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WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL



"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"



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Cor loquitor - “Heart speaks to Heart”

Emil Meindl, Grand Knight for Holman Council 9385, shares a recent success story Council 9385 had been doing. "I am excited to see that the Knights of Columbus started the Cor initiative. And wanted to share with you the story of the 'Band of Brothers' program by the Knights of Columbus in our parish. Three years ago, our council initiated the 'Band of Brothers' night. Our main objective was to create a supportive community of men in the parish who could grow in their faith together. Importantly, it was not necessary to be a Knight to join us.

To begin with, we started holding monthly meetings where we gathered around a fire if weather permitted. During these meetings, we read and discussed the upcoming Sunday readings, delved deeper into the Scriptures and their meaning, and explored issues of faith in our daily lives. We ended each meeting with prayer and time to get to know each other better. Sometimes, after our meetings, we watched the end of the Bucks, Brewers, or Packers game.

Our 'Band of Brothers' program has become an excellent way for our council to invite non-Knights who are interested in learning more about Catholicism. Through these meetings, we have been able to foster a welcoming environment where men can connect and grow together in their faith. We are grateful to our priest, Fr. Jim Weighner, for his leadership and support of our council and for joining us during our Band of Brother nights.

We now meet in the evening on the first Tuesday of the month and in the morning before Mass on the third Friday of the month. We look forward to continuing to grow our community and faith through the 'Band of Brothers' program. to our council and initiated the 'Band of Brothers' night. Our main objective was to create a supportive community of men in the parish who could grow in their faith together. Importantly, it was not necessary to be a Knight to join us.”.

To thrive as a faithful Catholic, every Catholic man needs an active and growing relationship with God, to intentionally invest in his formation and prayer life, and to build friendships that will sharpen him and hold him accountable to a life of holiness and virtue. Cor is designed for this purpose. It exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The name “Cor”, which is Latin for heart, was chosen because our faith, our relationship with God, and our formation begin with and reside in the heart.

To learn more about Cor initiative visit:
kofc.org/cor.

“Faith leads to Charity and the witness of Charity lead to Faith”

- Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain

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St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day

Fort Howard Council 5382 Green Bay and Marquette Assembly Honor Guard participated in celebrating St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day memorial Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Green Bay.



Council Picnic/Potluck

Omro / Winnecone Knights and family enjoying themselves in fellowship and fun (in the form of Bingo!) during their annual Council Picnic/Potluck dinner. Welcoming their newest member, Glen and Chris Bodendofer.



Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

The Fr. Claude Allouez Council 10714 at St. Matthew Parish is dedicated to promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life. In observance of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, the Allouez Knights partnered with the Green Bay Diocese Catholic Charities to remind the community of the support they offer to those in need. The event included various activities and presentations from representatives of Catholic Charities to inform people about resources available to those struggling with mental health issues. It was inspiring to see people of all ages and backgrounds come together to support each other. The event reminded us of the power of community and the importance of being there for one another through life's challenges.



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Marathon Fun Days Parade

Queen of Apostles Council 16280 Marathon partnering with Fr. Casmir Cyher Assembly 2301 in Medford, WI recently participated in this years Marathon City Labor Day Parade, and even though it was scorching, the crowds showed out in bulk.



Father Son Banquet

Annual dinner put on by Fr. McKevitt Council 3492, Richland Center, WI. Great evening of fellowship and awards, spending with other men and their sons to hear a great message from local priests.



Kornfest Jungle Fun Run

Annual fun run sponsored by Fr. John Rossiter Council 9385 in Holmen, WI. The Annual Kornfest Run is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Holmen Knights of Columbus Council 9385, providing help to people in need in the La Crosse, Onalaska, and Holmen Area.



Carnival of Life

Marshfield Council 1799 and Assembly 1219 partnering with Marshfield Assembly 1219 were proud to be one of the sponsors and to be part of the first Carnival of Life. This event was for children to learn about the sanctity of life and to have fun.



Priests for Tomorrow

A large contingent of Council 4125 Knights and Lady Knights attended the Priests for Tomorrow dinner fundraiser at the Waterford Restaurant in La Crosse on Sunday July 30, 2023. Monies raised support the education and formation of seminarians for the Diocese of La Crosse.



Honor Guard Cardinal Burke

On August 5, 2023, Tomah Knights of Columbus Assembly 1902 Fourth Degree Honor Guard served at the Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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2023 Harvest Picnic

St Bronislava Council 13880 - Plover WI



St. Bronislava Council 13880 based in Plover, is dedicated to supporting individuals with special needs. Each year, the council hosts its annual Harvest Picnic, which provides an opportunity for special needs individuals and their families to come together and enjoy a day of fun and festivities.

This year's Harvest Picnic was held at Trzebiatowski Farms, and it was a resounding success. The weather was perfect, and the Farm's beautiful surroundings provided a great backdrop for the event. The Trzebiatowski Family, their friends, and the volunteers went above and beyond to ensure that everyone had a great time.

