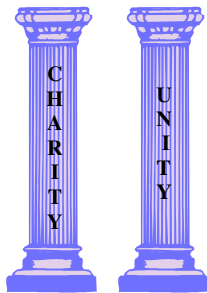




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God!

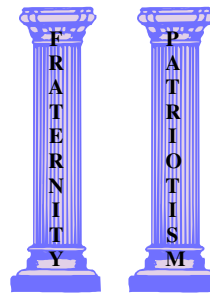


Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - November 2015

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Editor: Timothy J. Guski



State Deputy's Message - Sir Knight Ron Faust

My Dear Brother Knights,

Who do people say we are?

It depends on who you ask! We are the Tootsie Roll guys, the guys in the funny hats, and the Pro-Life prayer warriors. We are the food pantry staff, the providers of warm coats, and the builders of homes. We are the encouragers of youth and beer drinkers, card players and cigar smokers. We are the defenders of families, the supporters of the Bishop, and a hand up to hundreds in their time of need. We are ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy centers, warm coats for kids, and bowlers. We are lectors, ushers, choir members and Eucharistic ministers. We bring the Masses from the Vatican and the nightly news on EWTN into homes. We are prayerful and we are retreat goers. We are supporters of Catholic education, pancake flippers and Eucharistic adorers. And even after all of that, I know I am missing stuff.

People say we are many things. To many people, we are simply Charity. I hope they also see us as Catholic. It matters.

But who do we say we are?

The phrase I have most often heard is that we are the "strong right arm of the Church." That is a phrase you will seldom hear attributed to us outside of our own ranks. It is true, of course, but that is not how the world knows us. If it did, I am convinced more men would feel compelled to join our ranks. Men naturally want to be part of the solution to the problems they see. If they only knew how much that longing that God created in them could be fulfilled in our ranks, they would rush to join with us in our great mission.

So how do we make the "strong right arm of the Church" visible to our Catholic brothers who know little about us? We do it by getting back to basics; back to our roots.

First, we must understand that we cannot be the "strong right arm of the Church" without being the strong right arm of our parish priest. To the extent we help Father carry out his mission we will be known as his strong right arm; to that extent and no more. In this day of priest shortages Father has never needed us more; and he has never had less time for activities that do not support his prime mission to serve his flock and save their souls.

The faithful men who remain in the pews see the erosion of moral clarity in our culture. They wish they could make a difference.

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"One of the penalties of refusing to participate in politics is that you'll end up being governed by your inferiors." --Plato

State Chaplain's Message -

Very Reverend, Sir Knight Richard M. Heilman



My Brother Knights,

Robert Frost once penned, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." How true it is that we can easily be caught up in the trends and fads and ideologies of our times. We can think the safe pathway is to go with the flow. "It must be the correct route to take," we can tell ourselves, "because so many are choosing it for themselves."

The reality, as you know, is that there are many voices – media, Hollywood, TV, universities, etc. – relentlessly promoting the false gods of sexual hedonism and radical individualism. These forces are leading us to take the wrong path.

But, it cannot be that way with us. We must choose the road less traveled. Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

We were all taken aback by the latest act of terror in Paris. Many are asking, "What can we do?" We most certainly need to pray ... YES!! But, even more than that, we need saints. Our world is "saint deficient" right now. Evil people are being aggressively evil, while far too many are not "aggressively saintly." As a result, evil is moving unabated in our times. We are down to less than 25% of Catholics practicing their faith in America. In France and most of Europe, it is less than 5%. What "force" will keep evil at bay? What force will convert evil to good?

The time is now to raise an army of saints!! The Knights of Columbus possess 1.8 million of some of the finest men the Catholic Church has to offer. This band of brothers is typically first in line to take care of need when they see it. Yet, in our humility, we know that our lifetime is one of being "saints in training." We need to be the vanguard – the tip of spear – in this movement to build an army of saints. If not us, then who?

This is why we are planning to use this upcoming, grace-filled Year of Mercy to enter more boldly into this Training in Holiness. This will be a 54 Day training that will go from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. We will provide you with a pocket book I compiled entitled, *54 Day Basic Training in Holiness*.

The short daily reflections in this booklet are this basic training in holiness. Drawing from the truths found in the Holy Scriptures, the saints, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the first 27 days focus upon the qualities of excellence toward which we are all called to strive.

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Thanks to a very timely program generously made available by our Supreme Council, we can help them do just that. We are given the opportunity to answer the call by making the "Building the Domestic Church; The Family Fully Alive" program available to every family throughout all of the parishes we serve, and then some. In this way, we are providing men with a means of making the most significant difference possible in the most important place they can make it; in their family. And in this we are being, in a very real and visible way, Father's strong right arm.

We are Knights. We know how to respond. We have the tool to be Fathers strong right arm. Let us employ it. To do otherwise would be to bury our talents. 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.

"Knights of Columbus, part of the solution since 1882."

State Chaplain continued

The second 27 days contain excerpts from the *Church Militant Field Manual: Special Forces Training for the Life in Christ*.

I will provide further details in next month's newsletter, but if you would like to order an advanced copy of the booklet, you can find it at: <https://romancatholicgear.com>

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Go to Joseph!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.

Pontifical Year of Mercy
begins December 8th

Who do You say that
I am ?



Friday, November 20th, 2015 Supreme Knight Carl Anderson delivered a focused call for cultural change within the Knights of Columbus. Specifically he stated that we needed to become the strong right arm of our parish priests. Those very words were echoed later by Archbishop Lori during his benediction at the end of the evening.

To that end he called for the activities of each council to be aligned with the mission of the parish, and to not duplicate the activities of the parish. He gave two very concrete examples regarding youth programs and how those should support the parish's youth ministry.

- 1) Councils that have Squires Circles should dissolve them before the end of this calendar year and should focus the resources of time and talent directed toward the circle instead toward support of the parishes youth ministry. If that proves to be too difficult to accomplish this calendar year, it absolutely must be done by the close of 2016.
- 2) Councils that sponsor a Boy Scout Troop should work with the parish to move that sponsorship to the parish, so that it is a parish sponsored troop with the engagement of the parishes youth ministry. Again, he gave the same deadlines.

SK Carl Anderson also announced a new initiative based on "Building the Domestic Church, The Family Fully Alive." It will be a variant of that called "Building the Domestic Church, The Parish Fully Engaged." If I may predict, this will focus on the encouragement of ALL families of the parish to engage fully with their parish.

