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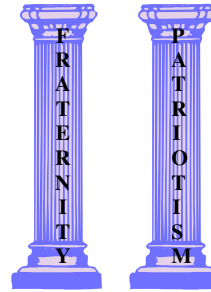
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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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BE NOT AFRAID

January 2014

What is the mission of the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 to provide a means by which Catholic men could:

- Support the Catholic Church,
- Provide financial protection to protect their families, and
- Engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate.

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A Message from State Deputy Timothy L. Genthe

My Brother Knights,

It is my unfortunate duty to notify you that we have lost two brother knights. Past State Deputy Richard Rebman has passed on to his final reward to be with Our Father in Heaven on January 4, 2014. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Richard and keep Janet and their family in your prayers. And Past State Deputy Richard Ammon has passed on to his final reward to be with Our Father in Heaven on January 12, 2014. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Richard and keep Lucy and their family in your prayers. These Brother Knights have had a great impact on the Wisconsin Jurisdiction and will be missed for years to come. May the Lord walk with them on this their final journey.

This is a very busy time of year with forms and reports that are due. One of the most important reports is the Fraternal Activity Report. From this report Supreme gathers information needed to document hours and time councils spend doing charitable work. The IRS would just love to be able to tax organizations like the Knights of Columbus. This report is due by January 31. It is goals of the State Officer team to have every council submit the report of Fraternal Activities. If your council has not submitted their report the State Officer in charge of your diocese will be contacting your District Deputy or the Grand Knight of the council.

The Semiannual Council Audit is due by February 15. Just a reminder to Financial Secretaries and Council Trustees if you have failed to submit an Audit for 2 consecutive periods the Financial Secretary will lose his Supreme Bonding. I surely would never want to be in that predicament.

With the State Convention of the Wisconsin jurisdiction fast approaching, we have some due dates for some award applications that are getting close. The Family of the Year and the Medallion Award applications are due by February 15. The Family applications send to Larry Julson and the Medallion application send to Daniel Hull. Both of these awards are a great honor to the people you have chosen to honor. State Program Director Don Schoenherr is collecting the Supreme Service Award Applications. The deadline date for these applications is March 1.

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TIME TO START THE BLITZ

I am sure the Grand Knights and District Deputies have checked the Fraternal Activity Planner and noticed that there is a order wide Church drive coming up on March 15 and 16. What you say? Why are you talking about a March Church Drive in January? The reason for bringing up the March Drive now is that Preparation is the first step for a successful drive. There is plenty to get organized.

First step is to talk to the parish Priest to see if you can hold the drive on that date. If you are told yes, congratulations on the first step completed. The Priest on board with a drive is a major step in the right direction. Please work with your parish Priest on alternate weekends if you are unable to hold it the drive weekend. Remember you Priest guides your parish and can be the council's best recruiter. See if he would allow someone to speak before mass starts about what the Knight do in your local area. If he says yes or no remember to be polite and thank him for his time.

Next step is to get the members excited about the drive. Promote the drive as a positive activity in your council. Get members that are positive to be at the church about 20 minutes before mass. "Are you a member of the Knights of Columbus?" You should say this while shaking the man's hand. If the man says yes, respond "Thank you for being a Knight" If the man responds no, say "would you like hear more about the benefits of being a Knight?" The phrase is a passive question that the man can respond to quickly. If the man says no, respond "thank you for your time." If the man responds yes, you say "we would like you name and phone to set up a time to talk to you about it. The point is to greet EVERY man into church. S you need enough Knights to handle the crowd and you cannot spend too much time with just one man. About 5 minutes before the start of Mass the person (or persons) that are select-ed to speak before Mass (if allowed) should do their speech. Please keep the speech brief, positive, fun, and informative.

When the crowd thins at the entrance of Mass, group all the contact names and phone numbers and give them to one person.

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(State Deputy continued) Each council should have received your Convention packets. If you have not contact Eileen Ripp-Emerson at the State Office. Remember there are two forms that need to go to the State Office, the Convention Registration Form and the Delegate Registration Form. If your Council is not participating in anything at the convention please submit the forms stating this. Be sure to make your hotel reservation early if you would like to stay at the Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton.