The Harvest Picnic featured a variety of different activities, including games, music, and delicious food. The special needs individuals who attended the event

were able to participate in games and activities that were tailored to their needs, and they had a wonderful time. The families of the special needs individuals were also able to enjoy the event and connect with other families who face similar challenges.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Trzebiatowski Farms, the Trzebiatowski Family, their friends, and the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making this year's Harvest Picnic a success. Your support and generosity are deeply appreciated, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in supporting special needs individuals and their families in their community.



Punt, Pass and Kick - Plover Style!

The Knights of Columbus council 13880 held their annual Punt, Pass, and Kick competition for Boys and Girls age 8-12, on September 10th.



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Speedway Fun

Madison Council 531 just completed its 50/50 Youth Raffle Season out at Madison International Speedway. Starting in May and running through September Knights, Spouses and even grand kids are out at the track selling raffle tickets to fund our Youth Activities (PP&K, Free-Throw, Knowledge, donations to Catholic schools, ARC Dane County etc). 10-15 people work each of the 4-5 evenings we are able to secure the site.

Where's the Brats?

State Deputy John stopping by to check out the outstanding work Platteville Council 1386 is doing at their Brat Stand.


Warden Job is Never Done!

State Warden Ernie showing off is pancake flipping skills in the Dells!



"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP" CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

The Holy Spirit Council 4648 organized an awe-inspiring retreat that took place at the beautiful Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, WI on September 8th and 9th, 2023. The retreat was attended by 20 men from different parishes, including St. Luke, St. John Vianney, and St. Dominic, as well as members from the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 4648.

Throughout the retreat, the participants delved into thought-provoking discussions on various topics such as sacrifice, fear, grace, personnel locked doors, Eucharist Real Presence, and the Upper Room with the disciples. The Retreat Master, Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, Council Chaplain, and Pastor at St. Mary Catholic Faith Community – Hales Corners, WI, led the discussions and inspired the participants to unlock their potential and discover the mission that awaits on the other side of the door.

The retreat also included a series of spiritual activities such as Stations of the Cross, Confession, Adoration/Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, morning Rosary, and Mass, which left a profound impact on the participants.

The Holy Spirit Council's spirit of generosity and community was also on full display as they raised



\$6,580 to support the operations of the Redemptorist Retreat Center. Fr. Ted Lawson, Director of the Center, was presented with the check, to use where it may be needed the most, in recognition of his remarkable work.

The retreat concluded on a special note with Fr. Aaron praying over and anointing a brother Knight who is going through some medical issues. This experience reminded the participants of the power of faith, brotherhood, and support in difficult times.



Correction Badger Bulletin: August Newsletter

The picture caption from last month's newsletter the Milwaukee Diocese Section about a Kingfish game. It said the Council 973 held a Family night at the Kingfish game was sponsored by District 67 which included Councils 973, 14362, 16022 & 16765.



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Supporting our Vets

A group of dedicated individuals from Pierce County Veterans and River Falls Council 4902 came together to showcase the important work they do in support of veterans in the Pierce County area. During the event, the Veterans shared information about their annual golf tournament, which is held in September to raise funds for veterans in need. The Council also contributed to the organization's mission by making a generous donation. Their collaborative efforts serve as an example of the positive impact that can be achieved through community support and teamwork.



Grilling for Charity

State Secretary Miles dropping in on Grand Knight Tim of Bishop Annabring Council 4902 River Falls, WI. Guys grilling up some brats to support their local charities!!! Good stuff guys!! They are hanging out at RJs meats in Hudson!! Go check them out!!!



Pray the Rosary every day!

Christ the King Council 16691 of the Knights of Columbus along with Councils 499 and 7106 from Superior, Wisconsin, brings you a daily Rosary from the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior, Wisconsin. You are invited to pray along with this Rosary. Follow us on Facebook



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The Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus has formed a meaningful partnership with Team Wisconsin Special Olympics to provide support and resources for athletes with disabilities to compete in the National Special Olympic Games. In addition to providing financial assistance, the Knights of Columbus councils have played a significant role in organizing and facilitating various aspects of the program, such as fundraising, meal provision, event coordination, equipment supply, and awards distribution.

Recently, the State Warden Ernie Reinhart, Brother Knights Dan Miller, State Council Special Olympics Coordinator John Benisch, and other members of the organization organized a 'Special Olympics Pancake Breakfast' to demonstrate their unwavering support for Team Wisconsin. The Knights of Columbus have been an integral part of the Special Olympics community, and their contribution has undoubtedly made a positive impact on the lives of numerous athletes and their families.



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

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- PDF submissions are for ads or promotions - not articles
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The Nowak Agency would like to recognize and share our appreciation for the outstanding Summer Month Performances by Derek Kalscheur, Larry London, and Jason Bourget. Summertime can become very busy with Family Vacations and Events and these Gentlemen managed to stand out and serve their fellow Catholic families all the while.

Thank you Gentlemen for your hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus and your fellow Knights and their Families!



★ 9.11 PATRIOT DAY ★

We Remember



Fraternal Benefit Event

Learn more about how you can align
your finances with your faith.

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Date: Sept. 27, 2023 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual Zoom Webinar

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