The goal is nothing less than the restoration and growth of a vibrant parish community with the Knights of Columbus leading the charge; acting intentionally. There is, in this, no room for the diversion of time and talent toward anything that does not support the parish, including buildings known as clubhouses. In many cases, SK Anderson said, the need to support of those buildings has driven home corporations into the facilities rental business, resulting in activities and events that are wholly divorced from our mission and that of our parish priest. These situations can, and even now do, detract from and undermine our mission. For solutions, he spoke of some arrangements where buildings were gifted to the parish with a \$1 per year lease back for meetings, degree ceremonies, and the like.

He also spoke eloquently about Catholic education, with great encouragement for councils to support their parish schools, wherever they exist.

Anyone who has taken the time to read the book about Father McGivney, "Parish Priest", will immediately recognize this clarion call to return to our roots as essential to fulfilling Father's vision for us. If you haven't already read that book, or if it has been awhile, you need to read or reread it. This is true for anyone at any level of leadership in the Knights of Columbus, and it is especially true for those who would serve at our level.

What a great opportunity to serve! What a great opportunity to make a positive difference! We were given a precious gift last night, and I awoke this morning eager to share that with all of you.

Vivat Jesus!

State Deputy - Ronald F. Faust



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

State of Wisconsin: July 1 to October 31 Year-to-Date Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goals	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Ins. Members	Lost Ins. Members	%
Green Bay	300	100	63	63%	48	15	43	12	24	21.0
La Crosse	260	87	87	100%	8	79	30	33	14	33.5
Madison	271	91	52	57.6%	10	42	41	23	12	19.2
Milwaukee	422	141	43	30.6%	54	-11	44	27	16	10.2
Superior	147	49	41	83.7%	22	19	30	10	8	27.9
Total	1400	467	286	61.3%	142	144	188	105	74	20.4%

Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status 1325
1400	286
23.83%	

Circle of Honor Net
840
144
17.14%

Circle of Honor Net/Net
100
-127
-127%

Deceased Members
271



Member-ship as of	Current Member-ship as of
7/1/2014	11/1/2015
36,319	36,192

Jonnie O says, “I Want You Recruiting 24/7/366!”
State Membership Director - Jon Olson

“One First Degree - Per District - Per Month”

Membership

Another month down in this fraternal year and another new council in the state. Welcome council 16333 Prince of Peace Parish in Green Bay to our brotherhood and I hope to see your impact in the community soon. Thank you to all the Brother Knights with their help with this council.

As for the Diocese race in the state La Crosse is still way too strong for any challengers for the month of October. However the new council will help the Green bay Diocese in November and I also have it on good authority that Green Bay has a lot of recruitment happening in November. Madison, Milwaukee and Superior Diocese are looking for the spark that woke up La Crosse to happen to them. I hope all Diocese have great success in the middle months of our fraternal year.

The state of Wisconsin had an intake of only 70 members in this month of October. That is 46 members less that the average we need every month to make our goal. We can do this Wisconsin! We are moving in the right direction. We just need a little more push to get us to our goals.

The District Deputy competition is heating up. In the Green Bay Diocese we have District 9 at 36.1% and District 12 close behind at 25.9%. In the La Crosse Diocese there is District 28 way out in the lead with 80.5%. Having a new council in you district does have its perks. The next closest to District 28 is District 30 at 43.5%. The Madison Diocese has a close race with District 49 in the lead at 39.1% and District 43 close behind at 30.5%. Milwaukee is has District 72 in the lead with a 26.6% and District 61 is in second with 18.1%. Superior has District 87 that has reached their membership goal at 105.5%. That is also a District that had a new Amery council formed in it. Coming in second is District 85 with 17.2%.

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brothers,

I've just returned from the State Punt, Pass & Kick and Soccer Challenge Competitions at De Pere High School this past Saturday, November 7. What a great experience it was to see these student-athletes competing with all they had, and with the support of their parents/families. In spite of the cold, blustery conditions, they did a great job. It was so wonderful to give them awards! Special thanks goes out to Abbot Pennings Council 3955 of De Pere, who had over 40 volunteers there to run the competitions in a very smooth, efficient manner.

While the Punt, Pass & Kick Contest is going fairly well with 70 competitors in the State Contest, there is still work to be done to allow as many kids as possible the opportunity to experience and compete in the contests – locally, regionally as well as State level. Superior, La Crosse, Green Bay, Madison seem to be OK but the Milwaukee Archdiocese has work to do! Only about 5 or 6 Councils out of 65 ran PPK and only 14 students made it to the Archdiocesan Contest in Racine – of those, only 2 made it to De Pere! This is definitely a situation that needs to be improved.

The Soccer Challenge is a much larger issue! While newer than PPK, having only been run for about 10 years, it has not caught on among our Councils or families. The Superior, La Crosse and Green Bay Dioceses didn't even hold a Diocesan (Regional) Contest since only 1-3 Councils in the Diocese held local contests. The Madison Diocese had 7 students from 2 Councils show up to their contest. Milwaukee was worse with only 2 students from 2 Councils participating in Racine! Thus there were only 23 participants at the State Contest with several age levels only having 1 or 0 competitors total! As with the PPK Contest, it would seem that we are missing the boat here in not providing the opportunity for kids to compete in these contests. That's especially true when the soccer contest is much easier to run even than PPK or Free Throw! I know there are family pressures, athletic conflicts, transportation issues, time constraints, etc., that may be at work here as well as Council concerns. But, have you really made an effort to try to run this contest? Have you considered joining forces with a neighboring Council(s)? Have you considered running a combined District Contest? Have you tried to hold the contest at a site where youth soccer or football contests are going on? Have you attempted to work with schools or athletic teams/coaches to promote the contest? Hold it during gym class?

Remember, also that the contests are open to all student-athletes – parochial, private, public, homeschool – not restricted only to Catholic school students! As we've said before, these are community and family oriented programs, in which you can involve parishioners, neighbors and friends, etc. to help out, have their kids/grandkids participate; and by seeing "the good that we do," perhaps join our Order!

I have contacted Supreme for any ideas they may have on how to jump start the Soccer Challenge in Wisconsin and am awaiting their response. I'm also seriously considering creating a spring/fall option for Council to operate the Contest (September-October or April-May), which would then require perhaps a change in the Diocesan and State competitions. It may work better than what we have now; but, I'm reluctant to make such a drastic change without being assured that Councils have done all possible to make the present system work.

I'm always interested in your input. Please feel free to contact me any time with your thoughts, concerns or questions (Bill Frayer, 2339 Meachem St., Racine 53403; 262-633-7887; 262-945-1095; frayerfamily@yahoo.com).