The Wisconsin Jurisdiction has always been a leader in our support of the religious vocations within the order. Once again, we are calling on you to step forward and lead the order. The Supreme Council has set a goal for 4th Degree Assemblies and 3rd Degree Councils of each jurisdiction to raise \$4,000 for the Military Chaplain Scholarship program. Wisconsin can accomplish this goal if each assembly and council would send as little as \$50.00 to the State Office. Please make the checks payable to Knights of Columbus and in the memo area, write; Military Scholarship. With your help I know Wisconsin can be a leader in this worthy cause.

This year as in past years, I have started the year with setting my resolutions for what I would like to change and goals that I would like to accomplish for the New Year. As a council I hope a resolution for your council is to invite more catholic gentlemen to become members of the Knights of Columbus. As we enter the second half of the new fraternal year Wisconsin is in fair shape. We are at little better than thirty per cent of our membership goal for the year. The sad part of that is there are 134 councils that have yet to bring in a member this year. **“ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH”**

I want to thank the councils that are actively recruiting. If your council needs help with recruitment contact your Diocesan Membership Coordinator or the State Membership Director Jon Olson.

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God Bless, Timothy Genthe

Diocese	Goal	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Ins. Mem- bers	Lost Ins Members	%
Green Bay	300	150	118	78.7%	45	73	33	35	27	39.3
La Crosse	258	129	96	74.4%	115	-19	24	52	31	37.2
Madison	270	135	85	63.0%	51	34	33	45	22	31.5
Milwaukee	456	228	105	46.1%	73	32	34	39	22	23.0
Superior	144	72	41	56.9%	10	31	31	24	6	28.5
Total	1,428	714	445	62.3%	294	151	155	195	108	31.2

	Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status 983	Circle of Honor Net 998	Circle of Honor Net/Net 100	De- ceased Members 361
	1428	445	151	-210	361
		31.23%	15.13%	-210%	

(Membership continued)

The man needs to make sure someone contacts them to setup a time convenient to the prospect to either come somewhere or have the recruiter go to the prospect's house. The recruiter can be a Field Agent or a positive minded and easy to talk to Knight. The talk (either at a open house or at the prospects house) should be positive, informative, and laid back in style. If you do have a open house, please have some food and drink available there.

Member- ship as of	Current Member- ship as of
7/1/2013	1/1/2014
36,955	36,745

When the talk is done and if they are willing to join, Have the form 100 there and collect the dues. You should also know when the PRESCHEDULED first degree is and when you or another Knight is going to pick him up to go to it.

The first degree should be done less than 2 week after the church drive. The degree should be done professionally and with great pride. Have members that do not have a role in the first degree be a spectator. After the degree, thank the new member for coming and inform him when the next meeting is. Also inform him what and when is the next activity that he could volunteer at. Always try to keep a new member active and informed on activities and upcoming degrees he could take to advance to full knighthood. So after going through this you can now understand why we need to start to organize and get thing together for your upcoming Blitz. I hope you take action now and you can look toward having

ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH

and we can **BE NOT AFRAID** to recruit.

Fraternally

Jon Olson, State Membership

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Message from State Treasurer Ron Faust

Brother Knights,

When it comes to evangelizing through Charity, as usual, you are way out in front setting the bar very high. For that I thank you and I am happy to serve you in some small way to protect our sterling record of Charity. In that regard I will focus the main of this month's article on best practices for the administration of Charity funds; but first a word about per-capita dues.

As of this writing 43 councils, approximately 15% of our number, have not remitted payment for the per-capita dues billing they received in October. Please, if you are reading this, verify that your Council is current. Thank you!

Now let us move on to talk about those Charity funds. It is interesting that we have the then Supreme Treasurer, Logan T. Ludwig, who is now the Deputy Supreme Knight, issuing standards for the administration of Charity funds at the same time that we find ourselves responding to an audit of our Annual State Charity Raffle. Here is what Brother Roger Gorst, Chairman of our Financial Review Committee and Vice President of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., wrote in the November issue of this newsletter regarding those standards issued by Brother Ludwig.

Recently, the Supreme Treasurer, Logan T. Ludwig issued Charitable Giving Accountability Standards. One of them indicates that Knights of Columbus affiliated entities, should distribute at least seventy-five percent of funds dedicated for their purposes. This entity's board of directors are available to consider qualifying grant requests in meeting those needs.

