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WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL



"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"



MAY 2024





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Fr. Bourgmeyer
Assembly #1198



40th Anniversary Celebration of the WI Dells Polish Society

St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

The mass was a beautiful reminder that the Catholic faith transcends language and culture. By responding to the mass with the "Sign of the Cross," standing, sitting, and kneeling, the congregation demonstrated that the mass is truly universal. Attendees came from various areas, including the Milwaukee and Illinois areas, and there were also individuals from the Mary Morning Star convent in Madison, Poland, and a significant number of individuals with Polish ancestry from the WI Dells area. The colorful display of Polish folk costumes and musical instruments, including a variety of

string instruments, horns, and drums, added to the joyous celebration. The Polish are fond of using flags to lead the procession of celebrations, which is a beautiful way to demonstrate unity and pride in their heritage. The beautiful Polish hymns sung during the mass were a reminder of the power of music in bringing people together. After the mass, the social and banquet provided an opportunity for fellowship and community building. Overall, the mass was a beautiful reminder of the power of faith and community to bring people together.

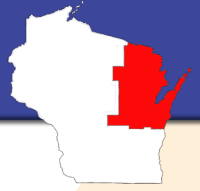
Pictured above are:

(L) Assembly #1198 Honor Guard in attendance; Commander SK Dennis Rose, SK Al Uzzardo, SK Robert Kappel, two attendees of the Mass in Polish costume, SK Bryan Thompson & SK Tom Stodola.

Cover - Fr. Gilbert Carlton Council 9360 in Janesville held a social after Mass on Easter Sunday. Not only did the Easter Bunny pay a visit to the 100 or so attendees, the kids were able to take part in an Easter Egg hunt as well. Brother Knight Sean Quinn (Easter Bunny) wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

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Generous Knights Giving Back

The St. Paul Council 16217 in Combined Locks, Wisconsin is dedicated to giving back to their community through monthly Pancake Breakfasts during the winter, spring, and fall seasons at Vandenberg Hall located in St. Paul Church. The Council's generosity and willingness to support various charities is inspiring. Their recent donation of \$300.00 to the Wisconsin Special Olympics from the breakfast free-will offering and their own donation is a testament to their commitment to making a positive impact. Their previous breakfast donations this year supported St. Joseph Food Program, Feeding America, and St. Paul Parish Catholic Schools initiative.



Showcasing Students Essay Writing Skills

Every year, the Abbot Pennings Council 3955, De Pere, offers seventh and eighth-grade students an opportunity to showcase their essay writing skills. The essays submitted by the students are then entered into the State Council Respect Life Contest, providing them with a chance to win prizes and advance to the state level. This year's essay topic was how to promote and support organizations that aid young mothers, adoption, and respect for life. Grand Knight Richard Porior, read portions of the winning essays and presented monetary awards to the students after Sunday Mass.



Booyah for Vocations

Two councils, Denmark Council 4735 and Prince of Peace Council 16333, came together to make a difference in their community. By selling over 200 gallons of Booyah, they raised funds to support local seminars and inspire others to take action. Their teamwork and dedication show that even small efforts can make a big impact.



Uniting for Good: New Ultrasound Machine for Women's Center

Ten Knights of Columbus councils recently raised over \$17,000 through a massive fundraising effort to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the Options for Women Menomonie. The councils that contributed to this noble cause are Councils 2055 (Menomonie), 6599 (Elmwood), 17459 (Spring Valley), 18057 (Elk Mound/Rock Falls), 6690 (Lake Mills), 3955 (De Pere), 7827 (Woodruff), 5193 (Mondovi), 2422 (Durand), 3562 (Pewaukee), and Assembly 1203 (Durand). Pictured are some of the representatives of these councils.



Plainfield Ultrasound Machine Project

The Plainfield Council 12793 hosted an annual Lenten Italian Fiesta Extravaganza (L.I.F.E) dinner that proved to be a wonderful event, bringing together members and their families. It was a great opportunity to celebrate and give back to the community by supporting the noble cause of the Plainfield Ultrasound Machine project by First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center.



Give Back with a Breakfast Feast in Plover

Plover Council served up a delicious breakfast at St. Bronislava Parish in Plover, featuring buttermilk pancakes, potato pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, juice, and milk. The funds raised from the event went to support various charities in the local area.





College Council

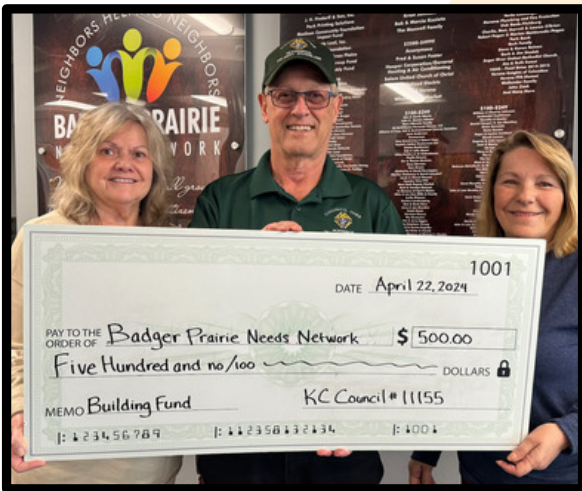
In March, the 2024 Supreme Council College Councils Advisory Board, consisting of seven college knights representing college councils from across the country, came together in New Haven for a weekend of learning, faith, and brotherhood. These men are dedicated to working closely with the Supreme college team and Supreme staff to develop initiatives that will empower college councils to thrive and champion the needs of college knights.

