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MARCH 2024





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Holy Spirit Council 4648, Brookfield

On Super Bowl Sunday, the Holy Spirit Council 4648 from Brookfield held the 15th Annual Knights of Columbus PGK Drew Dederich Memorial, which raised a record-breaking amount of \$4,843.19 for the Wisconsin Special Olympics. Drew Dederich's legacy inspired the event, as he noticed the struggles the Special Olympics faced in raising funds for local participants 15 years ago. Drew's oldest daughter, Missy, had greatly benefited from their program, and through the council event, she and other athletes were given the opportunity to participate. The charity check will be presented by Drew's widow, Vickie, and Grand Knight Don, continuing the tradition of kindness and generosity that Drew exemplified.



Front Cover - Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Council #973 shines through as they donate statues of Mary to St. Joseph Lower Campus, with the help of new members Phil Rizzitano and Jake Harvey from the Carthage College Round Table.

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Vinnies Crew

The Menasha Knights of Columbus Council 1838 are leading the way by creating the first "Vinnies Crew" from their local parishes and knights, who are selflessly volunteering at Vinnies Pantry in Neenah. Their unwavering commitment to serving their community is truly inspiring. We express gratitude for their efforts and look forward to seeing more of their positive impact in the future.



ASAP Check Delivery

Through his dedication and commitment, District Deputy Ray Berres delivered yet another ASAP check to The Crossing of Manitowoc County. Belinda Esquinas, Executive Director, and Sue Bryntesen, Development Director, were grateful recipients of this generous contribution.



Our Marriage Prayer Celebration

During Marriage Prayer Week, the De Pere Council 3955 celebrated the sacred bond between a husband, wife, and God. It is through this bond that a strong family foundation is built, and together, they can overcome any challenge. The Knights of Columbus encourages families to take time each day to pray together, strengthening their love and commitment to one another.



Long Time Support

The Hope Center Pantry recently received support from the Knights of Columbus Green Bay Council #617. The group visited the pantry and presented a check to purchase food for those in need who rely on their services.



Baked Goods For Valentain's

The members of Omro/Winneconne Council 8810 spread the love by serving up early Valentine's Day treats to St. Mary's Omro parishioners and showing their unwavering support for the parish through the purchase of baked goods.



Serving the Parish

The members of Saint Pius X Council in Appleton showed their commitment to serving the parishioners by organizing a Pancake and Porky breakfast after the mass at Saint Pius X Parish. The service was exceptional, the food was hearty, and the company was wonderful.



Protecting Life - Knights in Appleton Step Up.

Grand Knight Craig Cummings, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Gehl Council, 7895 in Hortonville, visited Vida Medical Clinic and Support Services to extend their unwavering support through a generous financial donation. This act of kindness is a testament to the Council's commitment to advancing the noble mission of Vida and upholding the values of service and compassion.



Giving Back

Duck Creek Council 6279 in Howard raised \$4,242.84 for the intellectually disabled, divided equally between Syble Hopp School and Aspiro. Syble Hopp School serves disabled children aged 3-21 in Brown County, while Aspiro helps 1,200+ people with disabilities and their families in Green Bay. Council members are proud of the impact they made.



La Crosse Knights Stepping Up

The La Crosse Deanery celebrating Catholic Schools Week, and during the celebration, Worthy State Treasure Ross Larson presented Reverend Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk with the Penny-a-Knight-a-Day check on behalf of Bishop Callahan. Fr. Sebastian was also pleased to receive a donation of \$1,201 in gas cards and cash from the Sentiments for Seminarians collected by La Crosse Knights.



Catholic Schools Week

Richland Center Council 3492 members and their families came together to sponsor a delightful breakfast, marking the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Although they wished for more people to join us for food and fellowship, they felt blessed to have experienced the joy of togetherness and the spirit of community.



Round Table Action

The support from John F. Kennedy Council 1257 Eau Claire was instrumental in making the St. James the Greater Parish Round Table's parish breakfast a resounding success!



Pop Tab Drop

The members of the John F. Kennedy Council 1257 in Eau Claire have been collecting can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. This project was initiated by Bob Link last year, and it has been successful in gathering a decent amount of can tabs. Ronald McDonald House is an organization that provides support to families with children who are battling serious health conditions.



