required to comply with the program. Councils participating in official Supreme Council programs and activities are required to comply with all policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.

What about officers and fraternal leaders who directly or indirectly serve young people through Knights of Columbus programs and activities? Do they require special training and background checks?

- Yes. Members holding certain Board-designated leadership positions (state deputies, grand knights, faithful navigators, state Squires chairmen, state youth directors, youth directors, Columbian Squires chairmen, Squires chief counselors and Squires committee counselors) are required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training.
In addition, members in designated youth leadership positions (state Squires chairmen, state youth directors, youth directors, Columbian Squires chairmen, Squires chief counselors and Squires committee counselors) are required to undergo a background check.
Which youth leaders are required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training and undergo a background check?
Members duly appointed by their grand knight or state deputy to the following Board-designated youth leadership positions are required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training and undergo a background check:

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(Ask the advocate continued) * State Squires chairmen * State youth directors * Council youth directors * Columbian Squires chairmen * Squires chief counselors * Squire committee counselors

Which officers must complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training?

Members holding the following Board-designated officer positions are required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training: * State deputies * Grand knights * Faithful navigators (if their assemblies sponsor a Columbian Squires Circle)

Must state deputies, grand knights and faithful navigators undergo a background check?

No, unless he also holds a Board designated Youth Leader position.

How do I access the online training?

- Members in designated leadership positions requiring Praesidium's Armatus© online youth protection training will receive a username and password via email or regular mail.

Training may also be accessed at <http://www.kofc.org/safe> (click "Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program") or <http://website.praesidiuminc.com/LoginNow>.

What should you do if you believe that you are required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training but have not received a username and password?

Please submit your request for a username and password to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Line at 203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org.

What if you are not required to complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training but are interested in doing so?

Please express your interest in taking Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training by using the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Line at 203-800-4940 or by writing to youthleader@kofc.org.

Will diocesan training or training completed through an employer or any other organization be accepted as a substitute for Praesidium's Armatus© safe environment and youth protection training?

- No. Members serving in designated leadership roles must complete Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training covering policies and procedures particular to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.
- Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program requirements are in addition to all safe environment and youth protection requirements established by local dioceses and parishes.
- As the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, the Knights of Columbus is responsible for maintaining its own Safe Environment Program across all of the dioceses in which it serves. This includes ensuring compliance with its own safe environment training and background checks.
- The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program training modules contain certain policies and procedures specific to the Knights of Columbus that cannot be found in any other youth protection training program.
- These policies and procedures set forth uniform youth protection standards for members of the Knights of Columbus throughout the world.

The policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program allow the Order to maintain direct responsibility for the compliance of Board-designated youth leaders and officers with required training and background checks to ensure the safest possible environment for the young people participating in the programs and activities of the Knights of Columbus.

Will prior background checks run by the diocese, a school system or any other organization be accepted as a substitute for a Knights of Columbus background check conducted by Praesidium?

- No. Only a Knights of Columbus background check administered by Praesidium will be accepted. Due to privacy laws, the Knights of Columbus may not obtain, review or otherwise rely on background checks conducted on members by another employer or organization.
- Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program requirements are in addition to all of the safe environment and youth protection requirements established by local dioceses and parishes.
- As the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, the Knights of Columbus is responsible for maintaining its own Safe Environment Program across all of the dioceses in which it serves. This includes ensuring compliance with its own safe environment training and its own background checks.

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- Just as other youth-serving organizations require their own background checks before individual persons are allowed to lead and/or otherwise participate in such organizations' programs and activities, it is the policy of the Knights of Columbus to maintain its own original background check on file for all members who serve in designated youth leadership positions relating to the Order's programs and activities.

The policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program allow the Order to maintain direct responsibility for the compliance of Board-designated youth leaders and officers with required training and background checks to ensure the safest possible environment for the young people participating in the programs and activities of the Knights of Columbus.

Where can I find Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program policies and procedures?

- Most policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program are readily available for review in three publications: Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator Handbook (#5095), Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Youth Leader Handbook (#5096) and Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Squire and Parent Handbook (#5094).

- These three Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program handbooks have been provided to state deputies, grand knights and faithful navigators (whose assemblies sponsor Columbian Squires Circles).

These three Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program handbooks can also be found online at <http://www.kofc.org/safe>. Click "Support Materials."

The policies and procedures contained within these Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program handbooks are also covered in Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training.

Do I ever need to renew my training and background check?

- Yes, every two years. All members serving in designated leadership positions requiring Praesidium's Armatus© youth protection training and a background check are required to renew both their training and background check every two years for as long as the member continues to occupy the designated leadership position.

