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# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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**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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## A Message from State Deputy Timothy L. Genthe

My Brother Knights,

As the State Membership Coordinator, Jon Olson's report will tell you, we have a good month of recruiting in January with the Wisconsin Jurisdiction achieving 127% of our monthly quota. I would like to extend my thanks to the councils and coordinators of the La Crosse diocese for achieving 260%, Green Bay diocese for achieving 142% and the Milwaukee Archdiocese for achieving 100% of their monthly quotas. But the membership in Wisconsin jurisdiction shrunk by 8 members from the month of December and now stands 36,737 Knights of Columbus in the Wisconsin.

We need each diocese performing above their quota for rest of this fraternal year for the Wisconsin Jurisdiction to be successful. If your council needs help with recruitment contact your General Agent or Field Agent for your council or the Diocesan Membership Coordinator and State Membership Director Jon Olson. These gentlemen are here to help your council to be successful. It saddens me to report that we have 117 councils that have yet to bring in a member this year. **“ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH”** If your council is one of these councils please ask these gentlemen to help your council develop a solid recruitment program. (See the Membership Report on page 3)

Your council's Semiannual Council Audit is due on February 15<sup>th</sup>. At this time we have 153 councils that have not completed the audit for the period ending December 30, 2013. Just a reminder to Financial Secretaries and Council Trustees if your council fails to submit an Audit for 2 consecutive periods the Financial Secretary will lose his Supreme Bonding. Let's not put your council's financial secretary in that kind of predicament.

I feel one of the most important reports is the Fraternal Activity Report. From this report Supreme gathers information needed to document hours and time councils spend doing charitable work. The IRS would just love to be able to tax organizations like the Knights of Columbus. This report was due on January 31<sup>st</sup> and at this time we still have 55 councils that have not submitted the Report of Fraternal Activity. A list of councils not submitting this report can be found in this newsletter. It is goals of the State Officer team to have every council submit the report of Fraternal Activities. If your council has not submitted their report the State Officer in charge of your diocese will be contacting your District Deputy or the Grand Knight of the council.

With the State Convention of the Wisconsin jurisdiction fast approaching, we have some due dates for some award applications that are getting close. State Program Director Don Schoenherr is collecting the Supreme Service Award Applications. The deadline date for this application is March 1. Remember there are two Convention forms that need to go to the State Office, the Convention Registration Form and the Delegate Registration Form. If your Council is not participating in anything at the convention please submit the forms stating this. Councils that have not submitted their Delegate Registration Form will be receiving their second notice in mid-March. Be sure to make your hotel reservation early if you would like to stay at the Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton.

Please do not forget bring the new Council Charity Grant Request form with your delegates to the State Convention. I am hearing, some of the councils feel that this form is too restrictive in what needs to be recorded as Charity Raffle donation. I would like to take this opportunity to quote from the Mission Statement of the Charity Fund in the Wisconsin Book.

*“Grants from the Charity Fund 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 by the State Council.”*

I would be the first to agree with the membership that there are many other charitable needs by your churches, communities, youth and individuals, but these Raffle fund moneys need to be used within the mission statement of the program. We are called to be “True Knights” and raise funding for every project and charitable request what we receive.

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**Our Marriage Prayer Sunday -  
March 2nd, 2014**

<http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com>

The Knights of Columbus cares about your marriage and your family. We believe the foundation of the family is the marriage bond between the mother, father and God. If you have a strong marriage bond, it will in turn produce a strong family. A strong family in turn, is more capable of enduring the challenges they will face throughout their lives. If the marriage bond is not strong, these challenges can cause the marriage to end in divorce and rip the family apart. So to protect your family, you must strengthen your marriage bond with God.

To help strengthen your family and your marriage bond with God, the Knights of Columbus invites you to do the following:

- Come to any mass on the weekend of March 2nd, 2014 to help celebrate Our Marriage Prayer Sunday and to receive a special blessing that will be given to all married couples
- During the 28 days before Our Marriage Prayer Sunday, the website <http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com> will have activities that your family can do each day that will help strengthen your family's relationship and your marital relationship with God

- Say family prayers every night that includes the Our Father, personal Intentions and the Our Marriage Prayer

Our Marriage Prayer can be printed to fit in an 8 x 10 frame that you can hang on the wall. We encourage you to hang the prayer in a location where you can see it every day.

Order Our Marriage Prayer - Prayer Cards for all of the couples in your parish.

<http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Portals/0/Our%20Marriage%20Prayer%20card%20order%202013.pdf>

During your evening family prayers, we encourage holding each other's hands as a symbol of family unity. When it is time to say the Our Marriage Prayer, the husband should take his bride's hands, place them together and wrap his own hands around them. You should then pray these words together.

