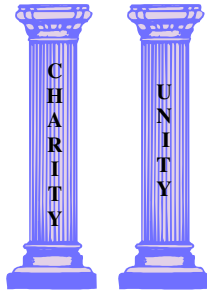




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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



Editor: Timothy J. Guski



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November 2013

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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.



Fr. Michael J. McGivney - Founder

Source: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/questions/1.html>



State Deputy - Tim Genthe

My Brother Knights,
November is always a busy month. In the beginning of the month we have All Saints Day and All Souls Day, along with the ending of Daylight Savings Time on the first Sunday. On the first Tuesday, we had the responsibility as citizens of the great country to exercise our privilege to vote. If we do not vote this privilege may one day be taken away from us, and we as Knights of Columbus and as Catholics never want to take the chance that we may lose this important right. I pray that everyone took the time to form their conscience and voted.

I would like to say thank you to all Veteran and their families. The men and women that defend our Country do a great service for the United State of America. We must never forget the families they leave behind and the uncertainty they experience by not knowing for weeks what harm their loved ones are experiencing. When you meet a veteran, please thank them for their service to our country and keep those that are still serving in our Armed Forces in your prayers, that they will be safe.

We will have the opportunity to meet with family during Thanksgiving. This celebration is a time to give thanks for all that we have received this past year. Mary Jo and I would like to thank you for all the blessing we have received from the councils in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction. We have been able to attend many Landing Banquets throughout the state and have been welcomed at each one of them. The only thing that I wish was that was not able to attend them all because of double commitments on the same day. Thank you for all the work your council does for the Knights of Columbus. I all most forgot the most sacred event in the month of November. May all you deer hunters have a bountiful hunt this year and please be safe while you are hunting.

One way we are able to help our priest is recruiting new members. We need every council to be actively recruiting and as of October 31st, we have 179 councils that have not recruited a new member yet this fraternal year. If your council is looking for help to put on a membership drive, please contact State Membership Coordinator Jon Olson and his team of Diocesan Membership Coordinators will be more than happy to help your council with a membership recruitment drive.

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State Chaplain - Rev. Dennis Mullen



Celebrators of Christmas Need Advent

I am always amazed at what people want, but don't do what is necessary to get it. I want a job, but won't get to work on time. I want more pay, but I won't get the education or skills to advance.

Christmas is a gift package of great joy. For the family, Christmas celebrates family bonds—even to the point of reconciliation. Christmas offers real joy—reaffirming the reality of a divine savior. Christmas offers peace—a peace this world could give and a peace the world cannot give.

Celebrating Christmas is not like walking into a fully stocked department store, where managers have chosen from the world's goods thousands of items which we can easily buy with little effort on our part. To celebrate Christmas in mind and heart, we have to give some time to mind and heart issues.

Advent is the season for looking at mind and heart issues for Christmas.

For instance, we could better equip the mind by learning more about the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke right at the beginning of the Gospels. We could learn more about the Christmas feasts of St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church on the 26th; the feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist on the 27th; the Holy Innocents on the 28th; the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas; Mary Mother of God on January 1st, a day of obligatory observance because of the feast, not because it's New Years; Epiphany January 6th, the celebration of which we have the Sunday after this date. The Church traditions of Christmas are rich with learning and meaning.

We could better equip the heart by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during the Advent season, bringing God's forgiveness to our broken lives. We could consider carefully our family ties, and devise ways to strengthen them, or restore them if necessary. We could move from "obligatory" parties, to meaningful visits with those whom we truly care for. We could wait through Advent and then celebrate a season that begins with Christmas and ends with Epiphany.

However you choose to celebrate Advent and Christmas, as ever I wish you Peace Always.

Fr. Dennis Mullen

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MEMBERSHIP - Jon Olson, State Membership Director "One Member, Per Council, Per Month"

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	100	66	66.0%	40	26	19	19	17	22.0
La Crosse	258	86	55	64.0%	65	-10	29	29	22	21.3
Madison	270	90	51	56.7%	42	9	37	37	17	18.9
Milwaukee	456	152	67	44.1%	67	0	23	23	12	14.7
Superior	144	48	27	56.3%	6	21	14	14	4	18.8
Total	1,428	476	266	55.9%	220	46	179	122	72	18.6

	Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status 1162	Circle of Honor Net 998	Circle of Honor Net/Net 100	De- ceased Members 222
	1428	266	46	-176	
	18.67%		4.61%	-176%	