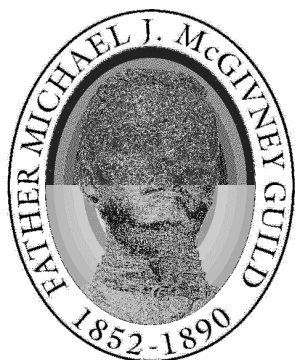


Father McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

" On the street I saw a small girl shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. I became angry and said to God, "Why do You permit this? Why don't You do something about it?" And God replied, "I certainly did do something about it. I made you."

Sister Mary Rose McGready



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

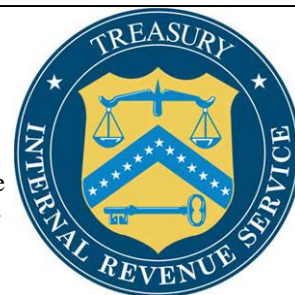
The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild go to: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html#>



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Important Tax Information for KofC Councils and Assemblies

As you know, 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. Notwithstanding our tax exempt status, each council is required by law to file an annual informational tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.



Most councils will file the IRS Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-postcard). If your council's gross receipts are more than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and its total assets are less than \$500,000, you will need to file a Form 990-EZ. If your council's gross receipts are more than \$200,000 and its total assets are more than \$500,000, you will need to file 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 your council's accounting period ends December 31, you must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if your council's accounting period ends June 30, you must file a tax return by November 15.

Need more time to file a Form 990 (paper forms only)?

If you need more time to file your council's informational return, you must file a request for an extension at least one month before the due date. For example, if your council's accounting period ends December 31, you must file a request for an extension no later than April 15; if your council's accounting period ends June 30, you must file a request for an extension no later than October 15. Federal law imposes a penalty of \$20 per day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, for incomplete or late filings, unless you can show reasonable cause. You may download the form for requesting an extension from the IRS website:

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

Where to file

The Form 990-N (e-postcard) can only be filed online and you may do so by using the link below. Go to the link below and click "FILE YOUR E-POSTCARD;" you will arrive at the site where you can access and file the Form 990-N:

<http://nccs.urban.org/>

All paper returns should be sent to:

Internal Revenue Service Center
Ogden, UT 84201-0027

The website will not allow me to file a Form 990-N

If your council has recently been reinstated with the IRS or if your council is a new council, the filing system may not allow you to file a 990-N for your first year. A council cannot file a Form 990-N unless it is on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List, which is updated annually 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

Forms and Other Information Available on IRS Website

Forms 990-EZ and 990 are available in the forms directory on the IRS website:

[http://apps.irs.gov/app/picklist/list/formsPublications.html;jsessionid=mXrFTNd5imPYNv53RNwukQ_ ?indexOffirstRow=0&sortColumn=sortOrder&value=990&criteria=formNumber&resultsPerPage=25&isDescending=false](http://apps.irs.gov/app/picklist/list/formsPublications.html;jsessionid=mXrFTNd5imPYNv53RNwukQ_?indexOffirstRow=0&sortColumn=sortOrder&value=990&criteria=formNumber&resultsPerPage=25&isDescending=false)

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:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html?navmenu=menu1>

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 look for the box titled "Support Materials" at the right side of the page. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will access a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments.

Conclusion

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.

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



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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2015 Scheduled Degrees: see updated schedule at

<http://www.kofcKnights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>

(Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

First Degrees: *Charity*

Green Bay

July 1 - 10714 Allouez

La Crosse

July 9 - 7342 Prescott
August 9 - 3492 Richland Center
August 11 - 5456 Ellsworth
September 3 - 6599 Elmwood
October 3 - 2055 Menomonie

Madison

July 9 - 10363 Janesville
July 19 - 7371 Waunakee
August 4 - 605 Beloit
September 3 - 9360 Janesville

Milwaukee

July 14 - 524 Milwaukee
July 16 - Brookfield
July 21 - 5438 Theinville
July 27 - 15090 Waukesha
August 11 - 524 Milwaukee
August 12 - 6646 Milwaukee
August 20 - 3702 Brookfield

Milwaukee (continued)

August 24 - 15090 Waukesha
September 8 - 524 Milwaukee
September 17 - 3702 Brookfield
September 28 - 15090 Waukesha

Superior

Second Degrees: *Unity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 3, 2015	8:00am	2055	Menomonie	John Booth	(715)426-5800
November 14, 2015	1030am	4580	Franklin	Tim Bowen	(414)708-4248

Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 3, 2015		2055	Menomonie	John Booth	(715)426-5800
November 14, 2015	1030am	4580	Franklin	Tim Bowen	(414)708-4248

To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact PSD/FM Roland Ransom (262) 441-1306



Fourth Degrees: *Patriotism*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 17, 2015	New Richmond	Western District	(715) 423-0939
February 6, 2016	Onalaska	Western District	(715) 423-0939



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Special Olympics summer events kick off at UWSP



Thirty-seven Honor Guard members attended the opening of the Wisconsin Special Olympic Games held in Stevens Point Wisconsin on June 5th. The Honor Guard lead the 8 regions to start the opening ceremony. The Honor Guard helped with the Presentation of Colors and salutes for the start of the Torch Run. High-Fives all around from the participants!



