



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Patrick's Council 10914



Onalaska, WI 54650

Newsletter

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Up Coming Events

St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 8, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 15, 2019
St. Patrick's Day	Mar. 17, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 22, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Mar. 29, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Apr. 5, 2019
KofC Lenten Retreat	Apr. 6, 2019
<i>@ Shrine 10 a.m.</i>	
KofC's Pancake Breakfast	Apr. 7, 2019
St. Patrick's Fish Fry	Apr. 12, 2019
4th Degree Assembly 1195	Apr. 18, 2019
Easter	Apr. 21, 2019
St. Patrick's Council Mtg.	Apr. 25, 2019
KofC State Convention	Apr. 26-28, 2019

Degree Schedule

1st Degree at 6 p.m.	Apr. 7, 2019
2nd & 3rd Degree	TBA
4th Degree Exemplification	May 18, 2019
Richland Center, WI	

District 25 Deputy

District 25 Deputy	SK Thomas Ladwig
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Council Officers 2018-2019

Chaplain	SK Msgr Steven Kachel
Grand Knight	Scott Jackson
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Thomas LaFleur
Chancellor	SK Dennis Tressic
Recorder	Robbie Sage
Treasurer	Brant Amble
Lecturer	Tony Ciano
Advocate	David Doely
Financial Secretary	SK Paul Valenti
Warden	Tobias Wolf
Inside Guard	Phillip Goldblatt
Outside Guard	Vacant
1st YR Trustee	SK Timothy Pierce
2nd YR Trustee	SK Michael Carney
3rd YR Trustee	SK Bruce Jerue

Bishop Schwebach Assembly 1195

Faithful Navigator	SK Gregg Randall
Color Guard Commander	SK Lloyd Miller

KofC News and Up Coming Events

Principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism

Vivat Jesus!

Many things are happening in the council, as this is typical for the winter. Fish Fry is upon us and off to a fantastic start. The Lenten Retreat is just around the corner. And, eventually, sun, warmth and snow melting.

But I have a question for you:

Do you remember taking your 1st Degree?

On your first degree, you were taught a lesson on Charity, one of the four main principles of the Order.

Have you been to a 2nd Degree, the Lesson on Unity, and the 3rd Degree, the Lesson on Fraternity?

The original three degrees of the order, along with the 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree, form the very foundation and communicate the mission of our order.

Has it been a while since you've participated in a degree ceremony? I invite you to join us at our upcoming degree Sunday, April 7 at 6 p.m. You'll see 1st Degrees hosted at St. Patrick's a few times a year, usually on Sunday nights. Keep an eye on your email for future notices. Our District Deputy hosts a change to take or observe the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on a Sunday afternoon in the Fall, typically in October. And don't worry, Packer fans, we select a Sunday when the Packers aren't playing so you won't miss the game.

May the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism guide your thoughts and actions, as the Knights of old. I hope to see you Sunday, April 7, at 6 p.m.

Have a Blessed Lent and a Happy Easter!

SK Paul Valenti, Financial Secretary



Monsignor's Message

Increase Prayer and Penance

Brother Knights,

We now are about to journey into the Season of Lent a season of prayer and penance. We have been getting away from the penance portion of the season and not doing enough prayer. We justify it too easily. This lent we as Knights need to stop making excuses and increase our prayer and penance.

I am appalled at how state by state so called "catholics" are voting for the abortion law permitting it up to the point of birth. What is more appalling is the fact they celebrate the passing of such barbaric means.

Did you know that 17% of abortions are in the last trimester that is, 17,000 of the 1 million last year? We need now more than ever to challenge this through the power of prayer, that hearts may be converted.

I encourage every knight this lent to pray the rosary. There is a power here we must tap into and take serious. Our nation is going in the wrong direction...we need prayer and pence to enlighten the way.

God Bless.

SK Msgr. Stephen Kachel



For the latest meeting minutes and other information, please go to St. Patrick's Council Website: <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=10914>

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Knight's Birthdays

Paul Valenti	Mar. 1
Gregg Randall Mar	Mar. 9
Douglas Nikolai	Mar. 11
Mike Carney	Mar. 12
Frank Abnet	Mar. 21
Anthony Ciano	Mar. 23
Robert Weber	Mar. 29

Knight's Anniversaries

Irwin Capaul	55 Years
Ralph Jonas	55 Years

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Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your ideas, photos, and stories to:

SK Dennis Tressic Dennis_Tressic@gmail.com

Deadline for the Council's Newsletter is the 25th for the next Month's issue.

Knight's Plunge for Special Olympics

Brother Knights,

On a balmy (low 20s), mostly cloudy day in La Crosse, seven brave Knights tested their commitment to Charity and service in their community by running into the Mississippi River by taking part on Saturday, March 2nd, in the 21st Annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Wisconsin.

