



# Badger Bulletin

WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

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# Coats For Kids Wisconsin



During cold weather, Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the state distribute free winter coats to deserving children as part of their commitment to the community. Recent statistics reveal that a significant percentage of children in America and Canada live in poverty - 18% and 14%, respectively. This unfortunate reality leaves many families unable to afford one of the most necessities of life - a warm winter coat. However, the Knights of Columbus councils' Coats for Kids program has successfully distributed over one million coats to children across the United States and Canada to mitigate this problem.



Over 70 councils organized the distribution of more than 6,800 coats throughout Wisconsin. These distributions were held at various locations across the state to help needy families. For instance, the West Allis Council will hand over 550 coats to needy families in West Allis. One hundred and sixty coats will be distributed at Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy, the only Catholic Elementary School in West Allis.





## Knights Walk for Life

During the recent 40-Day Walk for Life, members of Knights of Columbus Council 710 took part in public demonstrations of support for life. Several members are pictured prior to one of their evening walks.



## We Remember

Council 2478 Sturgeon Bay Memorial Mass  
Council 2478 held a memorial mass for nine departed Knights. Around 30 people attended the mass.



## Combining Forces

Denmark Council 4505 and Prince of Peace Council 16333 members team up to raise funds for local seminaries through 'Booyha for Vocations', a successful annual fundraising event.



## Congratulations to the Councils of District 11 of Calumet County!

Thanks to the financial assistance provided by Council # 5539 of Kiel, Council # 7732 of Hilbert, Council 12393 of New Holstein, and Council # 2556 of Chilton, our Pro-Life Billboard on State Hwy 151 west of Chilton has been given a new life. Brother Knight Herb Bull of Council # 2556 led this project with the help of several Knights and Dan Miller, our State Life Director. The completed billboard looks impressive!



## Congratulations La Crosse Knights

The “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” Charity was recently honored as the recipient of the Mosinee Chamber of Commerce’s nonprofit of the year at their annual appreciation dinner event. Brother Knight Greg Cemke, the Founder of the Charity and his wife Kris, were present to receive this prestigious award.



## Members Celebrating

Holmen Council 9385 Knights celebrated their successful fundraising efforts and drove shuttle golf carts for Freedom Honor Flight participants. Members stepped up where there was a need!



## Diapers, Diapers, Diapers

Through their selfless actions, the members of the George J. Schreier Council 1069 in Wausau have made a meaningful contribution to 'The Neighbor's Place', providing essential supplies to those in need. Their kindness and generosity serve as an inspiration to us all.



## Marshfield Knights Leading Rosary

Marshfield Council 1799 humbly led the Rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at the Marshfield Rosary Rally, grateful for the opportunity to honor Our Lady.



## Men of the Cross Conference

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## Never Forgotten Honor Flight

Assembled in their regalia dress uniforms, the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard await with a sense of honor and purpose the imminent arrival of returning veterans.



## Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction

With devotion in their hearts, Council 2055 Menomonie, WI, and St. Joseph Parish joined hands to conduct a Eucharistic procession and Benediction. The procession commenced from the church, passing through the lively streets of downtown Menomonie and culminated at the Neuman Center on the Stout campus, where a benediction was held. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of around 120 people.

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## Bucky Get's It

Madison St. Joseph Council 4586 and Bucky from UW-Madison teamed up to provide exceptional service at the #1 ranked UW Women's Volleyball Team game, demonstrating the power of collaboration and dedication to creating a memorable experience for all attendees.



## Diocesan PP&K Winners

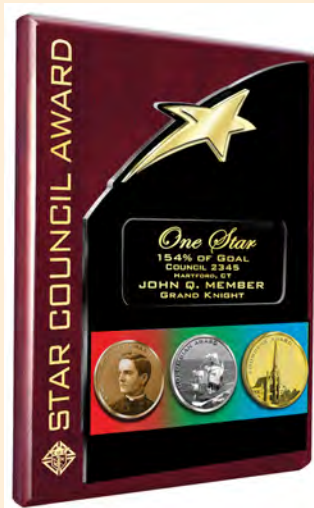


## First in Charity, First in Faith

Representing Baraboo Council 4586, Grand Knight Aaron Raulin inspired hope and joy as he presented 'Tootsie Roll' checks to Madison Area Rehabilitation Center (MARC), Wisconsin Special Olympics, and Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek, each contribution a step towards making a positive impact on the lives of those individuals and communities.



GK Ben Pike receives the STAR Council Award on behalf of his First William and Christian Nellen Council 6371 Waunakee, WI. District Deputy #43 Erik Hayko made the presentation.



DD#42 Dale Emmerton presents the STAR Award to GK Mike Mackesey and FS Mike Shuda at their Council.