Regarding that audit, by now you have received the new [Council Charity Request Form](#). This form was developed as a response to that audit and is designed to insure that our State Charity Raffle will survive and thrive well into the future. Please, bring your completed form to your State Convention in Appleton and apply for your share of the funds raised. This year, as a commitment to all of you, 65% of the net proceeds raised from the Charity Raffle will be set aside to satisfy the requests you make with the submission of your form. This is up from the 62% of the net that was disbursed to councils from last year's Charity Raffle.

We are licensed by the State of Wisconsin to conduct this raffle to raise funds for the purposes enumerated in our application, and on your request form. The form will be used to verify that the funds are being thus used.

For as long as I can remember, the State Council has been urging all councils to segregate Charity funds in a separate account from their general funds. This "best practice" should be followed to protect the integrity of this vital program.

Finally, listing the balance in their account on the form will help councils to track how well they are following the common sense standards issued by Supreme.

In all Charity,

Ron Faust, Treasurer

WHY JOIN THE FOURTH DEGREE?

Old Glory "The Flag of the United State of America". "We Love It and Shall Ever Defend It". The Flag represents freedom, liberty, Patriotism, Our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Fourth Degree Knights act on these principles and what is right and honorable. "How"? By supporting and defending truth in the public arena. Protecting faith in civic life, such as the American examples of "One Nation Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on currency. Funding, restoring, and serving in Church initiatives and events. Patriotism, the Fourth Principle of our Order is Loyalty to that Principle. Fourth Degree Knights hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable. Fourth Degree Knights are committed to building lives of character.

Patriotism and Pride in one's nation is the driving force behind more than 250,000 Fourth Degree Members in over 2,200 Fourth Degree Assemblies. The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. It is a group of outstanding Sir Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country and our Order. These men are unified in the Fourth Degree when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families and into how we serve our fellow man.

Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood: The Honor Guard is an elective division of the Fourth Degree, whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies, Flag Retirements, wakes/funerals and Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the community. Honor Guard members wear their colors with pride and honor, knowing they represent the best of the Knights of Columbus.

The need for strong role models has never been greater. If the sanctity of life, family values, and true religious freedom are to survive, democratic nations need greater commitment from people of faith. That's what the Fourth Degree Represents. We are the pinnacle of Knighthood. We live, serve and protect the truth.

The Time is Now! If you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, it's time for you to consider reaching even further with your faith. It is time to consider the Fourth Degree. Where/When: April 12, 2014 in Waukesha, WI, Marriott Milwaukee West. Our Honoree is Archbishop Jerome Listeki who will also celebrate the Mass, Bishop David Ricken from the Green Bay Diocese will con-celebrate the Mass. To learn more about the Fourth Degree please contact your local council or visit the state web-site, www.wikofc.com.

"Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an Honor.

Roland Ransom II, Eastern Master

"If the family is weak, America is weak. If government policies undermine the family, they undermine America.
If government grows bigger, the God-given role of the family in the lives of children grows smaller."

Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council

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Family of the Month - Larry Julson, State Coordinator

- Start working now by selecting a family you want to nominate for Family of the Year.
- The FOY nomination deadline is February 15th 2014.
- It takes time to put together a good nomination.
- The State Family of the Year winning nomination is sent to Supreme for consideration for the International Family of the Year award.
- Good families are those that are continuing to do the work of Jesus Christ.
- Nominations should be assembled into binders, up to a 2 or 3 inch size binder.
- Include photos of family members participating in activities.
- The selection committee uses only the information provided to make FOY selections.
- Include letters of recommendation from their Pastor and other Community leaders.
- Involve the family in gathering nomination information, they are the best source.
- Glean scrapbooks for information on selected families.
- Please don't expect the family to fill out and prepare their own nomination.
- Last year one diocese did not participate in the Family of the Year program.
- Last year many nominations consisted of only 2 sheets of paper.
- Take some time in your council meetings to talk about the Family Programs.
- Ask your Family Committee how they are doing on their nominations for Family of the Month and Family of the year.
- Honoring families and publicizing who they are and what they do will encourage other families to become Knights of Columbus families.

Thank You to all the councils who have been submitting nominations for Family of the Month, and Family of the Year.

