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Pilgrim Icon

Past Grand Knight Charles Reis of Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 5798 in Reedsville, Wis., reads a Scripture passage during a Pilgrim Icon prayer service sponsored by the council at St. Michael Church in Whitelaw. The council hosted the pilgrim icon of St. Joseph at the parish for a week.



2023 Pulaski Polka Days Parade

Grand Marshal Wayne Wood, and his wife Gina Wood! Former Wisconsin State Council State Secretary Wayne is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4439 in Pulaski. He and Gina have been on the Pulaski Polka Days committee for several decades and served as the parade chairperson for most of his 44-year tenure. Congratulations Wayne and Gina!



Denmark Fruit Sales

Thank you to everyone that purchased peaches and blueberries for the annual Denmark Knights of Columbus Fundraiser! We sold 740 boxes of fruit and 100% of the proceeds benefit the Denmark community and KC efforts.



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

Our Lady's first words to Adele in 1859 were, "I am the Queen of Heaven." Because of this, the Queenship of Mary is a devotion that the National Shrine, hold dear to our hearts. As Pope Pius XII wrote in *Ad Caeli Reginam*, "Mary, Virgin Mother of God, reigns with a mother's solicitude over the entire world, just as she is crowned in heavenly blessedness with the glory of a Queen."

On this feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we strive to bring alive the wondrous virtues of our Heavenly Mother and Queen! Green Bay Fourth Degree Honor Guard participating in the days events.



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'Our Father....'

Brothers Ronald Mancl (left) of Nekoosa/Port Edwards (Wis.) Council 12662 and Mike Mancl of Msgr. Reding Council 1558 in Wisconsin Rapids display matching wooden signs inscribed with the Our Father. The Knights used scroll saws to create the signs, which are now displayed outside the confessionals at their respective parishes.

Western District Fourth Degree
Participating in Wausau Memorial Parade



Western District Honor Guard
Participating in La Crosse Ordination Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse WI.





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Silver Rose - Pastorate XXII/St. James Parish Site

Madison Council 531 along with members of Council 4527 and Bishop William P O'Connor Assembly 1200 Honor Guard participating in the 2023 Silver Rose Prayer Service.



Silver Rose -Sacred Heart Parish

Council #3805 Reedsburg, WI conducted the Silver Rose Ceremony at the Our Lady of Refuge Adoration Chapel, Sacred Heart Church, Reedsburg, WI. The Ceremony was attended by Council members & Parishioners. Honor Guard members from Fr. Bourgmeyer Assembly #1198 participated.



Hello Goodbye"

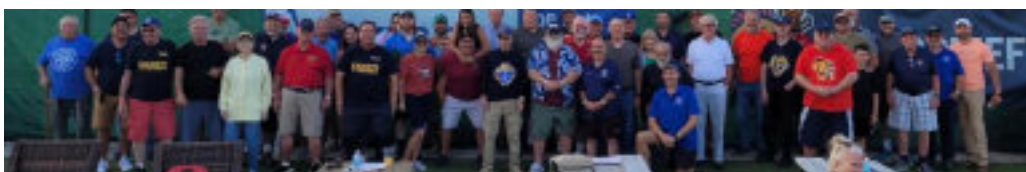
Msgr. Bier Council 10905 Ridgeway-Barneveld "Hello Goodbye" event at Immaculate Conception Church in Barneveld. The Barneveld Area Community Band performed several Beatles songs during the concert in honor of Father Petrica.

After eight years as pastor of St. Bernadette Parish, Father Petrica is retiring. The Ridgeway-Barneveld Knights honored him with a gift of an icon of his patron saint—Father Stephen.





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Take Me Out to the Ballgame

St. John Neumann Council 973 Kenosha Family Knight at the Kenosha Kingfish ballgame



4th of July Parade - Racine, WI

Members of Racine Council 697 featuring Racine Knights of Columbus



Last year's Double Star Council 3562 District 63 is already at **7 new members in July & 70% of Quota !**

MILTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6547 EVENT RAISES RECORD AMOUNT

Annual Drive Fore The Cure Golf Outing Tops \$45,000 For MS

*By Frank Beres
August 21, 2023*

Milton, Wis – On a warm Saturday this past June, 128 golfers along with many other supporters came together at Prairie Woods Golf Course for fun, friendship, and most importantly fundraising. By the end of the day, they had raised a record \$45,531 for the Drive Fore The Cure Golf Outing, sponsored by the Milton Knights of Columbus.