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## Oconomowoc Council 2487 Celebrates 100 Years!

The Oconomowoc Council 2487 celebrated their 100 year anniversary on September 16, honoring their service to the Church, Community and Country. The celebration was held at Saint Jerome Parish and Marian Hall, and was attended by 130 people including distinguished guests such as Milwaukee Archdiocese Bishop James Schuerman, who presided over Mass with the Honor Guard, and State Deputy John Huttenhoff, who addressed the attendees. The Council also paid respect to the memory of all the Brother Knights who have passed away, while treasuring the fraternity of their Brothers who are still with them today. They vowed to continue marching forward, being “The Strong Right Arm of the Catholic Church” in the century to come.



## Congratulations Brother John!

Sir Knight John Proko, a true embodiment of dedication and service, was recognized by the Kenosha Knights of Columbus District 67 for his unwavering 70 years of service as a Knight of Columbus. The celebration dinner was graced by the presence of 27 of John’s family members and the Knights and their spouses from the Council, who were inspired by his exemplary commitment to the community.

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### Pancake Breakfast

The Holy Spirit Council 4648 in Brookfield recently organized a fundraising event for ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) to support Life's Connection Women's Support Center in Waukesha and Mukwonago. The event comprised two pancake breakfasts served after Masses, one at St. Dominic and the other at St. John Vianney Parishes. The Knights of the Council prepared homemade blueberry and chocolate pancakes, along with sausages, juice, milk, coffee, and apple sauce for the attendees. The proceeds from the event will be used to purchase "Coats for Kids," which will be donated to Life's Connection for distribution. Additionally, the Council is collecting donations of baby items, mainly diapers.



### Devotion to Mary

With great devotion, All Saints Council 4240 partnered with Saint Anthony and Saint Mary parishes to organize and lead a beautiful Marian and Eucharistic Procession. Following the procession, Council members selflessly provided a brat fry at Saint Mary Parish, where they graciously donated all the food, water, and hot chocolate. Seven council knights worked tirelessly to cook and distribute the food, warming the hearts and souls of all who attended.



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## Knights Go On Retreat

A group of Knights from the Superior Diocese recently attended a spiritual retreat organized at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House. Attending retreats is a way to take a break from our daily routine and focus on reconnecting with God. It offers an opportunity to reflect on the priorities of life and make practical resolutions for self-improvement, which can lead to personal conversion.



## Thank You!

The Father Greene Council 9371 in Almena would like to express their sincere gratitude to the people of the parishes of Almena, Cumberland, and Turtle Lake for their generous donations to our fundraising auction. We would also like to extend our thanks to all the local businesses for their donations. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Ryan Standaert and his team at **GETER GONE AUCTION SERVICES** for their invaluable assistance in organizing the auction and providing us with their warehouse. Thanks to their support, we were able to raise a total of \$9147.00, which will be used to restore the steeple at Sacred Heart Church in Almena. Once again, thank you all for your support. FR. Greene Council 9371, Almena WI.



## Members of River Falls Council Social

The Knights of Columbus organized a social event at the Rush River Brewery, which had a great turnout. The event was filled with fellowship, delicious food, and beverages. We would like to express our gratitude to Scott and Anjenete Conway for coordinating the event. A special thanks to Anjenete for leading us in a beautiful prayer and blessing. This event was attended by members of River Falls Council 4902.



## Faith in Action - Donut Sunday.

Members of River Falls Council 4902 came together with a shared purpose - to put their faith into action. They worked tirelessly to fry and frost donuts for the St. Bridget's parishioners, spreading joy and warmth throughout the community. The early bird brothers - Dave Andrea, Ron Bjork, Roy Plana, and Bob Casey - led the way, working together to heat the oil, mix the batter, and fry the donuts to perfection. Their dedication was matched by brothers Joe Fusilier and Paul Boespflug, who brought a touch of sweetness to the donuts with their expert frosting skills. All those who assisted in selling and fellowship in the hall were a testament to the power of community and faith.



# STATE COUNCIL



This year, the State Council has approved over \$60,000 in Culture of Life Grants. Knights of Columbus members have volunteered close to 48 million hours of service and donated nearly \$154 million to various worthy causes last year. Our Culture of Life Grants are an excellent example of our commitment to our communities. With the ever-growing challenges today, the Knights continue to step up with charity, unity, and fraternity to meet them. Let us all be inspired by the Knights and step into the breach.



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## ◆ Complete ◆ Factual ◆ Accurate

**Answers the Questions:** Who, What, When, Where, Why, How

**Badger Bulletin reports on local and state council activities throughout the entire State of Wisconsin**

- 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.
- Authors must submit on time per the Editor production calendar- **Deadline 1st of each month.**
- Late submissions will be placed farther down the newsletter or not published.
- 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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