As for other programs, I hope that you have your "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs and magnets ordered, information for that should be on our website. Make your plans for your Council and Parish to be celebrating "Light Up for Christ" on Tuesday, December 1 at 8 PM. Your plans should also be well under way for your "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest (grades 1-4) and/or "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest (ages 5, 10-14). Information for the former can be found on the State website. Information on the latter you may find on the State or Supreme websites; and kits may be ordered from the Department of Fraternal Services!

Now is also the time to be working on Coats for Kids, Food for Families, plans for your Knowledge/Free Throw Contests, among others. Be sure that your Sentiments for Seminarians items donated by your Council/Parish need to be to your DD prior to December 3!

Also, be sure to be checking on your Star Council and Complete Council checklists to be sure that you are on target for reaching these goals!

Finally, let me wish to all of you and your families a most Blessed, Happy, Safe Thanksgiving celebration! Remember to thank our loving God for all the good we've experienced and helped to create through our Honored Order in our parishes, communities, nation and world this past year.

Vivat Jesus,

Bill Frayer, State Program Director



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"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

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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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Wisconsin

Rolling in a New Century

Be a part of Wisconsin History!

The State Bowling Tournament will be held during the months of

February, March and April 2016

Fond du Lac

- Entry blanks have mailed to Council Bowling Chairman and/or Grand Knights.
- Entries close December 31st for the \$18.00 fee per event cost, after that date the fee is \$20.00 per event. There is a link on the [State Council Web Site](#) for printing out the entry form
- Contact person for reservations and shift availability is Sean Michels:
920-284-1579 and email address is smichelskofc@gmail.com

District Deputies can get a \$25.00 Visa Gift Card if they have at least one team from each of the Council's in your district. Grand Knights should help your District Deputy get this gift card by supporting the tournament with a team.

We are looking for a lot of teams as this is a milestone in the State Knights of Columbus having reached the 100th tournament. There will be special prizes and awards to commemorate this tournament.

If there are any questions about the tournament you can contact me at (920) 921-1802. Thanks for your support in the past years and hope you will support us this year.

Greg Michels, State Bowling Chairman

State Officer Candidate Resume

The election of State Officers is one of the most important jobs of the delegates to the Annual State Meeting of the Wisconsin State Council, and council members should be given the opportunity to direct their delegates as to whom they believe are the best-qualified candidates.

In order to ensure both council members and delegates are well informed of the qualifications of each candidate for the State Officer positions and in order to minimize the cost of printing and mailing resumes in a timely manner candidates who are proposed by their respective council may submit a resume to the State Office of the Wisconsin State Council by February 15th, 2016 for dissemination. All resumes will be included in a booklet arranged according to the office in the following order: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and State Warden. Booklets will be mailed to the Former State Chaplains, Past State Deputies, current State and Diocesan Coordinators, District Deputies, and the Grand Knights of each subordinate council. The cost of printing and mailing this booklet shall be shared equally among all of the candidates listed.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Member Retention

Proposing a new member is a commendable achievement and one to be proud of. However, as a proposer, turning over a completed Membership Document (#100) is not the end of the job. You must also take the responsibility to see that your recruit becomes fully accepted by his fellow council members and stays involved in council activities. There are several steps you can take to ensure this.

- Explain to him that the council's Admission Committee will examine his qualifications for membership and accompany him to the Admission Committee meeting. Introduce him to the members present.
- After he has been accepted, escort him to his First Degree and remain with him throughout the event. Following the exemplification, introduce him to his fellow council members.
- Take the newly initiated member and his family "under your wing". See that he learns council procedures, such as meeting times, committee assignments, etc. Introduce him and his family at council events. Encourage him to involve his family in council-sponsored activities.
- Accompany your recruit to his Second Degree and Third Degree exemplifications and stay with him throughout the day.
- Contact him before each council meeting and bring him to the meeting if necessary. If the new member becomes inactive for some reason, try to find out why. Call and ask to visit with him. Explain your concern about his absence and offer support or assistance.

Encourage him to earn "Shining Armor" status within the council.

If the Knight becomes inactive, his proposer should work with the retention committee to find out the reasons for his lapsed interest and try to converse his membership.

With a little personal effort you can help guarantee that your recruit becomes an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

David Grau, State Retention Chairman,

"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"?

ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH

MORE Knights, bring MORE hands, to raise MORE funds to evangelize, to help MORE people in need doing GOD's good works!

"Go Make a Difference"

Can we do it? Yes we can! TEAM Wisconsin!



Recruitment Incentive Extended!




In honor of Pope Francis, recruiters will be awarded with a commemorative medallion if they recruit at least one new member* during the first six months of the fraternal year (July 1-Dec. 31, 2015).

Bonus: All recruiters will be awarded 2,000 VIP points for all members they recruit this same period.

Examples:

1. Recruit One Member =  + 2,000 VIP Points

2. Recruit Five Members =  + 10,000 VIP Points

* Former or inactive insurance members count toward incentive awards.

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November - Family of the Month Report

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving and deer hunting is just around the corner, and the Family of the Year nominations will be due to the State Family Coordinator by February 15th. I have in the past put together a list of things to look for in a Family of the Year nomination, but am going to talk about a few attributes that a good FOY display. It is good that the family that is nominated is active in the Church, community, Knights, youth and are pro-life. The thing that is outstanding with State and International families is the fact that the actions of the families are rooted in the Christian faith, and they are daily doing the works of Jesus Christ. Are the families supporting in their lives the needs of the homeless, the poor and less fortunate people. Are they giving of themselves so that others are having a better life. Remember, Jesus Christ healed the sick, fed the poor, forgave our sins, and wanted us to be free to choose our own fate, right or wrong. Is your family one of those that other people look up to in the time of crisis? Does the family offer information so that those that are less fortunate can use to move themselves into a better life style? Are they true disciples of Jesus Christ? These are a few suggestions that may help you select a family for the FOY nomination.

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH September 2015

	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>
Green Bay Diocese		
Leon & Patty Bitters, Lena	6926	2
La Crosse Diocese		
Steve & Delores Toboyek, Kronenwetter	5488	28
Madison Diocese		
Darrell & Jane Kreul, Highland	1909	52
Milwaukee Archdiocese		
LaRoy & Connie Pestka, Hartford	12588	66
Superior Diocese		
Todd & Lisa Kostrazak, Hammond	7030	81

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

	<u>Council</u>
Vince & Susan Bashynski, Beaver Dam	1837
Eugene & Diane Ledden, Auburndale	4646
Willard & Nancy Haga, Neenah	5514
Leon & Nancy Probst, Hilbert	7732

Our Marriage Prayer

Wisconsin submitted a resolution to Supreme that promoted the Our Marriage Prayer. The submission was passed through a few committees and below is the final text that was approved at the 2015 Supreme Convention.