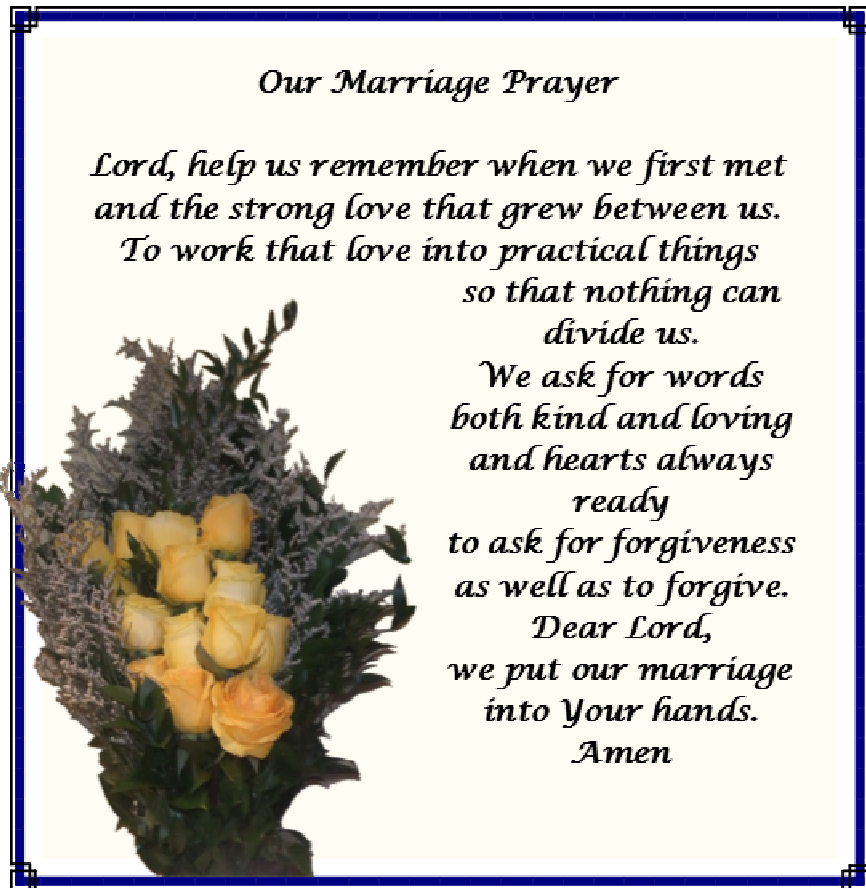
*(State Deputy continued)*

At the December District Deputies meeting, I asked each of the district deputies to go back to their councils and ask the council if they are relevant. Relevant in their community in the project they are help with, relevant in the youth programs the council is running, relevant in council by recruiting new members, relevant in Culture of Life issue and relevant in how the interact with their Church and our church leaders. It has been a couple of month now since the district deputies have asked you this question. I now ask you to let me know how your council is relevant. Just send be an email at [tgenthe@wikofc.com](mailto:tgenthe@wikofc.com), put relevant in the subject like and give me a little update how your council is relevant.

I hope you had a great Valentine's Day and treated the lady in your life to a night out on the town. It is our ladies working beside us or allowing us the time away from our homes that help the Knights do all the work they do within the Church, community, families and with our youth. Thank you ladies for all you do for the Knights of Columbus.

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God Bless, Timothy Genthe



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### ARE YOU READY TO RECRUIT???

February is the shortest month of the year. So in order to be able to accomplish something in it, we need to have a plan. A plan on what to do and how to act with potential members that you are recruiting this month. The items to have ready are where to recruit, members in place to recruit, and a schedule to implement the recruiting process. Let's break these down.

Where to recruit sound easy enough, at church right? But you are limiting the amount of people you can draw from if you recruit just in the back of Church. There should be some kind of recruiting in ALL your programs. There areas in Wisconsin where the area you live in is not always the area you go to church. This is due to a variety of reasons too numerous to mention here. Continue to promote and recruit at Church, but also promote and recruit other places that you know where eligible men are around.

Encourage ALL members to recruit. The more members recruiting, the recruits we can expect. The single man membership team cannot keep the flow of new members coming in to compensate for the amount lost in suspensions and death. Spread the word with every member saying it. This also may help a prospect hear the same message from different people. The more people prospects hear the good works, deeds, and fun things we do, the more they will want to be a part of it.

Have the schedule in place. A schedule of what is suppose to happen helps everyone including the recruit on the steps that need to be done and what needs to happen in the future. From the initial contact of the recruit all the way to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> degrees scheduled. Grand Knights, you can print off a page of your fraternal activity planner, to map out your schedule and have it posted for ALL the members helping the council recruit new members.

Keeping these three items in mind will help guide you and your council in the quick pace you need to have in order to keep up with the **ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH** goal expected by every council.