December Diocesan Families of the Month

Green Bay Diocese	Marvin & Robyn Krall, Two Rivers, Council 1957 District 12
La Crosse Diocese	Gerald & Mary Zulsdorff, Tomah, Council 4125 District 23
Madison Diocese	Mitch & Sandy Maier, Prairie du Sac, Council 3099 District 43
Milwaukee Archdiocese	Alan & Janet Feucht, Waupun, Council 4897 District 71
Superior Diocese	Robert & Jackie Aune, Hammond Council 7030 District 81

If there are any questions you can contact me at LLAMM@trivest.net or Larry Julson
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A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

Insurance check-up for 2014



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Where did 2013 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

We hope you and your family had a great finish to 2013. Now, the first month of 2014 is speeding by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. We've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. We don't know exactly how this works, but we've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. We recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and we should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with us, your professional Knights of Columbus Agents, and we'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did we mention our check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call us today.

Faternally,

The Supreme Council Insurance General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin;

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Ed Knolmayer
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Ken Sosnowski
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS - TEAM WISCONSIN 2014 BE A FAN OF OPPORTUNITY, MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

As of Jan 10th, 2014 we are gaining on our goal of \$100,000.00. We have received thru Council Donations, Tootsie Roll Funds, Recycling, Foundation Grants, Private Donations, and Supreme Council Grants \$78,721.56. This leaves us \$21,278.44 short of the goal. The end of this drive will be at the opening of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus convention, April 26, 2014 before the opening business session.

I would encourage all Council's to review what they have donated. Many Council's have met their goal of \$3.00 per member over the 4 year period. Some Council's have exceeded their goal and others have made no donation.

The money is to fund the cost of sending the team to Newark, NJ in June 14 thru June 21, 2014, for the Special Olympics National games. There will be 70-80 athletes and 20-30 coaches taking part.

There are many ways in which Councils can raise these funds.

Councils in strong financial position could take from the general fund.

Council Charity Fund monies can be used.

Council could host a fund raising event, Bingo, Card Party, Car Wash, Dinner, Raffle, Brat Fry, Breakfast, etc.

Contacting members directly for donations. Have an announcement in council newsletter and Church bulletins.

Contacting local businesses for donations.

Applying to Foundations for grants.

or by any other means that you can think of.

Remember that the Knights of Columbus Charities is a 501c3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Donations may be made through this.

All checks **MUST** be written out to "WI Knights of Columbus Charities".

In order to keep an accurate record, I would ask that all monies be sent to directly to me. Be sure to include your Council number.

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RECYCLING FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

We have been recycling cell phones, ink jet cartridges, and toner cartridges since 2005. To date our efforts have raised \$15,439.15 since starting. In 2013 51 Council's took part and we received \$2757.33 for our efforts. This is a very easy program to run. All I need is a Council name and address for who is in charge and if they want to take part in all 3 items or only 1 or 2. Boxes will be sent to him and will have prepaid UPS shipping labels on. When a box is filled, pack securely to prevent damage, and take to a UPS pickup site.

Grand Knights of participating Council's received a card from me in late December with amounts for 2013 listed. Please include this on Form 4584 when filling in that report.

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FORM 4584

PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

You will find this in the Council Report Form Booklet. It is very important that this form be filed by **ALL** Councils by January 31st, 2014 for the 2013 year. It should be filed even though the Council has not taken part in Special Olympics. We receive a grant from KC Supreme Council each year and the amount is determined by percent of Councils filing, monetary support, volunteers helping, and events attended. Council's that made donations to Team Wisconsin, had recycling income, or other monies donated received a card from me to the Grand Knight in late December as to what I showed for them. Please add any other amounts that may have been made locally to this figure when filling out the report.

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The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

2014 KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

Council Level

Council Knowledge Contests should be completed by February 8th and the First Place winners and the number of participants at each grade level must be submitted to the Diocesan Coordinators promptly!

1. "Double" winners in Math, Spelling or Free Throw Shooting must choose ONE event at the Diocesan level.
2. Winners advancing to the Diocesan Contest must be given a TRAVEL CARD to be shown at the registration table and to be used to gain admission to the contest room. The cards are to be collected after the contestants have filled out the cover page of the contest booklet.
3. TRAVEL CARDS must be filled out COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY!
4. Efforts should be made to send an alternate (the 2nd Place winner) if the 1st Place winner opts out of the Diocesan Contest.
5. Each participating council is responsible for awards – the State Council provides medallions for the Diocesan and State winners.