TURNING TO THE POSITIVE

Yes my brother Knights we are in the positive. As of the end of October we have brought in more members than what we have suspended so far this year. Thank you to all recruiters that made this possible. We have brought in 266 new members this year so far. We have suspended 220 members. So if we were only concerned about those two numbers we would be doing well. However there is another number that is taking away our growth in membership. The amount of

Member- ship as of 7/1/2013	Current Member- ship as of 10/1/2013
36,955	36,779

deaths of our order is also a number that takes away members of our order. We have lost 222 members to death so far this year. Death of a member is nothing we can control. However we can control the amount of members in our councils to keep active members coming in and making an impact into our local communities. With all of us using ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH as our guide, we can overcome these loses and grow the order and grow the activities that are needed in our local areas.

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(State Deputy - continued) Another resource for your council is the Knights of Columbus General Agents. Ken Sosnowski, Joseph Molosky, Edmund Knolmayer, Daniel Baxter and their teams of Field Agents are trained in recruitment. Both the State/Diocesan Membership Team and General and Field Agents want your council to be successful, not only in recruiting but also in the program- ing your council runs in your parish, community, schools and with the youth. These programs may be successful today, but what about tomorrow? If we do not grow our membership these programs may not have the manpower to help all those who are in need.

I would like to thank the councils that have recruited new members for the "Fall Harvest Membership Incentive". The Wisconsin jurisdiction did not do as well as I would have like to but we had our strongest recruitment month for this fraternal year so far. Our monthly goal is for 119 new members each month and we recruited 103 new members or 87% of our goal. Congratulations to the Superior Diocese who achieved 117% of goal – 14 new members and the Green Bay Diocese was 100% of goal – 25 new members. The dioceses of La Crosse, Madison, and Milwaukee each had their best recruiting month this fraternal year. Madison 98% of goal 22 new members, La Crosse 79% of goal – 17 new members and Milwaukee 66% of goal – 25 new members. Remember **"One Member – Per Council – Per Month"**

On December 7th and 8th we will be holding the Mid-Year District Deputy Meeting. Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and members; when you see your District Deputy this month please bring any questions or concerns to his attention so he can communi- cate them at this meeting. The District Deputy will be contacting councils who have not turned in their 185-365 forms and their council audits. These forms will be collected by the State Officers. As a reminder get your Sentiments for Seminarians to your Dis- trict Deputy. He will bring them to the DD Meeting December 7th and 8th. We will get the items collected to the Diocesan Vocation Director in time for Christmas distribution.

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God Bless

Timothy Genthe, State Deputy

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(Membership continued) The next few months you can earn extra VIP points from now until January 31 with the Supreme "Catch Up" program. Recruit for double points to "catch up to your council's ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH. Remember it is easier to recruit to a scheduled first degree date than to just having a degree when you have a candidate.

BLITZ in REVIEW

According to the fraternal activity planner we were suppose to have an order-wide recruitment drive in October. All District Deputies and Membership Coordinators were asked to get results from this drive. After this was done, I needed to compile this information and send it to the State Deputy by October 31. Then the State deputy had to send this data to the Supreme Program and Membership Consultant by November 1. This report is needed to see a few things. First it is to see how many members each council has gotten in. The other items on the form are Transfers, candidate prospects, member prospects, and when your next first degree is. This information makes it aware on how much help the State, Diocese, District, and Council need in Membership support and information on how vital it is to keep recruiting.

We did not do a very good job in reporting this on time. We have only had about 20% reporting this on time. This is something we need to improve on. We have another order-wide blitz coming up in March. Please keep this in mind and make a special effort to hold a recruitment drive on or before March. The District Deputies will be going through the form and what is needed for the order-wide blitz in March.