JON OLSON, STATE MEMBERSHIP

### State of Wisconsin: Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goal	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Ins. Mem-bers	Lost Ins Members	%
Green Bay	300	175	148	84.6%	62	86	26	42	33	49.3
La Crosse	258	150.5	152	101%	124	28	20	68	35	58.9
Madison	270	157.5	105	66.7%	54	51	29	48	23	38.9
Milwaukee	456	266	143	53.8%	86	57	29	44	26	31.4
Superior	144	84	48	57.1%	11	37	30	26	6	33.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>71.5%</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>41.7</b>

	Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status 832	Circle of Honor Net 998	Circle of Honor Net/Net 100	De-ceased Members 477
	1428	596	259	-218	
	41.82%		25.95%	-218%	

From Supreme Council Membership Department: Kortney.Dower@Kofc.Org

We have changed the name of the "BLITZ.". It is now called the "Church Recruitment Drive". Kits are available by using the link to the order form on the following web page.

[www.kofc.org/churchdrive](http://www.kofc.org/churchdrive)

Membership as of 7/1/2013	Current Membership as of 1/1/2014
36,955	36,737

A postcard was mailed to Council Leaders recently urging them to hold a Church Recruitment Drive in March. Thank You.

**Orderwide Church Drive March 15th and 16th** - First Degree Week March 24th - 30th  
 Founders Day Weekend March 29th and 30th Corporate Communion

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



### Message from State Treasurer Ron Faust

Brother Knights,

In the last couple of weeks I have received three questions about the administration of the State Charity Raffle Funds.

1) What is the due date of the Council Charity Request Form?

The date listed on the form, May 1, is correct. That is also the date listed on the FAQs. If you have been told a different date the person who told you is mistaken. Please don't hold it against them! This is new for all of us and it would not be the first time that the written communication did not match the oral communication. Many councils are planning to bring this form with them to the State Convention at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel April 26 in Appleton, where they will turn it in to the State Charity Committee along with their tickets.

2) For what purposes can councils use funds that they receive from the State Charity Raffle? The purposes listed on the form (vocations support (RSVP), disaster relief for individuals, and relief of financial hardship due to accident or illness) seem to be rather narrowly defined.

The purposes listed on the form are the same ones listed in our standing rules as the intentions for the formation of the program. This is the same information furnished to the State Gaming Commission when we apply for our raffle license. Your State Charity Committee holds itself to these intentions for all of the money which it distributes. We are well aware that every council performs corporal acts of mercy far and above what they are able to perform with the money they receive from our State Charity Raffle. For that you have our very sincere admiration. But when it comes to the money you receive from the State Charity Raffle, we ask that you use it according to the publicly stated purposes for which it was raised. Please do not, however, for privacy reasons, list the names of the individuals or families which you help. For example, it is enough to say that you used the money to help families in need in your community.

3) If our council already has access to an account that is used for charitable purposes, and is separate from the one used for our general fund, can we also use that account for the funds received from the State Charity Raffle?

The answer is yes. However, when you file your application please only report on the funds received from the State Charity Raffle. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Faust, State Treasurer

### WHY JOIN THE FOURTH DEGREE?

Old Glory "The Flag of the United State of America". "We Love It and Shall Ever Defend It". The Flag represents freedom, liberty, Patriotism, Our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Fourth Degree Knights act on these principles and what is right and honorable. "How"? By supporting and defending truth in the

public arena. Protecting faith in civic life, such as the American examples of "One Nation Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on currency. Funding, restoring, and serving in Church initiatives and events. Patriotism, the Fourth Principle of our Order is Loyalty to that Principle. Fourth Degree Knights hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable. Fourth Degree Knights are committed to building lives of character.

Patriotism and Pride in one's nation is the driving force behind more than 250,000 Fourth Degree Members in over 2,200 Fourth Degree Assemblies. The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. It is a group of outstanding Sir Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country and our Order. These men are unified in the Fourth Degree when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families and into how we serve our fellow man.

Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood: The Honor Guard is an elective division of the Fourth Degree, whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies, Flag Retirements, wakes/funerals and Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the community. Honor Guard members wear their colors with pride and honor, knowing they represent the best of the Knights of Columbus.

The need for strong role models has never been greater. If the sanctity of life, family values, and true religious freedom are to survive, democratic nations need greater commitment from people of faith. That's what the Fourth Degree Represents. We are the pinnacle of Knighthood. We live, serve and protect the truth.

The Time is Now! If you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, it's time for you to consider reaching even further with your faith. It is time to consider the Fourth Degree. Where/When: April 12, 2014 in Waukesha, WI, Marriott Milwaukee West. Our Honoree is Archbishop Jerome Listeki who will also celebrate the Mass, Bishop David Ricken from the Green Bay Diocese will con-celebrate the Mass. To learn more about the Fourth Degree please contact your local council or visit the state web-site, [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com).