349. Support for the Institution of Marriage

RESOLVED, that we never waver in our efforts to promote the church's understanding of marriage as the faithful, exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pray that the Holy Spirit enlighten elected officials to adopt laws, and judges to make judicial decisions that affirm the family and the authentic nature of marriage;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join with the bishops throughout the world in their efforts to achieve legal and constitutional protection at the national, provincial and local levels for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage husbands and wives to recite a marriage prayer together on a daily basis to strengthen the bonds of matrimony, which emphasizes the principles professed by Father Michael J. McGivney.

To support this new Supreme resolution, I encourage all councils to celebrate marriage by holding an Our Marriage Prayer event on or around **World Marriage Sunday February 14th, 2016**.

To learn about how to hold an Our Marriage Prayer event, go to

<http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

I am working through the process of making the prayer cards available on Amazon and will hopefully have them available yet this month. Until then, please fill out the following form

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

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Joe Uchtyl

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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 for hearts always ready to ask
for forgiveness as well as to forgive.*

*Dear Lord, we place our Marriage into Your hands.
Amen*

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

By now each council has received their State Charity Raffle tickets and has distributed them to their members so that they can be sold to deer hunters; family and friends during the Holiday Season.

Our State Charity Raffle should be one of our top projects from now until the drawing at our State Convention in April. A good sign is that many councils are asking already for additional tickets to sell. Raising funds to help the needy is a lesson that we learned at our First Degree. Each council should have a minimum goal to sell at least six tickets per member for this fundraiser. If each member would buy/sell at least one ticket per month: November, December, January, February, March and April we would easily exceed our goal of at least 6 tickets per member. Buy a ticket for each of your Children and Grandchildren, your Local Parish and School or any other Charity that can benefit from our raffle.

A good source of information is our Wisconsin K of C State Website, click on Links of Interest, Wisconsin State Programs and Forms, Scroll to Community, click on (Charity) for information about our Charity Fund that should be shared with all of our members and their families. This is an ideal topic for the Grand Knights to share at the councils meetings and also be presented in the council's newsletters.

If you need more tickets and we hope you will, first contact your Diocesan Charity Coordinator that is listed on page 7 of our State Directory.

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

Mark Wagner, State Charity Director

A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

The pitfalls of replacing coverage

You know the old saying, "the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence," but we all know that it rarely is. The same holds true when it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the "greener" grass on the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old adage, "Read the fine print."

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. We'll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call us. We'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.



Contact us today to learn more about our products.

Fraternally,

The Supreme Council Insurance General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin;

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Fill out and submit the form 4584

It is very **important** that Each Council in the State of Wisconsin, fill out the form 4584, from Supreme!!!
The form asks for information about each council's contributions to Special Olympics.
We have received between \$2000, and \$7000 from Supreme, depending on our State's response.
Wisconsin is one of twelve states that make up Division II in the Knights of Columbus.
In the Division, the State that earns the most points will receive the **most money**, and the state that earns the fewest points will receive the **least money!!!!**

We are given points for the following categories;

Percentage of councils showing involvement

Total volunteer hours

Total volunteers

Total number of events

Total dollars contributed

It is critical to our mission to get the most help we can from Supreme, (especially for work we have already done).
The more 4584's we submit, the more dollars we can expect in return.

Deadline for submission to Supreme is **December 31**.

(presently, the Supreme site is down for submissions, however, you may send the hard copy (usps) or scan the completed 4584, and attach it to an e-mail sent to ; <fraternalservices@kofc.org>

My records for your council's total dollar contribution, YTD, will soon be found on the State K of C website, or give me a call.

So, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, have your councils take the time to submit this form 4584 to Supreme.

Presently, more than 10,000 special athletes are affected by what we do.

Our present commitment of \$100,000 to team Wisconsin 2018, requires only \$0.75 per member, per year, over the 4 year period.

More money from Supreme would really help us reach this goal!!

All donations should be run through the Knights of Columbus Charity account, which is a 501(c)(3) account. Checks should be made out to **Wisconsin K of C Charities**, and be mailed to:

Bryce Lisowski, Special Olympics Coordinator, K of C
S 1345 County Road NN
Alma, WI 54610

*" Let us work even harder for those who need help most in our society"
Pope Francis*

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Schedule

Icon #1 Icon #2 Icon #3
November 1, 2015 through December 5, 2015

District 65 District 2 District 90

December 6, 2015 through January 9, 2016

District 71 District 6 District 85

January 10, 2016 through February 6, 2016

District 64 District 3 District 86

February 7, 2016 through March 5, 2016

District 63 District 28 District 80

March 6, 2016 through April 9, 2016

District 70 District 27 District 91

April 10, 2016 through May 7, 2016

District 69 District 20 District 83

May 8, 2016 through June 4, 2016

District 68 District 44 District 87

June 5, 2016 through July 2, 2016

District 67 District 5 District 89

July 3, 2016 through July 30, 2016

District 72 District 10 District 88

July 31, 2016 through August 27, 2016

District 49 District 14 District 81

August 28, 2016 through September 24, 2016

District 50 District 9 District 21

September 25, 2016 through October 22, 2016

District 48 District 8 District 22

October 23, 2016 through November 19, 2016

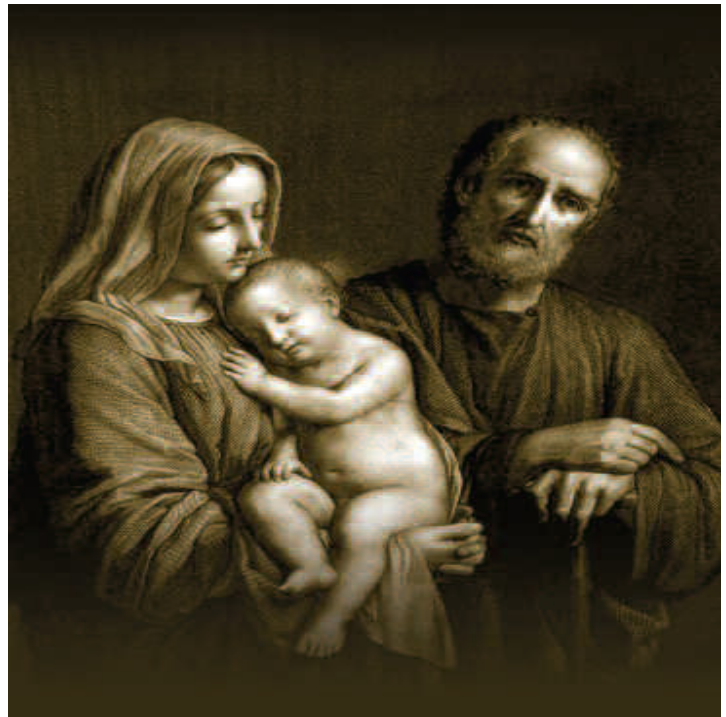
District 51 District 7 District 29

November 20, 2016 through December 17, 2016

District 47 District 13 District 25

Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

Contact Coordinator Kevin Blau (608.697.9758 or 608.697.0364)
 email: blaufamily11@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Icon #1 Icon #2 Icon #3
December 18, 2016 through January 21, 2017