Fraternally,

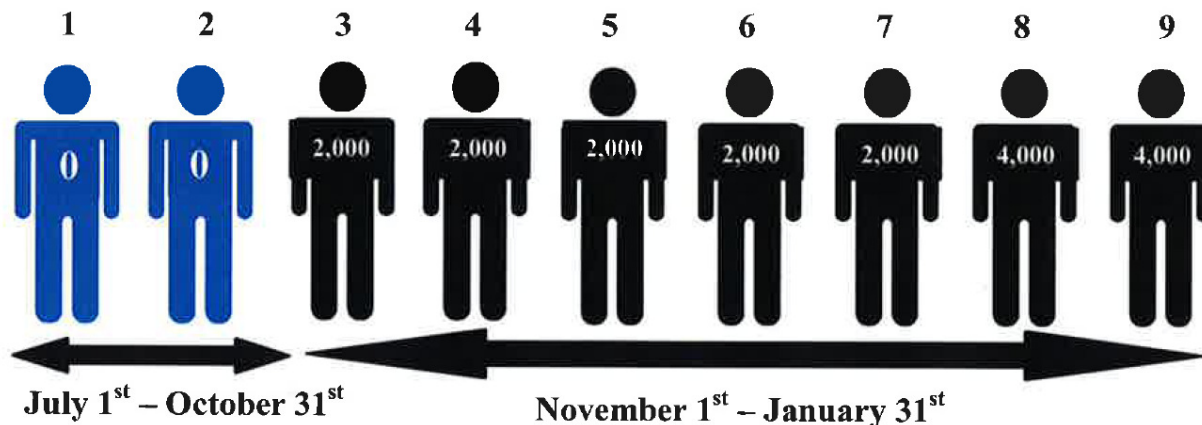
Jon Olson - State Membership

"CATCH UP! --- ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH"

In the months of November, December and January you have the opportunity to "CATCH UP" with our Order-wide goal of "ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH."

In keeping with this goal, by Jan. 31, 2014, your council should have recruited seven new members. If your council recruits at least seven new members (including reactivations, reapplications, readmissions and reinstatements) by Jan. 31st, your council will receive 2,000 points for each member recruited in November, December and January. Furthermore, for each additional member recruited above the seven, your council will receive 4,000 points.

For example, if a council has already recruited two members prior to Nov. 1, 2013 and they end with nine members by Jan. 31, 2014, they will receive 2,000 points X 5 (5 members to get to 7) plus 4,000 points X 2 (2 members above the 7): 10,000 points + 8,000 points, for a total of 18,000 points.



We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to grow your council and at the same time reward your most active recruiters by sharing the VIP points among them. Points can also be redeemed for something your whole council will appreciate; such as BBQ aprons, new flags, officer jewels, or KofC road sign. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Georges Haddad at 203-752- 4250

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Family of the Month Report - Larry Julson, State Coordinator

It seems like it was just yesterday that we were in San Antonio, for the Supreme Convention, watching a great family from Wisconsin receive the International Family of the Year Award. Yes I know we all like to procrastinate a little, but the deadline for the Family of the Year nominations are just around the corner.

There is a Family of the Year selected from each diocese, and one of those is chosen as The Wisconsin Family of the Year. The deadline for the nominations is February 10, 2014. I hope you all have a good time gathering and assembling your council's Family of the Year nomination.

Send all applications to my home address listed at the bottom of this article.

- Start working now by selecting a family you want to nominate for Family of the Year.
- 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.

If there are any questions you can contact me at LLAMM@trivest.net or Larry Julson
N47042 Semingson Rd.
Strum, WI.
54770

October Diocesan Families of the Month

Green Bay Diocese

Edward & Noreen Vanderbloomen, Two Rivers - Council 1957
District 12

La Crosse Diocese

Jack & Patricia Herricks, Cashton - Council 7096 District 23

Madison Diocese

David & Sue Foelker, Sun Prairie - Council 4879 District 51

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Steve & Jennifer Reek, Lennon - Council 10976 District 63

Superior Diocese

John & Amy Hueg, Hammond - Council 7030 District 81

The Wisconsin Family of the Month Winners of the Supreme Council's Drawing for a Holy Family Plaques for September are:

Bradley & Saran Gallenberg, Council 614 - Oshkosh
Kenneth & Pat Annen, Council 3099 - Sauk City
Jeff & Traci Martens, Council 7895 - Hortonville
Eugene & Joan Kapsner, Council 15229 - Cambridge



Councils can receive a print of this Holy Family icon by submitting form #10084 by November 24

Year of Faith - ending November 24th, 2013

Any council completing at least one item in each of the four major areas: Faith Professed, Faith Lived, Faith Celebrated and Faith Prayed, will receive a print of the Holy Family icon. It may be displayed in the council chamber, presented to the council chaplain or given any council member who has been instrumental in promoting the Year of Faith celebration. Councils must submit the Year of Faith Report Form (#10084) by November 24th to:

Year of Faith, Department of Fraternal Services,
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven CT 06510

e-mail to fraternalservices@kofc.org or fax to 203-752-4108

For more information contact
Richard McMunn at 203-752-4686 or richard.mcmunn@kofc.org



Knights of Columbus INSURANCE

YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

The pitfalls of replacing coverage

We all know the old adage, “the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence.” When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That’s why it pays to remember another old saying, “Read the fine print.”