We are proud to announce that one of our officers from UW Madison Council 6568, Worthy Advocate Andrew Hodgson, who joined last year, has been selected to be on the Advisory Board of the Supreme College Councils. He can be seen in the picture, second from the left, in front of St. Mary's Parish. Furthermore, he has been elected as the Chairman of the board by his peers.



Celebrating Contributions to Faith Community

The St. Joseph Church Gala of Gratitude was held to honor the contributions made by the Knights of Columbus Monsignor O'Reilly Council 746 in Baraboo, WI to the faith and education communities of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Baraboo, WI. At the event, the council was awarded the St. Mother Teresa Award. In the picture, from left to right, you can see Fr. Paul Arinze, Parochial Administrator St. Joseph Baraboo, Bob Kappel, Grand Knight of Council 746, and Fr. Luke Powers, Parochial Vicar St. Joseph Baraboo.



Building a Stronger Community Together

Brother Bill Paar's generous presentation of \$500 towards the building fund is a testament to the Verona Knights of Columbus Council's unwavering commitment to supporting their local community. The council's partnership with Badger Prairie Needs Network (BPNN) exemplifies their dedication to helping families in need. The council members and their families' selfless volunteering is an inspiration to us all.



College Council Update

The Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Council #973 donated \$1000 to the Kenosha Achievement Center. Carthage College Knights Kevin Lagunas and Phil Rizzitano present the check to KAC Chief Executive Director Christine Weyker.



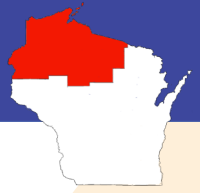
Embrace New Beginnings

Through the Exemplification of new members in the church hall, Saint Peter Parish Council continues to inspire and unite individuals in their spiritual journey.



Council Free Throw Winners

Council 1709 and District winners competed at the 2024 Milwaukee Archdiocesan Free Throw Championship.



Council #2481 Making a Difference Again

Last year, the Knights of Columbus Council #2481 in Ladysmith, WI organized a Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for Special Olympics and Westlake Enterprises. The council members worked tirelessly to distribute Tootsie Rolls at various locations in the area, bringing happiness and making a positive impact on their community. They were able to raise \$4,300 for their cause. This year, the council members are once again working hard to continue their efforts toward supporting their community.



Hudson Knights of Columbus: Bridge Bowlarama Victory

The 17th Annual BRIDGE BOWLARAMA was a remarkable success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Hudson Knights of Columbus Council 1762 in Hudson, WI, along with other generous sponsors, captains, bowlers, and supporters who made it possible. Through their unwavering support, everyone enjoys the festivities and participates in the exciting live auction, making it a truly memorable event.



Alex and Jim: Embracing the Knights' values

In a recent ceremony held at Christ the King Parish, Christ the King Council 16691 warmly welcomes Alex Mendoza and Jim Crawford into the Knights. Their induction is a testament to their commitment to serving their community and upholding the values of the Knights. May their journey be filled with inspiration, purpose, and fulfillment.



In Memory of Pass State Chaplain

Father Robert Cyril Guise, a priest of the Washington Province of Discalced Carmelite Friars, passed away at the age of 92. He entered religious life in 1950 and was ordained in 1959. He served as a hospital chaplain until 1987 and then as Prior and Pastor at Saint Florian Parish in Milwaukee, WI until 1990. He settled at Holy Hill in 1994 and served as Prior for a three-year term. He was also the Archdiocesan of Milwaukee Diocesan Chaplain for many years and served as our Wisconsin State Council Chaplain from 2018-2019.



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- Pictures need to be sent separately **as an attachment** in their original form. Please do not format or edit them in any way. In addition, please provide clearly labeled captions for each picture.
- Article size: 300 words ideal to 600 words max (half-full page)
- Articles need to be submitted a Word document attachment
- PDF submissions are for ads or promotions - not articles
- Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- At a minimum, Who, What, When and Where needs to be in the first paragraph.
- Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and of interest to the entire State Council
 - What is the event/activity about?
 - Whom did it benefit?
 - What was the result?
 - Who are the key players/Knights?
- Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the Editors.
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- Proof your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (use spellcheck).
- Document filename should reflect the Council/Assembly Number/office/title, i.e. *Cover Story Submission_Council2055_MsgrBlecha*.
- Every Dioceses needs to participate – minimum of one page of the Badger Bulletin will be dedicated to each Diocese respectively.
- If a Diocese does not submit content their page will be eliminated from that issue.
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- Cover story photos – in portrait style at least 1mb in size - not formatted or resized.
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