Diocesan Coordinators

The place, date and times of all Diocesan Contests must be made known to all participating councils so that NO eligible contestants miss their opportunity to compete!

Your Diocesan Contests should be held by March 8, 2014. The date of the State Contest makes this necessary!

1. First and Second Place winners at the Diocesan Level are eligible for ONE event at the State Contest.
2. Each contestant must have a specific TRAVEL CARD with them when they register for the State Contest.
3. Diocesan Coordinators must make sure that their winners have enough time to make travel arrangements for the State Contest.
4. Arrange for alternates if necessary in a timely manner.

State Level

I respectfully ask Diocesan Coordinators to send me the names of their First and Second Place Winners and the number of Council Participants at each grade level PROMPTLY!!

By all means use E-mail if you prefer to use a spread sheet instead of the Report Forms. With everyone's cooperation this State Council Youth Program will be a success. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO KEEP ALL MATERIALS SECURE AT EVERY CONTEST LEVEL!





Peter J. Schulteis, Knowledge Contest Coordinator
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Recruitment Winter Olympics 2014

Divisions 1 & 2: Recruit more than the other jurisdictions in your division from January 1st - March 31st, 2014 and take home the gold!

Winners Prize

	= \$600
	= \$500
	= \$400
	= \$300

Rules: The top four jurisdictions in each division with the highest percentage of membership intake will be rewarded. *The jurisdictions must be Net/Net positive for the three month period to be eligible to win a prize.*

Grow your earnings while growing your jurisdiction!

# of Completed Monthly Goals	Total Prize
1 out of 3	= \$500
2 out of 3	= \$1,500
3 out of 3	= \$3,500

Rules: Recruit 10% of your membership intake quota each month and your rewards will double with each goal of 10% completed.



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE *Patriotic degree of the Order.*

The Western Wisconsin Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Menomonie at Saint Josephs Catholic Church on February 15, 2014.

For more information contact Ronald J. Shymanski, Master West Wisconsin District, (715)423-0939 or e-mail at 3grandsons@solarus.net.

**Fourth Degree Exemplification
St Joseph School Menomonie, WI
Honoree: Area 13 Coordinator Henry T. Althoff III
Saturday, February 15, 2014**

11:00 A.M. Candidates Registration – School Main Entrance
11:00 A.M. Ladies Registration - St Joseph Church Basement
12:30 P.M. Ladies Luncheon/Program – Church basement
12:30 P.M. Men's Exemplification - St Joseph School Gym
4:00 P.M. Holy Mass – St Joseph Church (Parish Mass)
5:30 P.M. Social Hour - St Joseph Church Basement
6:00 P.M. Banquet - St Joseph Church Main Basement
Deadline for Banquet reservations is February 2, 2014

Quality Inn & Suites
(715) 233-1500
Rate: \$65.00 thru 2/2/14

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Resolutions - Gordy Kremer, State Advocate

Resolutions for the 113th Annual Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus Convention

Resolutions are due into the State Advocate by **Feb. 1, 2014**.

Each council can propose a resolution. The resolution must be adopted at the respective council meeting. Then the resolution must be signed and submitted by the Grand Knight to the State Council.

It is through the Resolution Process that the State and Supreme Programs and Bylaws are changed.

Strategies for writing a Resolution

Reference: Robert's Rules in Plain English (Second Edition)

Author: Doris P. Zimmerman

A resolution is a main motion submitted in writing.

A resolution consists of two parts:

The **preamble**, which begins with "Whereas"—providing the reasons and background information for support.

The second part begins with "**resolved**"—containing a motion to be adopted.

Keep the resolution brief and well-written.

Punctuation of a properly written resolution is a high priority. Each clause is written as a paragraph that is punctuated with a semi-colon. No matter how lengthy the resolution is, the only period appears at the end. The first word of each clause in the **preamble** and "That" in the **resolved section** are capitalized.

Acting On A Resolution

The resolves of a resolution are stated (by the presiding officer) and acted upon like any other motion. They are also open to amendment. When it is adopted, the preamble is presented. Presenting the preamble last allows for any amendment of the resolves, which may also require amendment of the preamble.