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. We’ll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it’s unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you’ll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you’re older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There’s no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you’ll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call us. We’ll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

Fraternally,

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

Dan Baxter
608-348-3360

Ed Knolmayer
715-425-0773

Joe Molosky
715-938-5632

Ken Sosnowski
262-242-3350

State Treasurer - Ron Faust

Council Liability Insurance

Following up on last month’s article, for the protection of your council and your Brother Knights, I remind you that it is necessary that each council carry liability insurance. The amount to carry will vary and should be discussed with your insurance agent. At a minimum you will need to carry enough to satisfy the requirements set forth by each Diocese for any and all users of Church property.



There are several ways to procure the needed coverage. Here are three options that your council might look into for acquiring the needed liability coverage.

First, a former DD from the LaCrosse Diocese has written:

Brother Knights,

I thought you might be interested in something I initiated in an effort to help cut expenses for our councils in District 26. This is especially helpful for smaller councils where a \$300.00 insurance bill can cut pretty deeply into the general account.

*I called a couple of the local insurance agents and pitched the idea of one liability policy for all the councils in our district. I got a positive response from **Rural Insurance** and ended up talking to the underwriter over the phone. All I had to do was collect some information for her. She needed to know the number of members in each council and what activities were undertaken by each council in a calendar year. We now have a liability policy that costs each of our four councils \$115.00 per year as opposed to the 300 plus that they were paying.*

Second, here is a link to SA Van Dyke, a supplier of liability insurance to many councils in Wisconsin.

http://www.savandyk.com/knights%20of%20columbus%20index_rev1.htm

Third, here is a link to Richards Insurance Agency, the supplier to the State Council and to several councils in Wisconsin. Your local agent may be able to do the same.

<http://www.richardsinsurance.com/core/index.aspx>

Switching gears, a note about **DUES, DUES, DUES!!** Council dues notices were sent October 1 and now second notices have been sent. Please, if you haven’t already done so, pay your council dues to the state council. Just as your council depends on the timely collection of dues to operate your worthy programs, so too does the state council.

Fraternally,

Ron Faust, State Treasurer

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State Programs Director/Youth Development - Don Schoenherr

Brother Knights,

I hope this message finds you well and preparing for the onslaught of winter. Winter is on its way so it seems. . Now that the fall events are over, you should have your reports for PP&K, Soccer Challenge and Right to Life Essay in. Remember if we do not know your council ran it, we cannot mark it down for credit towards your Complete Council Award.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Council 1799 of Marshfield for the outstanding job they did in hosting the Fall Sports again this year.

The day of our Fall Sports competition was plagued by cold weatehr but we still had a very good turnout except in Girls Soccer. Remember all events are scheduled once, there are no rain dates. I must have received dozens of phone calls wondering if we were still going to have it. Some of the travel cards were not filled out completely. This information is critical as I cannot send a participant's results to Supreme without all of the information being present. I do not think you would want to be the one to tell a parent that their child's results could not be forwarded for International competition.

You should have your Substance Abuse Poster contests under way at this time, this is a Supreme sponsored event and the winners will proceed to that level for International judging.

The Free Throw competition is just around the corner. Remember Supreme has added a 9 year old bracket for boys and girls. I am still working with the Wisconsin Rapids council on a date, they have confirmation on the gym but are still trying to reach the party to confirm classroom access for the Knowledge Contest. Tentatively we are looking at March 22, but I will forward final confirmation by the District Deputy meeting, which means you will receive this at your District meeting.

November is the month of Thanksgiving, a time when all of us can reflect on the happenings of the year and give thanks to God for all that we have. Traditionally many councils will host their Memorial Mass for deceased Knights. Please be sure to report this to your District Deputy so that we can record this. As you hopefully will remember we are once again conducting the Sentiments for Seminarians program again. Approach your parish priest and ask permission to collect toiletries and other items that our future priests can use while preparing for their journey. These will be collected at the DD meeting in December. Gas cards and other items are also certainly appreciated. Set up a collection box now and spread the word.

I look forward to seeing the DD's and coordinators in December, I hope all of you have a safe hunt and Happy Thanksgiving!

Don Schoenherr - State Programs Director/Youth Development

Sentiments for Seminarians

Items due to your District Deputy before **December 6th**. Some ideas for what they need: Gas cards (Kwik trip, Mobil or BP), Walgreen, Target or Wal-Mart cards, Shaving gel (edge), Double or triple blade razors, Dental floss, Small hand sanitizer, Crest or Colgate tooth paste, Tooth brushes (need is for Medium bristle), Men's body wash, Deodorant or antiperspirant. No perishables!