District 42 District 4 District 26

January 22, 2017 through February 18, 2017

District 45 District 12 District 23

February 19, 2017 through March 18, 2017

District 43 District 11 District 46

March 19, 2017 through April 22, 2017

District 52 District 61 District 30

April 23, 2017 through May 20, 2017

District 40 District 62 District 24

May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017

District 41 District 60

June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017

District 66 District 1

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run

<http://www.runningoftherose.org/en/index.html>

The 2016 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run will probably be announced by Supreme the later half of January with Wisconsin receiving it for about three weeks in June. The following councils have volunteered to host the Rose, more than necessary. But we would like the Rose to cover the whole State.

It would be nice to have one or two more volunteers in the Green Bay Diocese and the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Contact State Coordinator John Sustar, 608 847-1140 or jsustar@hughes.net, if your council is interested.



Green Bay Diocese

C617 - Green Bay (D7)
C16244 - Greenville (D5)

LaCrosse Diocese

C1170 - Stevens Point (D27)
C2422 - Durand (D22)
C3825 - Whitehall (D29)
C4295 - Union Center (D20)
C4646 - Junction City (D27)
C4963 - Loyal (D30)
C5488 - Mosinee (D28)
C6585 - Bloomer (D24)
C6718 - Adams-Friendship (D23)

LaCrosse Diocese

C7342 - Prescott (D21)
C10158 - Wilton/Kendall (D20)
C10914 - Onalaska (D25)
Guadalupe Shrine

Madison Diocese

C531 - Madison (47)
C605 - Beloit (D49)
C9360 - Janesville (D49)
D46 (Dells, Baraboo, Reedsburg, Spring Green)
C2820 - Lancaster (D40)

Milwaukee Archdiocese

C524 - Milwaukee (D64)
C4580 - Hales Corners (D68)

Superior Diocese

C499 - Superior (D91)
C832 - Ashland (D80)
C1133 - Merrill (D90)
C1762 - Hudson (D81)
C4954 - Glenwood City (D81)
C7030 - Hammond (D81)
C7106 - Superior (D91)
C7827 - Woodruff (D85)
C12609 - Balsam Lake-Centuria (D87)
C12738 - Iron River (D91)

The Pro-Life Declaration: www.prolife.org

1. I believe every life has dignity and limitless potential.

Despite age, physical ability, or vulnerability, everyone should be given the opportunity to live and make their mark in the world.

2. I believe the “right to life” is the most fundamental right protected by America’s founding documents.

America’s forefathers recognized the importance of the “right to life,” citing it as the first of all rights given in the Declaration of Independence.

3. I believe life should be protected and defended from the moment of conception until natural death.

Abortion must be prevented at every stage of development. Every human has the right to a full life.

4. I believe grace, compassion and understanding are essential to protecting life.

We must be committed to working across racial, ethnic, religious and economic divides to restore the sanctity of human life in communities across the world.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

The Greatest Lie*

One of my duties as Culture of Life coordinator for our council is to gather, read and help grade essays from seventh and eighth graders at the two Catholic middle schools in our council area. This year's topic was "Abortion and Slavery – Is There a Difference?" Our council offers cash prizes for the best essays from each school: 1st place, \$50; 2nd place, \$30; 3rd place, \$20; 4th place, "Honorable Mention". However, assigning a ranking to essays that generally are thoughtful and well developed is challenging.

The essays have shown me that seventh and eighth graders have a very good understanding of the moral issues involved with abortion; their weakness is in understanding the foundation of those beliefs. If it were only a matter of grading based on grammar and syntax, it would be an easy task. However, grammar and syntax are not the most important criteria. The source of beliefs and the logical development of ideas from that "source" are of greater importance.

Here are some short quotes from this year's essays. I have added comments and questions that I would share with the students (and parents) if I had the opportunity.

"Freedom means that you can do whatever you want and choose whatever you want."

- Comment: Does this mean "freedom" allows a person to choose to lie, cheat, bully, watch porn, do drugs....?

Freedom without responsibility leads to anarchy and chaos.

- Comment: The Christian concept of freedom means we are free to do what we ought to do, not whatever we want to do.

- What is the source of Christian freedom? Where does this idea come from?

"The (unborn) baby has an equal right to life (just) as the parent."

- Why? Where does this "right" come from?

"When someone aborts a child, (they) will most likely never be forgiven."

- Comment: I think you mean, "They may never forgive themselves." God always forgives the repentant sinner. His mercy is infinite.

"All humans have rights..... Once a baby has a heartbeat it is living, so it is a human being."

- Why do "all humans" have rights? What is the source of this argument?

- Why does "having a heartbeat" mean it is a human being? Does this mean that before there is a heartbeat there is no life? When does God create the soul? When does God begin to love that child? When do parents begin to love that unborn child?

Regarding abortion, "...people overlook the fact that a baby is a person from conception."

- Comment: Yes, Catholics believe this. Why? What is the source of this belief? Many people in the world do not believe this. If asked, how would you explain your belief to them?

"There is that 'greatness' about our world today. Everyone with there (sic) own opinion which evolved into a giant peaceful disagreement. I for one think that a person has the right to life from the moment it becomes a fetus."

- Comment: Are you saying that all opinions are equally true? Is there one truth or many truths? If there is "one" truth, who or what is it? Would you defend your opinion against other opinions?

- Note: There is a difference between "embryo" and "fetus." From conception to 8 weeks the unborn child is technically an "embryo". From eight weeks to birth, it is called a fetus or foetus.

"Abortion is basically saying that killing is good! Why would anybody do such a thing? It must haunt them, the child that they aborted, driving them crazy when they could have chosen adoption or orphanage."