The day began with breakfast at the Blue Moon, stocking up on carbs for energy, caffeine and alcohol for antifreeze. At approximately 11:45 a.m., our seven brave Knights were waded into the mighty Mississippi from Pettibone beach, where the members of the La Crosse County Dive Rescue Team were present to assist any wavering or faltering souls.

Due to the grace of God – and the several Hail Marys that were shouted as we realized how cold the water was – all seven brave Knights returned.

Over \$1,500 was raised for Special Olympics Wisconsin as a part of this fundraiser, including from individual members of our Council. On behalf of Special Olympics Wisconsin, thank you to the participants, family members and donors.

The St. Pat's Knights of Columbus Plunge Team 2019 are:

Grand Knight Scott Jackson (rookie), Dennis Tressic (rookie), Rick Juhl (rookie), Mike Carney (2nd year), Brant Amble (2nd year), Tim Pierce (2nd year) and Paul Valenti (2nd year).

We will be again taking the plunge in 2020, tentatively scheduled for 3/7/2020. There is always room for more knights. And, I, Paul Valenti promises to pick up one round of personally administered antifreeze at the breakfast.

SK Paul Valenti, Polar Plunge chairman



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Knight and Family of the Month

February Knight of the Month
John Williams

February Family of the Month
Jason and Kelley Bahr Family

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Wisconsin State Charity Raffle Tickets

Brother Knights,

Please remember to sell your Knights of Columbus Wisconsin State Charity Raffle tickets. Proceeds from the raffle tickets are used to fund charitable grants throughout the state, and a portion of our ticket sales will be returned to our council – about \$2 per ticket.

Remember, last year one of our very own KofC members, Gary Giesler, won the Grand Prize of \$50,000. You could be the next winner.

We ask members to turn in your sold tickets, please get more tickets to sell, and to do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Darrel Dwyer, RaffleTicket coordinator

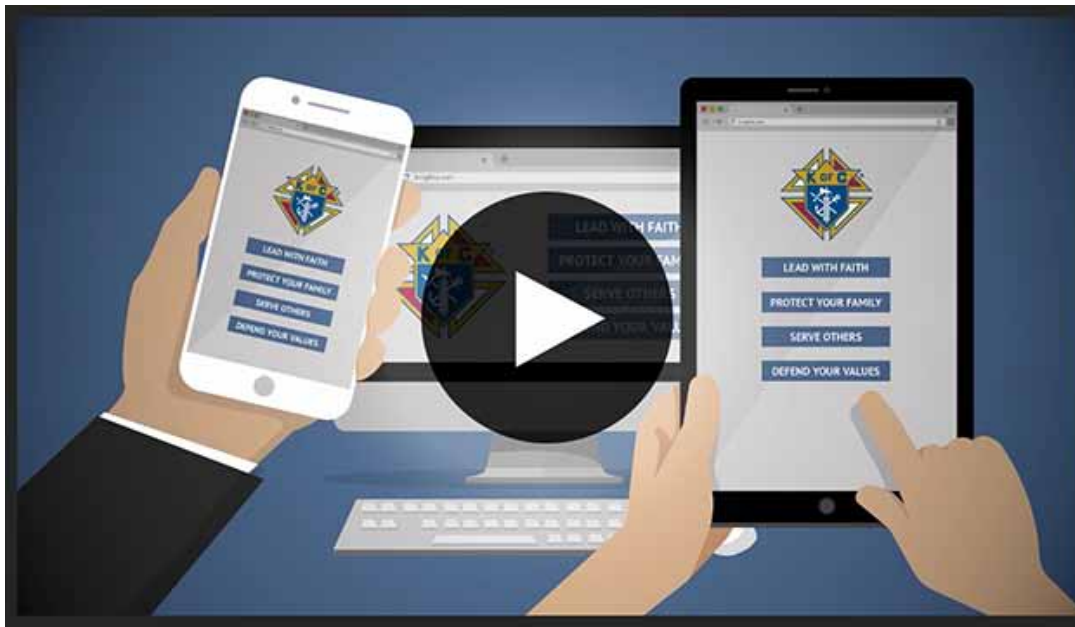
KofC Online Membership

The Order's new Online Membership initiative is live throughout the United States and Canada!

Now you can invite eligible Catholic men to take their first step toward committed, lifelong and council-based membership in the Order by signing up online <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>. And, any member who recruits 5 members between now and Sept. 30 will receive a \$50 gift card for KnightsGear, along with free shipping!

How does online membership work? What does it mean for degrees? Who can sign up?

Watch this brief video <https://vimeo.com/spiritjuice/review/275286077/7918f15f39> that explains what the program is and how it can be used as a powerful tool to help your council recruit.



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Visit our For Members <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html> page for even more information.

We are uniquely positioned to help other men lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values. It's now even easier to invite them to become Knights of Columbus so that they too can enjoy the same life-changing benefits and experiences that we have.

Not sure how to invite men to join? Personal invitations always work best. Talk to them. Text them. Email them. You can use the sample email below as a guide.

So, what do you say? How many men will you invite to join today <http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>?