Keep Christ in Christmas Program



In this time of struggle to defend the Freedom of Religion and our responsibility to Keep Christ in Christmas. Our councils are running programs so we can express our Faith. The Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet, Decal and Road/Yard Signs are available threwh the two councils below, call the numbers below. The order form can also be found on the State Website under Wisconsin Programs Council Activities.

<http://www.wikofc.com/ces/fileman/forms/kcicprogam.pdf>

With your support of this project we will again donate gas cards this Christmas to the Seminarians.

Magnets and Decals can be picked up in Green Lake at the District Deputy meeting on December 7th and 8th.

We would appreciate that! This way shipping costs can be avoided and the savings used for Charity.

For Magnets and Decals e-mail Rob at robkofc@centurytel.net or call 920-290-2270 for more information.

For Road/Yard signs e-mail rjenter@charter.net or call 920-648-8248

Disaster Relief Fund

<https://www.kofc.org/giving/Donate.action?charityType=DRF&lang=EN&donorType=US>

With Typhoon Haiyan striking the Philippines, the Supreme Council has approved \$250,000 for humanitarian relief. Knights and their families throughout the Order are urged to remember in their prayers all the people affected by the massive storm. Your contributions for humanitarian relief in the Philippines can be made through the Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Fund.

<https://www.kofc.org/giving/Donate.action?charityType=DRF&lang=EN&donorType=US>

The Fund is used to support the local work of our Knights of Columbus councils though their disaster response efforts in coordination with emergency agencies and first responders. Contributions will go toward for humanitarian relief in the Philippines and restoration of venerable Catholic sites that were destroyed by the earthquake that also struck that country in October.



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Marian Prayer Program

Local councils are asked to sponsor prayer services in parish churches and other locations before sending the image to a neighboring council. 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.



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order

There were forty-five new Sir Knights, two priests and one deacon, that joined the Fourth Degree in Marshfield on October 26th. The next Western District Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church and School in Menomonie on February 15, 2014. More information will be mailed out to the Faithful Navigators, Grand Knights, District Deputies and Area Coordinators or you can contact Ronald J. Shymanski, Master, (715) 423-0939, e-mail 3grandsons@solarus.net.

Resolutions Deadline - February 1st

Resolutions for consideration at the State Convention are Due to State Advocate Gordy Kremer by February 1st. If any council in good standing would like to propose changes to the State or Supreme Council, such proposals must be brought to the floor at the annual meeting at the State Convention. To be included in the Resolution Book send your Resolutions to State Advocate Gordy Kremer, 605 Mulberry Drive, Cassville, WI 53806

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>
District 71	24-Nov-13 through 4-Jan-14 District 6	District 86
District 64	5-Jan-14 through 25-Jan-14 District 3	District 80
District 63	26-Jan-14 through 15-Feb-14 District 28	District 91
District 70	16-Feb-14 through 8-Mar-14 District 27	District 83
District 69	9-Mar-14 through 29-Mar-14 District 20	District 87
District 68	30-Mar-14 through 26-Apr-14 District 44	District 89
District 67	27-Apr-14 through 24-May-14 District 5	District 88
District 49	25-May-14 through 14-Jun-14 District 10	District 81
District 50	15-Jun-14 through 05-Jul-14 District 9	District 21
District 48	6-Jul-14 through 26-Jul-14 District 8	District 22
District 51	27-Jul-14 through 16-Aug-14 District 7	District 29
District 47	17-Aug-14 through 06-Sep-14 District 13	District 25
District 42	7-Sep-14 through 27-Sep-14 District 4	District 26
District 45	28-Sep-14 through 18-Oct-14 District 12	District 23
District 43	19-Oct-14 through 08-Nov-14 District 11	District 46
District 52	9-Nov-14 through 13-Dec-14 District 61	District 30
District 40	14-Dec-14 through 10-Jan-15 District 62	District 24
District 41	11-Jan-15 through 31-Jan-15 District 60	

Do it Now!

Family of the Year Deadline - February 10th

Medallion Award Nominations Due - February 15th

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - TEAM WISCONSIN 2014 BE A FAN OF OPPORTUNITY - MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM WISCONSIN 2014 HELP

Our drive to fund Team Wisconsin 2014 is drawing to an end. **We are still around \$26,000.00 short of our goal.** We need the help of all Council's and Members to reach the Goal by April 2014. Please give this your immediate attention.