- Comment: Yes, it does haunt many women for years. Regret and guilt can do terrible things to post-abortive Moms. However, healing is possible and God is ready to forgive; His mercy is infinite for those who trust in Him.

"Wayne Dyer, an American author and motivational speaker said this: *Freedom means you are unobstructed in living your life as you choose. Anything less is a form of slavery.*" ...In Wayne's definition he hits the problem right on the head.... In the United States we have the strong belief of freedom, that everyone here has the right to be free."

- Comment: Does Dyer's definition of "freedom" mean that it is okay for people to lie, cheat, bully, drive drunk, not obey laws, etc. because these things might limit their freedom? Freedom without responsibility is not freedom, it is lawlessness and anarchy.

"Slavery and abortion are very similar issues. They both deny rights that humans are guaranteed."

- Comment: "guaranteed" by whom? Who has the authority to give "human rights"?

The reader may have noticed that many of my comments follow a similar theme: What is the source of your opinion or belief? Are all opinions of equal value? Our young people have the correct belief that abortion, like slavery, is morally wrong; however, there seems to be poor understanding as to the source of these beliefs. Later in life, they may have a hard time defending their beliefs and may even stop trying to defend them because "all opinions have equal value" according to cultural relativism.

Fr. Patrick Winslow, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Charlotte, recently posted on his parish web site and article entitled "The Greatest Lie." It is the "greatest" lie because it sounds so true and loving. It is this: the greatest commandment is "love your neighbor." It sounds reasonable, it sounds compassionate, it even sounds Christian. So what is the lie? Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love the Lord God with your whole heart, mind, and soul and that the second commandment is like it, love your neighbor as yourself. If you put the second part first, and the first part second, then God is no longer the source and foundation of moral law. If "Love your neighbor" is the greatest commandment then euthanasia is good if your neighbor is in unbearable pain, abortion is good if the mother is desperate and alone; marriage of man and man, woman and woman is good because people are lonely and need companionship. It all sounds so loving, but all manner of social evil creeps in when man makes himself the determiner of right and wrong. The evidence is all around us: divorce, abortion, single mothers in poverty, suicide, gangs and violence, drugs, lost lives. Since God is not in the picture, your opinion is just as good as my opinion, so why don't we all just get along.

Mass media exposes our seventh and eighth graders to a lot of misleading information. How are young people to defend their faith and their beliefs without a firm understanding of and commitment to the source of those beliefs: Judeo-Christian laws as written in the Ten Commandments, affirmed in the teachings of Jesus, and proclaimed and defended by the Church. Those laws are not hard to understand, but they are God's laws, and the foundation on which all civil laws must be based. If not, then civil laws become whatever the Supreme Court justices decide. Are we and our children ready for this?

* The title is taken from Father Winslow's article, The Greatest Lie.

Richard Porior, Culture of Life Coordinator
Abbot Pennings Council 3955 De Pere, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Punt, Pass and Kick Winners

The following student-athletes were winners in the Wisconsin State Punt, Pass, Kick Contest held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at De Pere High School. The competition is sponsored by the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus and was hosted by Abbot Pennings Council 3955 of De Pere.

BOYS

8 years old

1 st	Devon Bostwick (Oconto)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 1475
2 nd	Landyn Randt (Siren)	Superior Diocese	Council 6370
3 rd	Noah Chenault (Onalaska)	La Crosse Diocese	Council 10914

9 years old

1 st	Cael Donar (Benton)	Madison Diocese	Council 765
2 nd	Wyatt Burke (Ashland)	Superior Diocese	Council 832
3 rd	Duke Shuvald (De Pere)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 3955

10 years old

1 st	Ethan Heck (De Pere)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 3955
2 nd	Conner Christensen	Green Bay Diocese	
3 rd	Riley Rosenkranz (Cuba City)	Madison Diocese	Council 765

11 years old

1 st	Alex Breckheimer (Hilbert)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 7732
2 nd	Reed Breckheimer (Hilbert)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 7732
3 rd	Dalten Anstice (Cross Plains)	Madison Diocese	Council 3924

12 years old

1 st	Logan Kobus	Green Bay Diocese	
2 nd	Myles Steward (Neenah)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 1838/5514
3 rd	Christian Perez (Columbus)	Madison Diocese	Council 1609

GIRLS

8 years old

1 st	Danika Rebhahn (Onalaska)	La Crosse Diocese	Council 10914
2 nd	Taylor Tauschek (Two Rivers)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 1957
3 rd	Kylie Heller (Cuba City)	Madison Diocese	Council 765

9 years old

1 st	Bella Millan (Armstrong Creek)	Green Bay Diocese	
2 nd	Marah Gruen (Elroy)	La Crosse Diocese	Council 4295
3 rd	Cora Hanson (Black Earth)	Madison Diocese	Council 7811

10 years old

1 st	Lindsay Lilijenberg (Webster)	Superior Diocese	Council 6370
2 nd	Kara Kiekhaefer	Green Bay Diocese	
3 rd	Shealyn Bahr (Onalaska)	La Crosse Diocese	Council 10914

11 years old

1 st	Hailey Stich (Cuba City)	Madison Diocese	Council 765
2 nd	Maggie Sohrweide	Green Bay Diocese	
3 rd	Alaina Bagniefski (Holmen)	La Crosse Diocese	Council 10914

12 years old

1 st	Hannah Fox (Columbus)	Madison Diocese	Council 1609
2 nd	Olivia Kohlmann (Reedsville)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 5798
3 rd	Jade Fredrickson (Boyd)	La Crosse Diocese	Council 3249

The competition brings together contestants from the 5 regions (Diocese) in Wisconsin (Green Bay, Madison, La Crosse, Superior and Milwaukee). Winners received trophies, medals and Certificates of Merit.

In awarding the winners on behalf of State Deputy Ron Faust, KC State Program Director William Frayer said, "We congratulate the winners and all the competitors for their achievements today and throughout the 3 levels of the competition. They have truly done an outstanding job. They truly show what hard work and dedication can accomplish! Best Wishes to you all and special thanks to your parents for bringing you today and all their support as well."

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay men's fraternal organization with over 1.8 million members globally and over 36,000 in Wisconsin. Founded in 1886 on the principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, Knights strive to offer youth programs such as this which benefit the community and families as part of their mission to strengthen their faith, parishes, families, communities, the nation and to promote the Culture of Life! Their insurance arm is top ranked for nearly 40 years. For more information, see the State website at www.wikofc.com or call 608-274-5750.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Soccer Challenge Winners

The following student-athletes were winners in the Wisconsin State Soccer Contest held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at De Pere High School. The competition is sponsored by the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus and was hosted by Abbot Pennings Council 3955 of De Pere.