**"Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an Honor.**

Roland Ransom II, Eastern Master



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*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run

Chairman John Sustar: [jsustar@hughes.net](mailto:jsustar@hughes.net)  
<http://www.runningoftherose.org/en/index.html>

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run - One Life, One Rose  
 Wisconsin 8 June - 29 June 2014  
 Second Planning Route and Schedule Guide  
 9 Feb 2014

The Running of the Rose is a huge program. Think of it. Every day from April to December 12th, 6 Silver Roses are being brought to people throughout the United States and Canada and prayers are being offered in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and for her intercession.

I am asking is that you as a District or as a Council take a couple hours to receive the Rose and hold a prayer service.

The prayer service can be at a church or council home. The service must NOT be associated with Mass. There is a prayer brochure. Local councils are responsible for the publicity in their area, conducting the prayer service and transporting the Rose to the next site. The Rose should be welcomed to the next site by officers and 4th Degree. Since the Squires initiated the Silver Rose in 1960, we should try to involve them in this run. The final route and schedule will be developed based on the response. We will develop information articles for the dioceses.

The planning guide map is a way to cover the entire State and to minimize driving distances on snow and ice and in the dark. All councils in the State are part of this run. Please respond as soon as possible. I know it is 3.5 months away, but we need a commitment now. Please let me know if you would love to have the prayer service. Maybe hold a reception and transfer the Rose to the next prayer site the next day.

A week or two before, publish a notice of the event in local church bulletins and newspapers. It is not restricted to Knights. It is not restricted to Catholics. In June we have daylight savings time, allowing more time for a service, unless it snows. You will be required to fill out the log with number of prayer services and people attending. If you use a blue vehicle for transporting, you don't even have to wash off the white salt. The colors are good for our Lady.

Based on the response, the route will start at La Crosse on 9 June, drive to my Council home, hold a prayer service and drive to the Illinois State line on the 29th. The route is flexible. As GK, I would not need a vote in the Council, just inform.

My problem is that Supreme has told me that they want a route plan and a list of local chairman in two weeks (exact date varies with form). Each site needs a local chairman. Supreme wants name, council #, city/jurisdiction, day or cell phone and e-mail address. I also need the exact location of the service (name and address) and estimated time (weekday vs weekend).

It would be super if we covered all five dioceses with 21 sites.

Vivat Jesu, John Sustar, Wisconsin State Rose Chairman  
[jsustar@hughes.net](mailto:jsustar@hughes.net)





## Recruitment Winter Olympics 2014

**Divisions 1 & 2: Recruit more than the other jurisdictions in your division from January 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and take home the gold!**

Winners	Prize	Rules: The top four jurisdictions in each division with the highest percentage of membership intake will be rewarded. <i>The jurisdictions must be Net/Net positive for the three month period to be eligible to win a prize.</i>
	= \$600	
	= \$500	
	= \$400	
	= \$300	

**Grow your earnings while growing your jurisdiction!**

# of Completed Monthly Goals	Total Prize	Rules: Recruit 10% of your membership intake quota each month and your rewards will double with each goal of 10% completed.
1 out of 3	= \$500	
2 out of 3	= \$1,500	
3 out of 3	= \$3,500	

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

"If the family is weak, America is weak. If government policies undermine the family, they undermine America.  
If government grows bigger, the God-given role of the family in the lives of children grows smaller."

Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council

### State Family Coordinator

The Family of the Year Committee has just finished looking at the Family of the Year nominations, for the 2013-2014 Knights of Columbus fraternal year. I want to thank all of those councils that took the time to make Family of the Year selections, and submit Family of the Year nominations.

After speaking to some K. of C. members, I was enlightened to what some members think that a FOY nomination consists of. I was mentioning that they should be making the selection of their council's FOY nomination for 2014-2015 now, today. They commented back to me that they didn't know what the families of their council would be doing for the next year. At that moment, I realized what some of the councils must be thinking. I know that the award is called the Family of the Year, but the information that is placed in the nomination booklet is accomplishments that the family has done during their lifetime. When you are doing a FOY nomination, you are doing a biography on the family you have selected, and are highlighting the achievements these families within the Knights of Columbus, their contributions within their church communities, to the youth, to their family members, and the communities they live in.

I am asking all of you to select a family from your council, for the 2014-2015 K of C Fraternal year, and start the process of gathering information on the achievements of that family. This year there were only 12 nominations from the entire state, and the La Crosse diocese, had the most with 4 nominations. Maybe this coming year, I will spend more time on how to prepare the FOM and FOY nominations. I want to thank you all for participating in the Family programs, and please let me know how I can help make this program, one of the many, that is placed as a priority, in your council.

