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Golfing for a Cause

The Fr. Platta Council 4735 in Denmark recently celebrated their 22nd annual charity golf event, which was a huge success. The council members, golfers, and sponsors worked tirelessly to make the event a success. This year, the council added raffle prizes to the event, which were a great addition and helped raise even more money for the cause. Most of the winnings from the raffle went towards supporting the recipient of the event.

The event was held at Wander Springs Golf Course, which provided a beautiful and challenging course for the golfers. The staff and volunteers at the course were gracious and supportive, going above and beyond to ensure that the event ran smoothly and that the golfers had a great time.

The Denmark Council members continue to inspire with their commitment to choosing a recipient to sponsor each year. This year's recipient was greatly helped by the funds



raised at the event, and the council's dedication to supporting their community is truly admirable



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Fighting for Life

The Richland Center Knights of Columbus Council 3492 presented a \$1000 donation to the Greater Richland Area Cancer Elimination (GRACE) Board of Directors. Pictured from left to right are Board of Director members Joanne Amell, Rob Rynes (GRACE President), Allen Kaszubski, Jo Ann Krulatz, Marge Bisco (GRACE Treasurer), Randy Birkholz (Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight), Leif Carlson, and Sheri Scott.

Giving Thanks

Holmen Council 9385 expressed their gratitude by generously donating to the Holmen XC team, whose help and support were instrumental in the success of the 'Kornfest Fun Run'.



Fire Chief Ryan Ostreng would like to express his gratitude and give a shoutout to Joe LaMere and the Knights of Columbus Father John Rossiter Council #9385 in Holmen, WI for their generous donation of \$250.00 to the Holmen Area Fire Department. The donation was for their assistance in monitoring the Kornfest Fun Run.



Chippewa Falls Council congratulates McKenzie on winning the Jackpot at Friday Night Jackpot BINGO, and thank you all for supporting Knights of Columbus Charities.

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Celebrating Diocesan Family of the Year

Extending our heartfelt congratulations to Christopher and Melissa Schmitt and their family for being selected as the Madison Family of the Year. The Schmitt Family are proud members of St. Norbert Parish in Sauk City. They have been happily married for a decade, and are blessed with three wonderful children, Abigail, Madeline, and Peter.



Soccer Madison Style

The Milton Knights of Columbus Council #6547 organized a local soccer challenge and the winners of this year's competition are pictured here. On the left is Trent Kuczynski, the council program chair, and on the right is KC member Matt Schuh. The first and second place winners from Milton, WI in the boys and girls categories, ages 9-12, are also shown in the picture. Congratulations to all the winners!



Charity Grant

Olivia Grobbel, Director of the Women's Care Center is accepting a check from the State Council of the Knights of Columbus as a grant to help them fund their services. Madison Diocesan Director Rick Raulin is seen presenting the check.





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Kenosha Council 973 Faith in Action

St. Anthony's "Renewal in Christ Mass" was a blessed event. Thanks to Greg Jones, Music Director, and eight altar servers for the beautiful music and mass. The brunch featured many delicious egg dishes, and we appreciate the culinary efforts of several individuals. Many Knights volunteered to make this day of celebration special.



Holy Hill Ushering

Council 7798 Holy Hill Hubertus members continue supporting Holy Hill Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians.



Double Star

The Knights of Columbus, Council 1709 South Milwaukee, WI received the prestigious Knights of Columbus Double Star Council award. The award was presented to Grand Knight Tony Bloom by District Deputy Les Kostyra. The Double Star award is given to those councils who exceed 200% of their goal.





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Mark Scotch and David Pramann set out on a mission to promote adoption by embarking on an 80-mile-a-day bike ride from Lady Smith to Colby, followed by a 70-mile ride from Clover to Toma. Scotch, a nationally recognized advocate for donation, and Pramann, a foster parent for years, aimed to spread the word about adoption and how it can be a great option for those who are struggling to keep an infant or for birth parents who are unable to care for their child.

The Father Dennis Mullen adoption initiative is dedicated to promoting adoption and assisting families with adoption expenses. It was founded on the belief that every child deserves a loving family. Mark got involved with this initiative a year ago when he heard Father Mullen speak at the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Convention in Madison. He thought it would be great to work with Father Mullen and create awareness about his organization that helps people with financial services to adopt.

Pramann, who recently adopted a few of the children that he and his wife were fostering, has a close connection to this cause. They had been providing foster care for almost 20 years, and when a couple of the kids didn't have a better place to go than them, they stepped in.

The twin boys are six years old, and their little sister is not quite three. Pramann says it has been a wonderful experience, and even though he did not envision his retirement looking like this, it gives him a reason to wake up every morning.

Their efforts aimed at spreading awareness about adoption is commendable. The number of children in Wisconsin who are currently looking to be adopted is overwhelming, and the Father Dennis Mullen adoption initiative seeks to help families with adoption expenses. It is inspiring to see people like Scotch and Pramann who selflessly work towards a cause like this, giving children who are in need of a loving family a chance at a better life.





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Knights of Madison Faith in Action

It's truly inspiring to witness the power of faith and unity. On September 14, a multitude of individuals gathered at St. Maria Goretti Church in Madison to pay homage to a relic of St. Jude the Apostle. The event was organized by the Hispanic Ministry Office of the Diocese of Madison and saw Bishop Hying leading a bilingual mass in the evening. The Madison Fourth Degree Assemblies, Councils, and State Officers also participated throughout the day, making it a truly inclusive celebration. It's wonderful to see so many people come together to honor their faith and celebrate the values that unite them.

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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.
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- 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.
- Cover story submissions need to be submitted ahead of the deadline due to special photo editing.
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