BOYS

9 years old

1 st	Brandon Statz (Waunakee)	Madison Diocese	Council 6371
2 nd	Ryan Lundmark (Cumberland)	Superior Diocese	Council 6051
3 rd	Drew Hauschild (Phillips)	Superior Diocese	Council 2963

10 years old

1 st	Denis Ruthmansdorfer (Oak Creek)	Milwaukee Archdiocese	Council 1709
2 nd	Elliot Bardini (Green Bay)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 10714

11 years old

1 st	Jared Lundmark (Cumberland)	Superior Diocese	Council 6051
2 nd	Mac Lawrence Haling II (Arbor Vitae)	Superior Diocese	Council 7827
3 rd	Will Waterstradt (Green Bay)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 10714

12 years old

1 st	Chase Lassiter (Cumberland)	Superior Diocese	Council 6051
2 nd	Connor Handrick (De Pere)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 10714
3 rd	Dominic Ballweg (Prairie du Sac)	Madison Diocese	Council 3099

13 years old

1 st	Noah Sternig (De Pere)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 10714
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14 years old

1 st	Alex Shimkets (Phillips)	Superior Diocese	Council 2963
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GIRLS

9 years old

1 st	Amanda Comins (Waunakee)	Madison Diocese	Council 6371
2 nd	Jasmine Woodley (Cumberland)	Superior Diocese	Council 6051

10 years old

1 st	Maria Gironella (Woodruff)	Superior Diocese	Council 7827
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11 years old

1 st	Lexi Tshirhart (Cumberland)	Superior Diocese	Council 6051
2 nd	Olivia Melka (Arbor Vitae)	Superior Diocese	Council 7827

12 years old

1 st	Alexis Trousil (Green Bay)	Green Bay Diocese	Council 10714
2 nd	Jessica Ludwig (Phillips)	Superior Diocese	Council 2963

13 years old

1 st	Bailey Sellent (Almena)	Superior Diocese	Council 6051
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The competition brings together contestants from the 5 regions (Diocese) in Wisconsin (Green Bay, Madison, La Crosse, Superior and Milwaukee). Winners received trophies, medals and Certificates of Merit. Scores of the Soccer winners are forwarded to Knights of Columbus Supreme headquarters in New Haven, CT for entry into National/International competition and awards.

In awarding the winners on behalf of State Deputy Ron Faust, KC State Program Director William Frayer said, "We congratulate the winners and all the competitors for their achievements today and throughout the 3 levels of the competition. They have truly done an outstanding job. They truly show what hard work and dedication can accomplish! Best Wishes to you all and special thanks to your parents for bringing you today and all their support as well."

Western District Exemplification - February 6, 2016

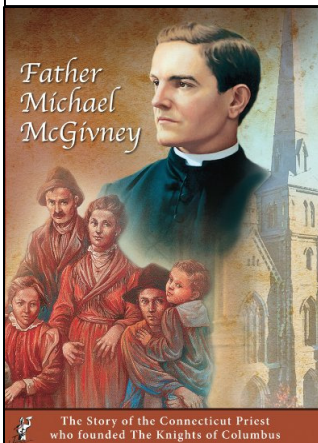


The next **4th Degree Exemplification** will be held at Saint Patrick's Church-School Onalaska, Wisconsin on **February 6, 2016**. Registration for the exemplification is 11:00 A.M., men's lunch at 11:00 A.M. and the degree will start at 12:30 P.M. Registration for the Ladies is at 11:00 A.M. and the Ladies Program/Luncheon starts at 12:30 P.M.

The qualifications to join the Fourth Degree, a member must be a third degree member in good standing. For more information contact Master Ronald J. Shymanski 2951 15th St. South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, (715) 423-0939 or 3grandsons@solarus.net.

The cost for the exemplification is as follows \$70.00 per candidate, \$35.00 for Priests, which includes candidate banquet ticket, social baldric, Fourth Degree Lapel Pin and American Flag Pin. Cost for banquet tickets \$25.00 per person, Ladies Luncheon \$12.00 per person, Men's Luncheon \$7.00. Assemblies pay for candidate's luncheon.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



An hour-long docudrama on Father Michael McGivney that aired nationwide on public television is now available for purchase on DVD. Learn more about the founder of the Knights of Columbus as his cause for sainthood moves forward at the Vatican.

<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>

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/>

*"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

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.



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

www.ourladyofamerica.org/



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)

Building the Domestic Church "The Family Fully Alive"

<http://www.kofc.org>

Because the family that prays together stays together, we want to learn to pray as a family.

Payer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of each family. Prayer is thanksgiving, praise of God, asking for forgiveness, supplication and invocation. In all of these forms the prayer of the family has much to say to God.

St. John Paul II

Letter to Families, §10

Mary appears therefore as the supreme model of personal participation in the divine mysteries. She guides the Church in meditating on the mystery celebrated and in participating in the saving event, by encouraging the faithful to desire an intimate, personal relationship with Christ in order to cooperate with the gift of their own life in the salvation of all....

We could add that for the People of God, Mary represents the model of every expression of their prayer life. In particular, she teaches Christians how to turn to God to ask for his help and support in the various circumstances of life.

Her motherly intercession at the wedding in Cana and her presence in the Upper Room at the Apostles' side as they prayed in expectation of Pentecost suggest that the prayer of petition is an essential form of cooperation in furthering the work of salvation in the world. By following her model, the Church learns to be bold in her asking, to persevere in her intercessions and, above all, to implore the gift of the Holy Spirit.

St. John Paul II

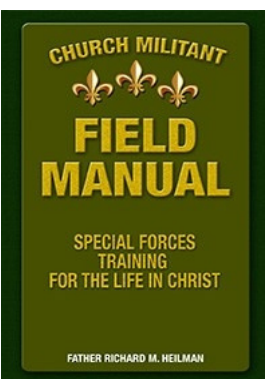
Audience, Sept. 10, 1997, §4-5

- 1. During my day, what are some times when I could take a minute to "touch base" with God through prayer, perhaps asking his help or simply thanking him for his love and his presence?*
- 2. Just as talking can build a relationship, the different kinds of prayer mentioned are all ways to grow closer to God. What type makes me most aware that God is near and a part of this life he has given me?*
- 3. How is our family touched and shaped by the prayers of all of its members?*

December - Psalm of the Month (Psalm 84)

How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yea, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in thy house,
ever singing thy praise!