State Program Coordinator - Don Schoenherr

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! We are on our way into another year, I trust that all of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday with friends and family. Mother Nature has started off the year in a very cold, cruel manner as you all know. I hope you all managed to stay warm.

At this point you should be running or planning to run your Free Throw competition, please remember that 9 year olds have been added to the competition. I did include a sample reporting sheet in your Fall packets that you can use for reporting. Be sure to contact your District Deputy with the winners so that he can get his competition date set up. I am certain that your Diocesan coordinators are busy setting up the Diocesan competition date. The Knowledge contest is also on your slate, there is no District level competition for this event so you will need to find out when the Diocesan Competition will be held.

Keep in mind that a student may not compete in more than one event at the Diocesan or State Level. If they happen to win Free Throw, Math and Spelling at the Council/District levels you will have to have them select which event they want to participate in at the Diocesan level and arrange with alternates for the other events.

We are tentatively planning the State Competition for these events at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids on March 22 but this is subject to change.

I trust all of you are active in promoting the sale of our State Charity Raffle Tickets. This fundraiser is a very important event in seeking funds for those in need over the year. Keep in mind that the Second Chance portion no longer exists due to the ruling from the State of Wisconsin.

History books are required in order for your council to qualify for the State Complete Council award. It is a great record of your Council's activities and a good marketing tool for your membership. These are due shortly so please complete them and get them to your District Deputy.

The State Convention is just around the corner once again. As you know we are returning to Appleton at the Paper Valley Hotel. This event gives your council an opportunity to meet with Brother Knights around the state and celebrate the successes of our organization. Please plan on attending. It is an election year and we need your input in the selection of our State Officers for the next two years.

Each year councils contact me after the awards for Complete Council are presented as to why their council did not receive the award. Typically the answer is that your council's activities were not reported to anyone so no record exists to give credit to your council. Each of you has received copies of the award's requirements in your packets. Please review it and report which items were completed to your District Deputy. He will forward it on to the Diocesan Program Coordinator and they in turn forward it on to me. We certainly want to award this to your council but we need to receive the information in order to do so.

These cold months tax the budget of everyone, please assist your local food pantries in any way you can to ensure that food is available to those in need.

Vivat Jesus,

Don Schoenherr, State Program Director



Wisconsin State Council
Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

RAFFLE

1st Prize **\$ 50,000 !**



2nd Prize
2014 FLHX Harley Street Glide or
\$25,000

3rd Prize
\$10,000

4th & 5th Prize
\$5,000

6th thru 25th Prize • **\$1,000 each**

Tickets \$5.00 each

Drawing Held April 26th, 2014 at 7 pm - Radison Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI

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World Marriage Day Second Sunday in February Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org) has put emphasis on the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony through the "foryourmarriage.org" website. Worldwide Marriage Encounter also offers several suggestions for celebrating World Marriage Day on the World Marriage Day website. Please review the information on the site and use whatever fits your needs. Download your World Marriage Day Clergy/Family Life Package and the Celebration Planning Package. All will provide help and ideas for you at wmd.wwme.org

Our Marriage Prayer Sunday - March 2nd, 2014

The Knights of Columbus cares about your marriage and your family.

We believe the foundation of the family is the marriage bond between the mother, father and God. If you have a strong marriage bond, it will in turn produce a strong family. A strong family in turn, is more capable of enduring the challenges they will face throughout their lives. If the marriage bond is not strong, these challenges can cause the marriage to end in divorce and rip the family apart. So to protect your family, you must strengthen your marriage bond with God.

To help strengthen your family and your marriage bond with God, the Knights of Columbus invites you to do the following:

- Come to any mass on the weekend of March 2nd, 2014 to help celebrate Our Marriage Prayer Sunday and to receive a special blessing that will be given to all married couples
- During the 28 days before Our Marriage Prayer Sunday, the website <http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com> will have activities that your family can do each day that will help strengthen your family's relationship and your marital relationship with God
- Say family prayers every night that includes the Our Father, personal Intentions and the Our Marriage Prayer

Our Marriage Prayer can be printed to fit in an 8 x 10 frame that you can hang on the wall. We encourage you to hang the prayer in a location where you can see it every day.