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

### December Diocesan Families of the Month

<b>Green Bay Diocese</b>	Mike & Kathryn Taylor, Sturgeon Bay, Council 2478 District 4
<b>La Crosse Diocese</b>	David & Lora Zebro, Mosinee, Council 5488 District 28
<b>Madison Diocese</b>	William & Judith Slatter, Janesville, Council 9230 District 49
<b>Milwaukee Archdiocese</b>	Gregory & Sue Goral, Fond du Lac, Council 9685 District 60
<b>Superior Diocese</b>	Randall & Ruth Pfeifer, Hammond Council 7030 District 81

Winners of the Supreme drawing for the Holy Family Plaque for November are:

John & Betty Frawley	Council 1690	Palmyra
Paul & Cleo Wenzel	Council 6759	Somerset
Robert & Coletta Wagner	Council 3924	Cross Plains
Richard & Mary Noe	Council 10243	Green Bay

Winners of the Supreme drawing for the Holy Family Plaque for December are:

Paul & Allison Nevins	Council 974	Chippewa Falls
Terry & Sue Wolfe	Council 1909	Highland
Thomas & Sandra Stein	Council 4735	Denmark
Gary & Ann Northway	Council 5482	Green Bay
Richard & Dorothy Kloes	Council 6926	Lena
Clayton & Emily Kreger	Council 9230	Janesville
Mike & Cindy Carney	Council 10914	Onalaska



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A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

[Ask eligible men to join](#)

Today, we want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus General Agents, we look forward to helping you grow in fraternity in any way that we can.

Fraternally,

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

**Dan Baxter**  
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**Joe Molosky**  
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**Ken Sosnowski**  
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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

*The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.*

### “The True Meaning of Christmas”

Thanks to the combined efforts of dedicated Diocesan Coordinators, District Deputies, Grand Knights/Contest Chairmen, and a multitude of Brother Knights, Ladies, Principals, Teachers and Parents, the 2013-14 Christmas Poster Contest was successful! Please accept my sincere gratitude for a job well done!

Congratulations to these state finalists whose posters will be displayed at the State Convention in Appleton.

Grade 1	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Diocese</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Huba Bodor-Gosztony	Stevens Point	12467 28	LaCrosse
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grace Kleier	Wauwatosa	524 64	Milwaukee
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emelia Tigan	Hudson	1762 81	Superior
Grade 2	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Diocese</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Danica Joyner	Sussex	4240 63	Milwaukee
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mya Anderson	Houlton	1762 81	Superior
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kurt Gerovac	Menomonee Falls	7798 66	Milwaukee
Grade 3	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Diocese</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lily Conley	Fennimore	12644 40	Madison
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ella Orson	Rice Lake	2137 82	Superior
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marissa Cleary	Highland	1909 52	Madison
Grade 4	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Diocese</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jessica Schoettel	Neosho	2689 66	Milwaukee
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evelyn Shepich	Eau Claire	12468 22	LaCrosse
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Madisyn James	Thorp	4634 24	LaCrosse

A gold, silver or bronze medallion has been sent directly to each contestant's home address. Their posters will be returned immediately after the convention. **It is my sincere hope that every effort was made to return all posters that were submitted for judging.**

Failure to use **official identification labels** and **council report forms** added unnecessary complications for our Diocesan Coordinators as they selected their poster contest winners and tabulated the participation totals.

Councils are urged to capitalize on the momentum generated by the Christmas Poster Contest by contacting the participating schools and promoting the Knowledge Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. **Students may compete in both math and spelling at the council level.**

### 2014 KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

#### Diocesan Coordinators

The place, date and times of all Diocesan Contests must be made known to all participating councils so that NO eligible contestants miss their opportunity to compete!

Your Diocesan Contests should be held by March 8, 2014. The date of the State Contest makes this necessary!

1. First and Second Place winners at the Diocesan Level are eligible for ONE event at the State Contest.
2. Each contestant must have a specific TRAVEL CARD with them when they register for the State Contest.
3. Diocesan Coordinators must make sure that their winners have enough time to make travel arrangements for the State Contest.
4. Arrange for alternates if necessary in a timely manner.

#### State Level

I respectfully ask Diocesan Coordinators to send me the names of their First and Second Place Winners and the number of Council Participants at each grade level PROMPTLY!!

By all means use E-mail if you prefer to use a spread sheet instead of the Report Forms. With everyone's cooperation this State Council Youth Program will be a success. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

**EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO KEEP ALL MATERIALS SECURE AT EVERY CONTEST LEVEL!**

Peter J. Schulteis, State Coordinator Poster & Knowledge Contests  
414-355-4094, peterschulteis@att.net

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM WISCONSIN 2014 - BE A FAN OF OPPORTUNITY, MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE**

As of Feb 16th, 2014 we are gaining on our goal of \$100,000.00. We have received thru Council Donations, Tootsie Roll Funds, Recycling, Foundation Grants, Private Donations, and Supreme Council Grants \$78,721.56. This leaves us \$14,426.34 short of the goal. With 2 months left will we make our goal?