The event typically raises impressive amounts for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Wisconsin. However, this year's donation is more than double that raised in 2022 and is by far the largest amount collected in the event's six year history.

Jim O'Leary has chaired the event since its inception, and his two daughters Heidi and Jill play a large part in making sure it all runs smoothly. Preparation begins five months in advance, with the Milton Knights of Columbus providing help where needed.

"It was an amazing day - a huge thank you to not only the golfers but also the 35 volunteers who came together to benefit such a worthy cause," O'Leary said. "It's very special when so many people can demonstrate such strong support for others."

The driving force behind the golf outing is personal. Initially a Milton Knights of Columbus fundraiser, its focus began to shift after Jim's wife Peggy was diagnosed with MS 10 years ago. At the time, Heidi and Jill were running the annual Milton Mud Run. The family eventually decided to combine efforts and concentrate on one event with funds dedicated to fighting MS. The Drive Fore The Cure golf outing was born, with support from the Milton Knights of Columbus as the main sponsor.

MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. There is currently no cure for MS. Symptoms vary from person to person and range from numbness and tingling to mobility challenges, blindness and paralysis. An estimated one million people live with MS in the United States. Most are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, and it affects women three times more than men.

Peggy passed away in 2023 due to issues unrelated to her illness, yet the O'Leary's are committed to their impressive fundraising efforts. All told, the golf outing

and related activities, such as meat raffles and various auctions, have resulted in more than \$600,000 being donated to the MS Society.

Rob Multerer, National MS Society, Wisconsin president, is grateful for all that has been done. "More than 25,000 people living with MS in Wisconsin are counting on Jim and the O'Leary family as they deliver as much hope as they possibly can" Multerer said. "Each year, I am awe-inspired by the dedication and support provided by Jim and the rest of the O'Leary family. The strides the family helps The National MS Society make in the fight against MS are incredible."

Mike Tracey, Milton Knights of Columbus Grand Knight, says the Drive Fore The Cure Golf Outing is an example of the organization's mission. "Charity is at the heart of our work and faith" Tracey said. "While this event supported the National MS Society, Wisconsin, much of our focus is on our community and neighbors."



Council 6547 Grand Knight Mike Tracey, and Drive Fore The Cure Golf Outing organizers Jim O'Leary and daughter Jill, with a ceremonial check for the MS Society, Wisconsin in the amount of \$45,531.



Food for Families – “Fill the Boat” Food Drive Brookfield Holy Spirit Council 4648

*By Doug Wildes, Grand Knight
August 17, 2023*

Brookfield, Wis – The recent showcase of generosity by the members of Holy Spirit Council 4648 of Brookfield and Parish parishioners was truly inspiring. Through their donations to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry at St. John Vianney, they have made a significant impact on the community.

Their use of the Santa Marie boat to deliver the donations was not only practical but heartwarming. The Council's dedication to making a difference in the lives of those in need was further demonstrated by their combination of the event with their Intellectual Disabilities “Tootsie Roll” fundraiser for two local adult programs.

The Knights of the Council volunteered their time slots through the SignUp Genius program, which is a true testament to their commitment to community service. This event was a reminder of the power of unity and its potential to make a difference in the world.





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On Pilgrimage

Members and their wives of River Falls Council 945 traveled to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse. Spending a day at the shrine and attending Mass the council presented a donation to the shrine.



The Silver Rose Ceremony

Tomah Council 4125 with Fr. Francis Heindl Assembly 1902 Honor Guard sponsored Silver Rose Ceremony was held at Queen of the Apostles Parish (St. Mary's Church) in Tomah on Sunday, July 23, 2023 and incorporated into the 7:30 am Mass. The rosary-centered Ceremony began with a procession by the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, Mass Celebrant Father Matthew Bove, and Grand Knight Tony Foat. Following the Mass, Fr. Matthew led the Rosary in St. Mary's Garden.





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Honoring Superior Diocese Family of the Year



Transfer of the Silver Rose from Wisconsin to Illinois at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Twin Lakes Wisconsin.



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