Order Our Marriage Prayer - Prayer Cards for all of the couples in your parish. (Form on next page)

During your evening family prayers, we encourage holding each other's hands as a symbol of family unity. When it is time to say the Our Marriage Prayer, the husband should take his bride's hands, place them together and wrap his own hands around them. You should then pray these words together.

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us.*

*To work that Love into practical things
so that nothing can divide us.*

*We ask for words both kind and loving
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness
as well as to forgive.*

Dear Lord, we place our marriage into Your hands.

Amen



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Marian Prayer Program

Local councils are asked to sponsor prayer services in parish churches and other locations before sending the image to a neighboring councils. Contact your District Deputy to schedule your Marian Prayer Program.



- Each image will come in a specially designed carrying case, which will allow the image to be safely transported throughout the jurisdiction
- Inside the case will be a log book for that image. Each time a council conducts a prayer service, the number of attendees should be noted in the log book.
- Throughout the program, the State Warden will periodically ask for updates on the number of services and the number of attendees...these completed log books will be the only means to access that information.
- A supply of Immaculate Conception Prayer Books and Immaculate Conception Prayer Cards for each image will be provided. These will come in a sturdy plastic briefcase, again to allow safe transportation throughout the jurisdiction. Supreme has also post electronic versions of these books and cards to the Order's web site at www.kofc.org. These supplies will not last the duration of the program, you'll be able to **order additional quantities at any time through our State Warden...** please allow about two weeks for delivery.

Listed in the next column is the schedule for districts which will be hosting the icon in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction.

Contact **State Warden Jack Wrbanich** (920-246-4281 or 920-465-3485) email: jwrbanich@wikofc.com if you have any questions.

Website

The Wisconsin State Council has a new online presence.



From UKnight: "Since there have been so many councils recently introduced to the UKnight Interactive network for the first time, we have decided to extend the \$150 annual subscription. So while we cannot sustain the price indefinitely, for now we will continue to offer the full UKnight subscription for \$150 per year. This works out to only \$12.50 per month for everything UKnight offers" Find your council by visiting:

<http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/?CN=US&ST=WI>

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER

October 6, 2013 - January 31, 2015

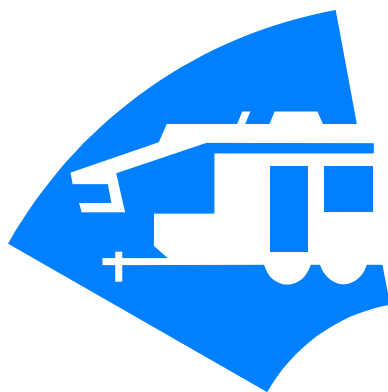
Schedule

<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
26-Jan-14	through	15-Feb-14
District 63	District 28	District 91
16-Feb-14	through	8-Mar-14
District 70	District 27	District 83
9-Mar-14	through	29-Mar-14
District 69	District 20	District 87
30-Mar-14	through	26-Apr-14
District 68	District 44	District 89
27-Apr-14	through	24-May-14
District 67	District 5	District 88
25-May-14	through	14-Jun-14
District 49	District 10	District 81
15-Jun-14	through	05-Jul-14
District 50	District 9	District 21
6-Jul-14	through	26-Jul-14
District 48	District 8	District 22
27-Jul-14	through	16-Aug-14
District 51	District 7	District 29
17-Aug-14	through	06-Sep-14
District 47	District 13	District 25
7-Sep-14	through	27-Sep-14
District 42	District 4	District 26
28-Sep-14	through	18-Oct-14
District 45	District 12	District 23
19-Oct-14	through	08-Nov-14
District 43	District 11	District 46
9-Nov-14	through	13-Dec-14
District 52	District 61	District 30
14-Dec-14	through	10-Jan-15
District 40	District 62	District 24
11-Jan-15	through	31-Jan-15
District 41	District 60	

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who are evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Albert Einstein



Knights of Columbus 2014 State Camporee

**24TH WISCONSIN STATE K OF C CAMPOUT
JUNE 20, 21 & 22, 2014**

Stoney Creek RV Resort
50483 Oak Grove Road
Osseo, Wisconsin 54758

Reservations:
1-888-349-6399
1-715-597-2102

Website: www.stoneycreekrvresort.com
Email: stoneycreek@triwest.net

For additional information contact Camporee Hosts:
Bill and Elaine Plante at 715-421-1698 or 715-570-0751
Tom Schmitz, State Camping Chairman 920-923-1215

Rates:

2013 rates are as follows, These will be our rates for next years camporee weekend..