I believe that we can. In the words of Special Olympics Athletes *Let me win, but if I can't, let me do my best*" The end of this drive will be at the opening of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus convention, April 26, 2014 before the opening business session. Please do not wait till the last minute to make your donations.

I would encourage all Council's to review what they have donated. Many Council's have met their goal of \$3.00 per member over the 4 year period. Some Council's have exceeded their goal and others have made no donation.

The money is to fund the cost of sending the team to Newark, NJ in June 14 thru June 21, 2014, for the Special Olympics National games. There will be 70-80 athletes and 20-30 coaches taking part.

Remember that the Knights of Columbus Charities is a 501c3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Donations may be made through this.

All checks MUST be written out to *WI Knights of Columbus Charities*."

In order to keep an accurate record, I would ask that all monies be sent to directly to me. Be sure to include your Council number.

John Benisch, KC Special Olympics Coordinator  
4645 State Hwy 80  
Pittsville, WI 54466-9216  
715-884-3197, johnb45@tds.net

### **FORM 4584 PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS - EXTENDED TO Feb 28, 2013**

You will find this in the Council Report Form Booklet. It is very important that this form be filed by ALL Councils by January 31st, 2014 for the 2013 year, extended till Feb 28th. It should be filed even though the Council has not taken part in Special Olympics. We receive a grant from KC Supreme Council each year and the amount is determined by percent of Councils filing, monetary support, volunteers helping, and events attended.

As of Feb 16th, 110 Councils have filed this report indicating \$113,729.00 donated. A very nice figure, but 40 Councils that either made a donation or had recycling income, did not file this form leaving \$8,029.00 not reported to Supreme.

John Benisch, KC Special Olympics Coordinator

### **34 Councils already beyond their 100% Culture of Life goal**

Thirty four (34) councils have already earn their 100% Culture of Life award for the 2013-2014 year. They are: 607, 697, 1612, 1762, 1837, 1964, 2032, 2035, 3562, 4125, 4505, 4520, 4646, 4706, 4831, 4877, 6279, 6508, 6646, 6690, 6764, 6997, 7048, 9385, 10714, 11834, 12183, 12185, 12609, 12677, 12743, 14362, 15090, 15659. The award indicates that the council's members have contributed \$3.50 per member.

The following councils are less than \$100 away from their goal: 499, 614, 1033, 1501, 1558, 1647, 2422, 2689, 2847, 3557, 3924, 4392, 4419, 4614, 4648, 4697, 4807, 4932, 5008, 6436, 6444, 6599, 6630, 6776, 6786, 7030, 7228, 7798, 7848, 8817, 8985, 9078, 9371, 9406, 9438, 10363, 10675, 10715, 10893, 10905, 11884, 12491, 12588, 12621, 12662, 12709, 12738, 12793, 13083, 13702, 13880, 14478, 15276, 15571, 15739.

The fund stands at over \$76,000, a great year so far, thanks primarily to individual knight's personal contributions. It is heart-warming to see so many contributors who understand the need for these funds that provide pregnancy counseling and birth to death education for so many people around the state. While being a sizable amount, it is still only one third of the amount requested per year via the grants submitted.

If you want to know what your council's contribution is to-date and whether they have earned the 100% Culture of Life follow these instructions: Go to this link, [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com); click on Wisconsin Programs; and click on Culture of Life Fund Council Donations about half way down on the left. Then search for your council number. Numbers in black show that you are over your goal, while red numbers show that you are under your goal. If you want to contribute and save more lives, write a check out to "KC Wisconsin State Council" and put "Culture of Life Fund" and your council # (if it is not on the check) in the memo. Mail it to the State Council at 4297 West Beltline Hwy, Madison WI 53711 arriving by 6/30/2014 and we will credit your council.