A list of athletes and coaches are from all over the state. The team is made up of 62 athletes and 23 coaches. They will be taking part in the games which are being held in New Jersey, June 14 thru June 21, 2014. There will be over 3,500 athletes taking part in these games with over 1,000 coaches. It will take over 10,000 volunteers to be able to put these games on. Opening Ceremonies will be June 15, 2014 at the Prudential Center, Newark, NJ. Events will be held at the following locations, Princeton University, Rider University, The College of New Jersey (TCN J), Mercer County Park Commission, Brunswick Zone – Carolier, The Hun School, The Lawrenceville School, and The Peddie School.



Please make checks payable to:
Wis K of C Charities and mail to;
John Benisch
Special Olympics Coordinator
4645 State Hwy 80
Pittsville, Wi 54466



Winners of the State Fall Sports - 2013

Punt, Pass & Kick

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
8 yr old boys	Ethan Heck (DePere)	Garret Tobias (Woodruff)	Connor Weltzien (Arcadia)
9 yr old boys	Drew Kessenich (Madison)	Jack Anderson (Oconomowoc)	Kenny Satori (Denmark)
10 yr old boys	Isaac Breunig (Sauk City)	Mitchell Symbal (Turtle Lake)	Jack Martens (Cumberland)
11 yr old boys	Will Semb (GB Diocese)	Carter Lomas (Wauzeka)	Evan Lau (Hilbert)
12 yr old boys	Joshua Carroll (Spoooner)	Dylan Timmerman (Dickeyville)	Ryan Krueger (Marshfield)
8 yr old girls	Emily Bierman (Potosi)	Isabella Jones (Neenah)	Isabel Salisbury (Richland Center)
9 yr old girls	Kylee Myers (Cuba City)	Hannah Shimek (Brillion)	Makenna Engen (Frederic)
10 yr old girls	Sophia Ellis (Balsam Lake)	Maren Handland (Holmen)	Audrey Hatfield (Hudson)
11 yr old girls	Lauren Leitner (Hilbert)	Kiera Holzemer (Cuba City)	Madison Kowalski (Mosinee)
12 yr old girls	Whitney Wasmuth (Greenleaf)	Kennedy Patrick (Minong)	Haley Ingersoll (Stanley)

Soccer

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
9 yr old boys	Jared Lundmark (Cumberland)	Nathan Slawter (Cumberland)	Maxwell Breunig (Sun Prairie)
10 yr old boys	Connor Handrick (DePere)	Cole Klein (Star Prairie)	Ryan Fleisner (WI Rapids)
11 yr old boys	Matthew Brisky (Dane)	Sam Nesbit (Phillips)	Blaine Nienast (Marshfield)
12 yr old boys	Maxwell Brenna (Cumberland)	Alex Shimkets (Phillips)	
13 yr old boys	Devin Robertson (Dane)		
14 yr old boys	Sam McKinven (St Croix Falls)		
9 yr old girls	Muruganandan Preethi (Phillips)	Brooke Schwartz (Middleton)	
10 yr old girls	Trinity Pesko (Phillips)	Maya Brenna (Cumberland)	
11 yr old girls	Bailey Sellent (Almena)		
12 yr old girls	Kaia Johnson (Cumberland)		
13 yr old girls	Kaitlynn Fleisner (WI Rapids)		
14 yr old girls	Elaina Bruno (Cumberland)	Anna Dannecker (Milwaukee)	



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Our Lady of Czestochowa - The Black Madonna

To invite the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa to your parish, call 1-800-549-LIFE or write us at blackmadonna@hli.org



Oceans to Oceans Black Madonna Icon Pilgrimage

<http://www.impactliberty.org/action/XRCYVXOJML47/Send-the-Black-Madonna-across-America-and-Protect-Life>

Human Life International is coordinating the pilgrimage of the Black Madonna through November 2014. Wisconsin is scheduled for May and June. Contact HLI to schedule the icon.

http://www.hli.org/hli_campaigns/ocean-ocean-pilgrimage/



FLAGS FOR CHRISTOPHER

Sponsored by
The Knights Of Columbus
Messmer Assembly 1201, Neumann Council 973
(and generous donors such as yourself)

ONE NATION UNDER GOD FLAG WALK
Presented by the Flag Committee of the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Messmer Assembly 1201, Kenosha.

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, **One Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.***

This Dedication Flag Walk, flagpole and flags dedicated on Flag Day, June 14, 2014 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Proclamation signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, incorporating the wording of The Knights of Columbus.