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Hon. James H. Levi Assembly 1216
Stevens Point

Valentines For Veterans

Hon. Judge James H. Levi Assembly 1216 of the Fourth Degree recently delivered heartfelt Valentine's Day cards to the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. The cards, signed by local school children, clergy, and Assembly members, were a beautiful way to express gratitude and appreciation to the Veterans for their service. The children's unique artwork added a special touch to the cards, making them a beautiful and inspiring gesture of kindness and appreciation.



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Milwaukee Growing!

The Mother of Good Parish, situated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently organized an Exemplification Ceremony. The event witnessed several men coming forward to join the Order, showcasing their unwavering commitment to both their community and the parish. These individuals are set to receive the prestigious status of Charter Members of a new council soon to be established in Milwaukee, owing to their dedication and devotion towards the betterment of society.



FIELD OF DREAMS

Grand Knight Evan Schwalbe along with other members of Father Mathias Zervas Council 664 located in Fond du Lac, presented a check for more than \$15,000 to the Miracle League of Fond du Lac. The donation was raised during the council's annual fund drive for people with disabilities. The funds will be utilized to support the Miracle League's baseball field and playground, which are specially designed for children and adults with disabilities. Representatives from Brooke Industries also participated in the event.



New Round Table Formed

The Kenosha Council 973 Carthage College Round Table had its inaugural meeting where young men came together to develop a recruitment plan and marketing strategy for the Carthage College Winter Involvement Fair. The goal was to present themselves as a group of true Catholic gentlemen. Congratulations to the Knights for their efforts, the entire state is proud of them!



YOCAT Bibles Blessed

The Knights of Columbus have generously donated youth Bibles for Confirmation students enrolled in the St. Anthony and St. Mary Faith Formation program. Msgr. blessed the Bibles prior to the classes held last weekend. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Knights for their unwavering support towards our parish community.

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Winners Announced

St. Katharine Drexel School in Beaver Dam recognized the winners of the **Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest for Spelling and Math**. The school expressed its **gratitude** to Beaver Dam Knights of Columbus Council 1837.



Brookfield Knights Give Back

As part of the Knights of Columbus 2023 Intellectual Disabilities promotion Holy Spirit Council 4648 from Brookfield, WI donated a check in the amount of \$1958.00 to St. Coletta of Wisconsin-Grace Landing.



Food Drive

The Fr. John H. Endejan Council #16171 at St. Matthias Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently collected over 622 pounds of food during the parish food drive. Their dedication and hard work have helped provide much-needed assistance to the food pantry at the parish.





Serve our Community's Pregnancy Resource Center

The Supreme Council Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program aims to provide assistance to pregnant women, mothers, and their children who are in need of support. Parishes throughout Wisconsin, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus council, is taking necessary steps to help pregnancy resource centers by providing both material and spiritual assistance. Without our support, these centers would not be able to provide the level of assistance required by the women and children. Recently, Medford Council 1744 presented an ASAP refund check to Abiding Care in Medford as a part of our efforts to support such centers.



Knights of Columbus Free-throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council #6567 in Osceola would like to express their gratitude to all the participants who competed in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. This championship is held every year, and winners move forward to local, district, and jurisdictional competitions. International champions are declared by the international headquarters of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT based on scores from the jurisdiction-level competitions.



Outstanding Family and Knight of the Year

The St. Croix Council 1762 in Hudson recently held their annual Christmas Party and Awards night where they announced the winners of their 2023 Family of the Year and Knight of the Year awards. This year's Family of the Year award went to the Nelson family, specifically Andrew and Joy Nelson. Congratulations to the Nelson family for this well-deserved recognition. Additionally, the Knight of the Year award was given to Ryan Johnson.



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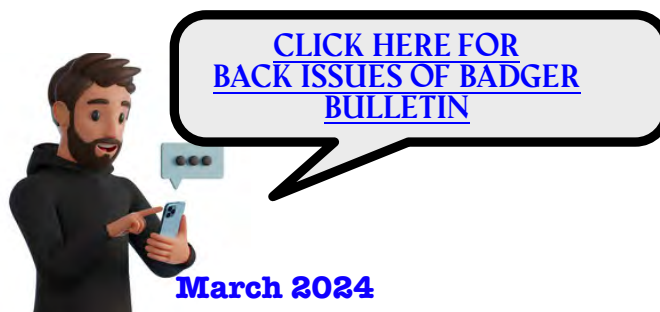


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- Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the Editors.
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