-Mark Kohls, Director, Culture of Life Committee, Wisconsin State Council





Wisconsin State Council  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**CHARITIES**  
*United in Charity.*

# RAFFLE

1st Prize **\$ 50,000 !**



2nd Prize  
2014 FLHX Harley Street Glide or  
**\$25,000**

3rd Prize  
**\$10,000**

4th & 5th Prize  
**\$5,000**

6<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> Prize • **\$1,000 each**

**Tickets \$5.00 each**

Drawing Held April 26th, 2014 at 7 pm - Radison Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER

October 6, 2013 - January 31, 2015

#### Schedule



<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
	<b>16-Feb-14 through 8-Mar-14</b>	
District 70	District 27	District 83
	<b>9-Mar-14 through 29-Mar-14</b>	
District 69	District 20	District 87
	<b>30-Mar-14 through 26-Apr-14</b>	
District 68	District 44	District 89
	<b>27-Apr-14 through 24-May-14</b>	
District 67	District 5	District 88
	<b>25-May-14 through 14-Jun-14</b>	
District 49	District 10	District 81
	<b>15-Jun-14 through 05-Jul-14</b>	
District 50	District 9	District 21
	<b>6-Jul-14 through 26-Jul-14</b>	
District 48	District 8	District 22
	<b>27-Jul-14 through 16-Aug-14</b>	
District 51	District 7	District 29
	<b>17-Aug-14 through 06-Sep-14</b>	
District 47	District 13	District 25
	<b>7-Sep-14 through 27-Sep-14</b>	
District 42	District 4	District 26
	<b>28-Sep-14 through 18-Oct-14</b>	
District 45	District 12	District 23
	<b>19-Oct-14 through 08-Nov-14</b>	
District 43	District 11	District 46
	<b>9-Nov-14 through 13-Dec-14</b>	
District 52	District 61	District 30
	<b>14-Dec-14 through 10-Jan-15</b>	
District 40	District 62	District 24
	<b>11-Jan-15 through 31-Jan-15</b>	
District 41	District 60	

#### Website

The Wisconsin State Council has a new online presence.



From UKnight: "Since there have been so many councils recently introduced to the UKnight Interactive network for the first time, we have decided to extend the \$150 annual subscription. So while we cannot sustain the price indefinitely, for now we will continue to offer the full UKnight subscription for \$150 per year. This works out to only \$12.50 per month for everything UKnight offers" Find your council by visiting:

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

#### Candidates for State Office

Any Brother of the Wisconsin State Council wishing to announce their candidacy for any State Council Office is invited to participate in a joint mailing to all of the State's Councils.

State Secretary Tim Guski will compile and send the mailing. Your resume and supporting enclosures need to be to SS Guski by March 10th for mailing by March 15th.

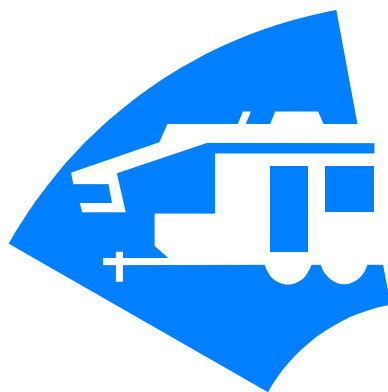
Please, send your documents to: [tguski@chibardun.net](mailto:tguski@chibardun.net) and copy AM Eileen at the State Office: [eripp@wikofc.com](mailto:eripp@wikofc.com)  
Those already submitted to the State Office have been forwarded to SS Guski.

Any question call SS Guski (715)821-5295 or any of the current officers.

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who are evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Albert Einstein



## **Knights of Columbus 2014 State Camporee**

**24<sup>TH</sup> WISCONSIN STATE K OF C CAMPOUT  
JUNE 20, 21 & 22, 2014**

Stoney Creek RV Resort  
50483 Oak Grove Road  
Osseo, Wisconsin 54758

Reservations:  
1-888-349-6399  
1-715-597-2102

Website: [www.stoneycreekrvresort.com](http://www.stoneycreekrvresort.com)  
Email: [stoneycreek@triwest.net](mailto:stoneycreek@triwest.net)

Rates: 2013 rates are as follows, These will be our rates for next years camporee weekend..

	Weekday	Weekend	
Tent site	\$20.00	\$27.00	
Water/ Electric	\$35.00	\$49.00	Reservation deposit is
Water/ Electric/ Sewer	\$37.00	\$51.00	one night fee
Cabins	\$92.00	\$129.00	10% off if paid with Cash or Check.

For additional information contact Camporee Hosts:  
Bill and Elaine Plante at 715-421-1698 or 715-570-0751  
Tom Schmitz, State Camping Chairman 920-923-1215



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2014 Scheduled Degrees:**  
(Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

## First Degrees: *Charity*

### Green Bay

March 11 - 8810 Winneconne  
March 24 - 10243 Green Bay  
April 7 - 11305 Oshkosh  
May 1 - 13083 Redgranite  
June 3 - 614 Oshkosh

### La Crosse

March 3 - 974 Chippewa Falls  
March 17 - 6585 Bloomer  
April 9 - 1257 Eau Claire  
April 14 - 10774 Augusta  
May 5 - 12468 Altoona