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.

The Church Militant Field Manual will test you in your resolve to become strong in the Lord and His mighty power. You will also learn the special operations (special ops), techniques and procedures for search and rescue missions of fallen comrades (family and friends whose faith has grown weak). Although rarely wielded by Catholics today, this supernatural strength and these techniques are truly authentic gifts of the Church that are field-tested and battle hardened. <http://www.romancatholicgear.com/product-p/cmfm-1.htm>



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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2015 - 2016 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 by Diocese: *Charity*

Green Bay Diocese

December

2 - 10714, Allouez
21 - 2556, Chilton

January

14 - 12393, New Holstein
18 - 10243, Green Bay

February

1 - 7732, Hilbert
3 - 10714, Allouez
4 - 5382, Green Bay
20 - 12393, New Holstein

La Crosse Diocese

December

10 - 7342, Prescott
10 - 1170, Stevens Point
14 - 839, La Crosse
28 - 6789, Alma

January

18 - 13880, Plover
25 - 1654/6789, Alma
February
11 - 1170, Stevens Point
23 - 2787, Independence

Madison Diocese

December

7 - 605, Beloit

January

7 - 9360, Janesville
12 - 531, Madison

February

16 - 9230, Janesville

Milwaukee Diocese

December

8 - 524, Milwaukee
9 - 6646, Milwaukee
9 - 6718, Milwaukee
17 - 697, Racine
17 - 3702, Brookfield
17 - 15659, Racine
28 - 13733, Big Bend
28 - 15090, Waukesha

January

11 - 4520, Grafton
12 - 524, Milwaukee
12 - 3562, Pewaukee
12 - 13583, Milwaukee
14 - 1964, West Bend
21 - 697, Racine
21 - 3702, Brookfield
21 - 15659, Racine
23 - 4240 Menomonee Falls
25 - 13733, Big Bend
25 - 15090, Waukesha

Milwaukee Diocese

February

9 - 524, Milwaukee
16 - 4614, Milwaukee
18 - 697, Racine
18 - 3702, Brookfield
18 - 15659, Racine
22 - 13733, Big Bend
22 - 15090, Waukesha
23 - 4706, Whitefish Bay

Superior Diocese

December

15 - 8985, Webster

January

11 - 5397, Spooner

February

7 - 6370, Frederic

Second Degrees: *Unity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 10, 2016	1:00pm	10914	Holmen	William Jaekel	(608)792-6757
January 23, 2016	9:30am	4240	Menomononee Falls	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 20, 2016	10:00am	12393	New Holstein		
April 2, 2016	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916

Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 10, 2016	2:30pm	10914	Holmen	William Jaekel	(608)792-6757
January 23, 2016	11:00am	4240	Menomononee Falls	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 20, 2016		12393	New Holstein		
April 2, 2016	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916

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>District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
February 6, 2016	Onalaska	Western District	(715) 423-0939
April 16, 2016	Milwaukee	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232



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Badger Bulletin



Prayer for those Persecuted in Iraq and Syria

O God of all the Nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, who in your providence willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son, look with mercy on your servants in Iraq and Syria who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will that we live in harmony. And in all things may we be united in truth and freedom to seek your will in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us. AMEN

SOLIDARITY CROSS

A symbol of Unity

A symbol of Hope

Knights of Columbus
Christian Refugee
Relief Fund

- Local councils and assemblies may use the form below to order crosses for \$5 each (minimum order of 10 crosses; free shipping).
- Councils then offer the crosses in their parishes and communities for a suggested donation of \$10 and make a single payment of the net proceeds to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966

A council project in support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East

HOW TO HELP: Support the Christians Refugee Fund by ordering 5-inch olive wood crosses (\$5 each, minimum order of 10), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. The crosses may be sold in your community, for a suggested donation of \$10, with the net proceeds of the sale given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. For more information, please contact the Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or supply@kofc.org.

You may also offer a donation through christiansatrisk.org. Or, send checks or money orders payable to Knights of Columbus Charities at P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966. The memo portion should indicate that the check is for the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. One hundred percent of all donations to the fund directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities. Donations to the Christian Refugee Fund are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington DC.



Roland, Erv and Jonathan Lucroy



PSD, FM Erv Jankowiak at the Korean War Memorial, one of several Memorials that were visited during the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight in Washington D.C.

Past State Deputy and Former Master Erv Jankowiak, a Korean War Veteran, joined the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Jonathan Lucroy, from the Milwaukee Brewers was also on the flight supporting the Veterans. Past State Deputy and Former Master Roland Ransom served as Erv's escort.



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“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Dear Brother Knights,

We are excited to announce that we have a new design for our **“Keep Christ in Christmas”** car magnets and decals this year. We are sending this notice to all our past customers to again **“Thank you”** for the thousands of magnets and decals that market our messages for all Christians throughout the United States and the world.

“Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets/decals products have two important purposes.

#1 the main purpose is to continue to evangelize what the real reason for the Season is ALL year long by displaying your magnet/decal we will be reminding ALL peoples we support our Holy Family and what the true meaning of the season is.

#2 it's a great fund raiser As a Christian based organization you can shore up your budgets by making up to 300% plus profit on every magnet/decal order. It would be hard to find a profit like this anywhere.

We all know our Christian faith is constantly under the microscope and for all kinds of reasons. We need to stand up together to protect our faith. We are proud of the message that our “Keep Christ in Christmas” products sends and wish every Christian would display our Holy Family either by our car magnets on their vehicles or decal on their car and home windows.

We also offer a “He IS Risen” magnet/decal that is a great item around Easter, but again wonderful to display ALL YEAR LONG.

We appreciate all your efforts and support of this program. We are offering the same prices as last year and have reduced our pricing on an order of 100, 50 and 25, to help organizations and customers that need smaller quantities. Our best value is a case of 200 for \$290.00 plus \$25.00 shipping, and we can split a case of magnets and decals. (Including “He Is Risen”) Selling a case of 200 for \$5.00 each would net your organization \$690.00, 2 cases would be \$1380.00.

Shipping of Decals is cheaper than magnets and charges will reflect the lower weight cost.

You can contact me at robkofc@centurytel.net or at www.kcnativitysets.com for more information.

We ask your help by sharing our message with other organizations, youth groups, friends or associates that might be interested with the program.

We appreciate any assistance that you can give us.

If you have further questions, you can call our chairman Rob Kurczek at 920-290-2270. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you very much for helping us with **“Keep Christ in Christmas.”**
and “He is Risen”



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