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August 1st, 2015, Game time 6:05pm

MADISON MALLARDS will play the Wausau, Woodchucks

Sponsored by:

***Knights of Columbus, and the Madison Area Field Agents
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This year you will purchase tickets directly through the Madison Mallards. Councils and churches are encouraged to purchase the tickets By April 31st, in a group and send one check, to make Will's, already tough, job easier.

***Tickets are 13.00 each. To purchase Tickets make the Cheques Payable to the:
"Madison Mallards" in the notes write "KOFCAWCCCF".***

C/O Will Martin, Inside Sales Manager, Madison Mallard's and he will be your contact for the tickets at \$13.00 per ticket still. Please contact him with any ticketing questions. He can be reached at 608-246-4277 or will@mallardsbaseball.com

***\$2.00 from every ticket the Knights of Columbus sell goes to the
Women's Care Center on Orin Rd, in Madison.***

Last year KofC's raised \$1,200.00 dollars with only 468 tickets.

\$1.00 goes towards the tailgate. The Burgers alone last year cost about \$1.18 each. Thanks to our Tailgate sponsors, we had more than enough food for all. Anyone interested in helping sponsor the Tailgate or to donate, please pray and consider donating.

Any moneys left over goes to the Women's Care center.

For more Info, Donations, to Sponsor or help with the Tailgate

Please contact

SK Charles Kazmer at 920-220-9149 or email crkaz1@live.com

Make Cheques Payable to: KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund

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220 Williams St.

Johnson Creek, WI 53038

May God Bless you all and Thank you for your support.

Donations to "The KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund" are not tax deductible.

*Wausau Woodchucks
Pregnant?*

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Silver Rose Program

www.runningoftherose.org



Knights from Minnesota traveled from St. Mary's in St. Paul to St. Patrick's Parish in Hudson to transfer the Silver Rose from Minnesota to Wisconsin.

Sir Knight Larry Madder, Commander George Kazelka, District Deputy Matt Heffrib and Commander David DuPaul from Minnesota were welcomed by St. Croix Council 1762 Grand Knight John Gushue, Commander Jim Michaelson, Past-Faithful Navigator Dan Schwab from Assembly and Wisconsin State Secretary Tim Guski.



Gathered at the Memorial to the Unborn, District Deputy Matt Heffrib presented Grand Knight John Gushue with the Silver Rose to begin the Running of the Rose in Wisconsin. The Honor Guard proceeded to escort the Rose to the Sanctuary where Council 1762 participated in the Prayer Service.



Assembly 1948
Honor Guard

District Deputy Mike Tomsyck with Council 4870 Culture of Life Chair Couple, Matt and Erin Ebersole.



St. Albert the Great Parish and Sun Prairie Council #4879 hosted a Special Silver Rose Mass. In addition to a great turn-out by council members and Assembly 1948 Honor Guard, we were honored to have two state officers present, State Secretary Tim Guski and State Advocate Jack Wrbanich. The Mass servers were both members of the Sun Prairie Council, (Bret Clostermery and George Gruetzmacher) as well as ushers and a choir member. The Silver Rose was carried by the Council's Culture of Life Chair Couple, Matt and Erin Ebersole. A special "thank you" to Msgr. Terrence Connors for allowing the Knights to be part of the 10:30 AM Mass honoring Mary and to Grand Knight Elect Ed Murphy for chairing this event. Sir Knight Dave Foelker for delivering The Silver Rose to the Verona Council.

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This was a special Neenah Summer Fun Run, celebrating it's 20th year. It started 20 years ago with originator Knight Tom Jensen (announcing) of Neenah Council 5514. The Neenah Summer Fun Run started with 40 children 14 years of age and under. As it grew in size it had to occupy more space and moved three times until it's present location at Memorial Park in Neenah. The Summer Fun Run May 31, 2015 had over 1000 participants running in different age categories. The Summer Fun Run started this year with a proclamation by Neenah's Mayor Dean Kaufert, the National Anthem was sung along with the color guard to open the ceremony.