### Madison

### Milwaukee

March 11 - 664 Fon du Lac  
March 26 - 11301 Campbellsport  
April 14 - 2035 Port Washington  
May 8 - 1964 West Bend  
May 13 - 664 Fon du Lac  
June 19 - 12621 Lomira  
July 8 - 664 Fon du Lac  
September 9 - 664 Fon du Lac  
November 11 - 664 Fon du Lac

### Superior

## Second Degrees: *Unity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March 14, 2014	11:30am	974	Chippewa Falls	Mark Aebly District 22	(715)874-5574
March 15, 2014	10:30am	664	Fon du Lac	Michael Johnson, District 60	(920)980-9869
March 16, 2014	11:00am	3955	De Pere	Fred Kaminski, District 8	(920)434-4925
June 7, 2014	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Charles Andrychowicz, DD 62	(262)246-4232

## Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March 8, 2014	10:30am	697	Racine	Jim Sisak, District 67	(262)884-9505
March 14, 2014	1:00pm	974	Chippewa Falls	Mark Aebly District 22	(715)874-5574
March 15, 2014	1:00pm	664	Fon du Lac	Michael Johnson, District 60	(920)980-9869
March 16, 2014	1:00pm	3955	De Pere	Fred Kaminski, District 8	(920)434-4925
June 7, 2014	11:00am	3562	Hartland	Charles Andrychowicz, DD 62	(262)246-4232

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



## Fourth Degrees: *Patriotism*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
April 12, 2014	Waukesha	Eastern District	(262) 441-1306
October 25, 2014	Schofield	Western District	(715) 423-0939



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WI State Council Office: Phone: 608-274-5750, Fax: 608-274-8522, Eileen Ripp-Emerson, Administrative Manager, eripp@wikofc.com

# Badger Bulletin



"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord."  
 - Mother Teresa

## RADIATING CHRIST



### ESTO VIR MEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2014

St. Pius X Parish • 500 W Marquette Street • Appleton, WI



Bishop David L. Ricken



Fr. Sammie Maleta



Douglas G. Bushman



Doug Barry, RADIX

Registration begins at 7am; Conference at 8am;  
 Concluding Mass at 4pm with Bishop Ricken!

**\$40 Pre-registrations by Feb 28th (\$50 at the door)**  
 Students: \$10 Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians - Free!

Register online at [www.EstoVir.com](http://www.EstoVir.com)

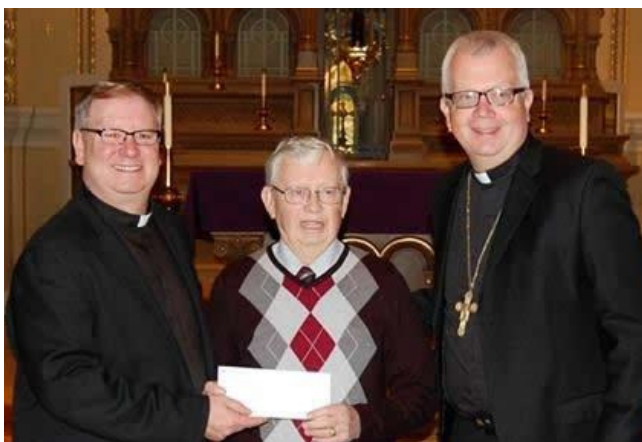
Worthy Brothers of the Diocese of La Crosse,

We are extremely fortunate to have 35 seminarians within our Diocese! That is a fantastic number! However, the chapel that is used by the seminarians in La Crosse can only hold 15..... As Knights, we can help! In order to renovate the chapel—tear down some walls and rebuild to hold 40 with a stone tile floor, new pews and a pipe organ—\$33,000 needs to be raised. While that is a significant amount of money, we can do this! On a per council basis across the Diocese this would amount to \$600. There are 55 councils in the Diocese X \$600 = \$33,000. There will be communications providing additional information you can use to explain the project to your councils and community, as well as some ideas and logistics. We look forward to working on this project with you!

Thank you for all you do as Knights! Let's get this project going!  
 Your brothers in Christ from District 21:

District Deputy John Booth, District Warden Mike Hines, Dennis Marach – Menomonie (Bill Hartung assisting), Greg Weiss – Durand, Lee Hansen – Mondovi, Barry Bagaouette – Ellsworth, Joe Franek – Prescott, Dave Steine – Plum City (sitting in for GK), Mark Alfuth – Elmwood (Joe Schmitt assisting)

Any questions about the fundraising project can be directed to: Mark Alfuth, GK Elmwood Council, 715-772-3237, e-mail address [markalfuth@gmail.com](mailto:markalfuth@gmail.com)



Peter Schulteis and the Knights of Columbus Albert G. Meyer Council #6646 presented a check for \$10,000 to Saint Francis de Sales Seminary in honor of their brother Knight, Bishop Donald Hying. (December 2013)