	Weekday	Weekend	
Tent site	\$20.00	\$27.00	
Water/ Electric	\$35.00	\$49.00	Reservation deposit is
Water/ Electric/ Sewer	\$37.00	\$51.00	one night fee
Cabins	\$92.00	\$129.00	10% off if paid with Cash or Check.

We will have more information for you in a January mailing.

Bill and Elaine Plante



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2014 Scheduled Degrees:
 (Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

First Degrees: *Charity*
Green Bay

Madison

Superior

La Crosse

February 2 - 12468 Altoona
 February 10 - 10774 Augusta
 February 11 - 1257 Eau Claire
 February 12 - 2422 Durand
 March 3 - 974 Chippewa Falls
 March 17 - 6585 Bloomer
 April 9 - 1257 Eau Claire
 April 14 - 10774 Augusta

Milwaukee

February 20 - 12621 Lomira
 March 11 - 664 Fon du Lac
 March 26 - 11301 Campbellsport
 April 14 - 2035 Port Washington
 May 8 - 1964 West Bend
 May 13 - 664 Fon du Lac
 June 19 - 12621 Lomira

Second Degrees: *Unity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
February 9, 2014	1:00pm	10914	Onalaska	Bruce Jerue, District 25	(608)783-1003

Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
February 9, 2014	2:30pm	10914	Onalaska	Bruce Jerue, District 25	(608)783-1003
March 8, 2014	10:30AM	697	Racine	Jim Sisak, District 67	(262)884-9505

To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact PSD Roland Ransom (262) 441-1306



Fourth Degrees: *Patriotism*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
February 15, 2014	St. Joseph, Menomonie	Western District	(715) 423-0939
April 12, 2014	Waukesha	Eastern District	(262) 441-1306
October 25, 2014	Schofield	Western District	(715) 423-0939



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Badger Bulletin



"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord."
 - Mother Teresa

RADIATING CHRIST



ESTO VIR MEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2014

St. Pius X Parish • 500 W Marquette Street • Appleton, WI



Bishop David L. Ricken



Fr. Sammie Maleta



Douglas G. Bushman



Doug Barry, RADIX

Registration begins at 7am; Conference at 8am;
 Concluding Mass at 4pm with Bishop Ricken!

\$40 Pre-registrations by Feb 28th (\$50 at the door)
 Students: \$10 Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians - Free!

Register online at www.EstoVir.com

Worthy Brothers of the Diocese of La Crosse,

The Knights of District 21 would like to invite you, your Councils, and your community to be a part of an important Diocese-wide project. We are extremely fortunate to have 35 seminarians within our Diocese! That is a fantastic number! However, the chapel that is used by the seminarians in La Crosse can only hold 15..... As Knights, we can help! In order to renovate the chapel—tear down some walls and rebuild to hold 40 with a stone tile floor, new pews and a pipe organ—\$33,000 needs to be raised. While that is a significant amount of money, we can do this! On a per council basis across the Diocese this would amount to \$600. There are 55 councils in the Diocese X \$600 = \$33,000. There will be communications providing additional information you can use to explain the project to your councils and community, as well as some ideas and logistics. We look forward to working on this project with you!
 Thank you for all you do as Knights! Let's get this project going!
 Your brothers in Christ from District 21:

District Deputy John Booth, District Warden Mike Hines, Dennis Marach – Menomonie (Bill Hartung assisting), Greg Weiss – Durand, Lee Hansen – Mondovi, Barry Bagaouette – Ellsworth, Joe Franek – Prescott, Dave Steine – Plum City (sitting in for GK), Mark Alfuth – Elmwood (Joe Schmitt assisting)
 Any questions about the fundraising project can be directed to: Mark Alfuth, GK Elmwood Council, 715-772-3237, e-mail address markalfuth@gmail.com



Seminarians of the Diocese of LaCrosse

Council 6599 Elmwood is honored to welcome nine of the thirty-five diocesan seminarians to their Christmas gathering. At left the council is serenaded with their vespers song.