FLAG WALK

DEDICATION BRICKS - Engraving orders before Dec. 31

IN MEMORY OF BR. KNIGHT FERD SERTO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	←	8" X 8" \$150 each up to 5 lines 13 characters per line
or,		
IN HONOR OF SK JOHN BASEL NAVY CLUB SHIP 40	←	4" X 8" \$100 each up to 3 lines 13 characters per line
YOUR NAME YOUR ORGANIZATION		

Accumulate brick orders to make an Honor Roll Donation for your organization, or Parish. (if your brick is one of 3 or more-your group/Parish will get listed on Honor Roll)*

Your Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____
*Your Council / Assembly / Parish/Group:

To order -fill out planning sheet and send (along with check to Knights of Columbus) to:
John Basel
6623 43rd Ave.
Kenosha, WI 53142.

For more information call 262-818-2595 Email: jbasel17@live.com

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.

The restrictive and unrestrictive financial activity in this fund is low this year for its seven years existence. Restrictive council donation funds for the purpose of funding Wisconsin Special Olympians are still accumulated and distributed through this entity. However, deposit and distribution of other corporate or individual acquired funds through this entity are nearly non-existent.

The entity holds non-restricted funds, which are available for direct or matching-grant applications for qualified purposes. At June 30, 2013, the unrestricted balance held amounted to \$21,221. Since then, one direct grant application was approved amounting to \$1,000. Currently, the only source of funds adding to the non-restricted balance are net proceeds from Supreme held Christopher Funds and bank account interest income. For the 2012-13 fiscal year, net proceeds increasing the non-restrictive fund balance was \$2,558. A similar amount of net proceeds will be added to the current non-restrictive fund balance from 2013-14 operations, if no other grant is approved for distribution.

The entity's board of directors administer non-restrictive funds. Councils or members may apply for a grant not to exceed \$2,500 for a qualifying purpose under the categories of religious, education, scientific or charitable, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. In applying for a non-restrictive fund grant, complete the 'Direct Grant Request Form', provided in the Wisconsin Book and file it with myself or the State Office.

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.

Roger Gorst-Vice-President, Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.



National Adoption Day
 November 23, 2013
www.nationaladoptionday.org

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WAIT FOR THEIR FOREVER FAMILIES

REALITY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE*

All of them deserve a loving and safe forever family. It's our responsibility to make sure they have one.

MORE THAN 100,000 CHILDREN ARE WAITING

Wait an average of **2 YEARS** for an adoptive family

Every year, more than **23,000 children** age out of foster care **WITH NO FAMILY OR PERMANENT HOME**

Are on average **8.5 years old**

Neglected, abused and abandoned through no fault of their own by those who should have loved and cared for them.

REALITY OF THE FOSTER CARE ADOPTION PROCESS

You don't need to be rich, married, own a home, or be of a certain race or age to become an adoptive parent.



- There are little to no costs*
- Ongoing financial supports are available as the child grows, instead of one**
- 52% of employers offer a financial adoption benefit***
- You may be eligible to state and federal tax credits****



For the first time since 2002, Americans' opinion of foster care adoption is higher than international or private adoption. **

84% of Americans have a favorable to extremely favorable opinion of foster care adoption.

69% of Americans who are considering adopting are somewhat or very seriously considering foster care adoption.

51% of Americans believe that every child is adoptable.

GET INVOLVED!

There are resources available to help potential parents take the first step towards adopting out of foster care at nationaladoptionday.org.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- Adopt a child from foster care
- Be a foster parent
- Be an advocate
- Share about foster care adoption on social media



Sources: *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, AFCARS FY 2012 data
 **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption's 2013 National Foster Care Adoption Attitudes Survey
 ***Aon Hewitt's 2013 Survey of 1,000 Major U.S. Employers
 ****Adoption Tax Credit Working Group





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2013-2014 Scheduled Degrees:
(Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

First Degrees: *Charity*

Green Bay

December 5 - 13083 Red Granite

Madison

Superior

La Crosse

December 9 - 974 Chippewa Falls
January 6 - 974 Chippewa Falls
January 20 - 6585 Bloomer
February 2 - 12468 Altoona
February 10 - 10774 Augusta
February 11 - 1257 Eau Claire

Milwaukee

December 9 - 2035 Port Washington
January 12 - 1964 West Bend
February 20 - 12621 Lomira
March 26 - 11301 Campbellsport
April 14 - 2035 Port Washington
May 8 - 1964 West Bend
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>
January 16, 2014	7:00pm	710	Manitowoc	Charles Reis, District 12	(920)775-4405
January 18, 2014			Oshkosh		
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>
January 18, 2014			Oshkosh		
February 9, 2014	2:30pm	10914	Onalaska	Bruce Jerue, District 25	(608)783-1003

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



Year of Faith - Faith in Action

"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

Helping the Hungry - Council 8810



The Omro/ Winneconne Knights of Columbus Council 8810 Wisconsin held its first Helping the Hungry Drive on September 20th and September 21st. This fundraiser was able to raise \$3538.08. The monies will be distributed to the Omro and Winneconne food pantry, along with the Salvation Army. Volunteers were at five different locations, Wayne's Piggly Wiggly, Winneconne Kwik Trip, Winchester Kwik Trip, Red's Piggly Wiggly and the Omro Kwik Trip. Each person who donated was treated to a tasty Snickers candy bar. Enclosed is a picture of Jack Quigley, (left) and Floyd Wouters (right) both Knights of Columbus members and organizers of the Helping the Hungry Drive. The aprons were designed and given to them by Knight Steve Christian.

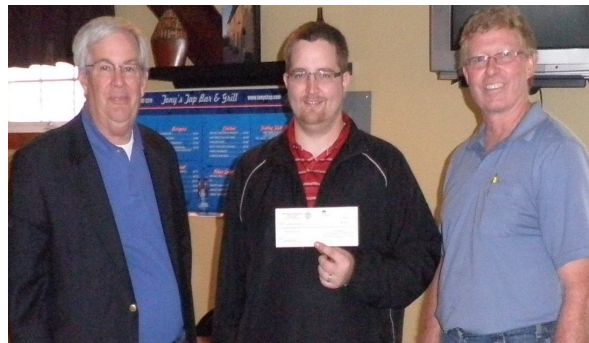
Helping Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities



Tootsie Roll Donations

For many years the local Knights collect donations to support the programs and services at Sunshine House Inc. This year over \$1,900.00 was donated from Council 4896 of Sister Bay, Council 6444 of Brussels and Council 2478 of Sturgeon Bay. Pictured is Sherman Herlache from the Knights of Columbus presenting a check to Kenny Kuehn and Jim Meyer from Sunshine House

State Charity Grant and Council Donation



Pictured: Dave Kieffer (left) and Grand Knight Tony Pittz (right) recently presented both checks on behalf of the Knights of Columbus - Mineral Point Council and State Council. Tyler Kennicker (center) accepted both checks for his family.

Tyler and Christi Kennicker were recently awarded \$500 from Mineral Point Council 2854 and \$2,000 from the State Council. Their daughter Azhara has been hospitalized since birth and has undergone several medical procedures. Both needs and costs have challenged the Kennicker family. The Kennicker family is grateful to those who have provided support. They are hopeful that Azhara will be home in a few months. Proceeds from a local fund raising events, Policing at the Fair, by Mineral Point Council and an annual Knights of Columbus - State Charity Raffle fundraiser made it possible to help this family

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Fourth Degree Honor Guard



Memorial Mass for the Third Degree for the Hartford Council 2689 with the Our Lady Of Holy Hill Assembly 1677 Honor Guard participating in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Columbian Squires - Slinger



State Warden Jack Wrbanich joined Grand Knight Richard Wagner of St. Peters Council 12588, Slinger recognizing the New Squires Circle at their Charter Ceremony. GK Wagner introduced Deputy Chief Squire Brady Gagne and Chief Squire Will Carl. Thank You to Chief Counselor Ronald Awe for his work and Fr. Richard Stoffel for offering Mass for the occasion.

Roadside Clean-Up



Council 3562 Kettle Moraine doing roadside clean-up. Tom O'Brien took this picture of his fellow workers from left to right: Joe Becker, Stuart Schroeder, Jim Sheehan, Steve Ruder, Craig Widenski, Mike McCourt, Rob Warren, Kyle Widenski and Gene Widenski.



Habitat for Humanity



Knights of Columbus members from Cedarburg's San Salvador Council 4520, Whitefish Bay's Immaculate Conception Council 4706, Mequon's Pope John XXIII Council 5438, and Port Washington's Ozaukee County Council 2035 combined efforts to help Habitat for Humanity Lakeside erect a storage building for their construction materials. Knights of Columbus workers from the four Councils participated in answer to the call for charitable service during Outreach week in October. KC Members from left to right are Gerry Lee, Paul Epner, Jim Laux, Tom Hogan, Rick Schaub, Tim Logman, and Joe Thome; along with Habitat for Humanity Team Leader, Tom Urban

