



## Desk of the State Deputy

### Protect Religious Freedom

This time of year we have the chance to celebrate Graduations. The ceremony is a commencement which really fits, that it is time to commence your life, it is a beginning not a conclusion. So much pride is expended on where we were when we were young and we feel loss as soon as that experience is over. There is rarely an opportunity to return to that sense of unity we felt when we were part of the "Class of" whatever year it was. Some go on to repeat the experience by joining a new class at a new location recreating that sense of unity and pride.

This time of year also features an opportunity to celebrate those who served to protect the freedoms we now enjoy. Those we memorialize joined to serve and in exchange regained some of that sense of unity they lost at commencement.

As human beings we are dependent on each other to provide for the physical and emotional needs of each other. This is not a start and stop need. The exercise of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy allows us to provide for those needs.

We commenced our State Convention to recognize those who have excelled in their lives and in the past year in the exercise of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Our very existence as a service organization is

centered on addressing the physical and emotional needs of our fellow man.

Unity is foundational to the perpetuation of the mission of the Knights of Columbus. We are united at commencement by providing for the financial needs of some of those graduates and we are united in community as we memorialize those who served.

As a Service Organization, our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism obligate us to take up defense of the freedoms others have given their lives for. To that end every Council and Assembly is asked to participate in events celebrating Religious Freedom. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori have encouraged public witness in defense of the Freedom of Religion.

June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> is designated the Fortnight for Freedom and is the time for every Knight to stand and bear witness to their beliefs and the teaching of our Holy Roman Catholic Church. Plan an event: a prayer vigil, a procession, a march, some public witness to the truth and need for liberty. Now is your time. Commence the defense of Religious Liberty and ensure our continued Freedom to serve our fellow man through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!  
State Deputy Tim Guski



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## Knights on Their Knees” in Eucharistic Adoration

As Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop James Patrick Powers and Vocations to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Superior.

Knights in the Superior Diocese have begun a program that started in the spring of 2016 from a brainstorming session at a Sacred Heart (Stetsonville WI) brat fry fundraiser, between two Knights and the Holy Spirit. Sacred Heart now has fifteen dedicated Adorers. This program has grown into all Councils in District 90. And has over two-hundred Holy Hours of prayer per month for our Bishop and Vocations.

We are inviting all Knights and Parishioners to participate in this program.

An answer to our prayers now would be for this program to grow in other Districts in the Superior Diocese as well

as in all five Wisconsin Dioceses for an increase in vocations.

Also could this program help foster Seminarians from foreign countries and fund their tuition and give them a place to stay when they are not in school. We are praying for the first young man to come to Superior and pledge 20 plus years post seminary.

Please keep this program in your prayers and contact me at 715 560 1580 or 715 560 2577 if I can be of any further help.

Paul Mathias DD90



### **NEW DOMESTIC CHURCH SERIES**

Introducing the new Building the Domestic Church series, a collection of popular CIS books focused on issues of vital importance for Catholic families seeking to build up and strengthen the church at home. A special display kiosk is also offered for KofC councils promoting the series. Learn more at [www.kofc.org/Domestic-church](http://www.kofc.org/Domestic-church)



## Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

If you have any questions, Contact Coordinator Kevin Blau

### **Icon #1**

**May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017**

District 41

### **Icon #2**

District 60

### **Icon #3**

**June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017**

District 66

District 1



<https://www.knightstrong.org/>

## State Program Director - From the Desk of the Professor



Brother Knights,

We've had a good spring so far with excellent participation in the Knowledge and Free Throw Contests and Supreme Service Program Award entries. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you/shout out to Council 1558, Former Master Ron Shymanski, Duane Spinler, State Coordinator Randy DeMars and all who made the State competition in Wisconsin Rapids a big success!

There's also been a small increase in participation in the Supreme Substance Abuse Poster and Citizenship Essay Contests, great. Now's the time to be wrapping up other programs such as Food for Families, RSVP, PKD, etc. Get your proceeds and reports in soon.

April is, of course, the big time for our ID Drives. I hope your plans are well laid out and will result in bigger donations at churches, stores, etc. than ever before for our "Tootsie Roll Drives." Be sure to enlist the help of family, parishioners, prospects, volunteers from organizations that assist the Intellectually Disabled as well as brother Knights in your drives! It's also a great time to donate toward and get your Council/parish involved in helping out Special Olympics!

As we move into the final quarter of our fraternal year, several major points of emphasis should be in our sight:

1) Star/Double Star Council – Get those Church Drives, Admission Degrees, Benefits Nights or other work with your General Agents and Field Agents to bring in the new members and new insurance members you need to earn the Fr. McGivney and Founder's Awards necessary to merit Star Council. Work closely with your District Deputy to keep on target with how many you need to reach those goals.

2) Columbian Award – Fill in the application at your April officers/business meetings so it's all

ready to send in by the end of May. Plan and conclude those last activities you need in April and May. Check the State and Supreme websites for form download, requirements and hints at programs that can fill the bill. I'll be sending out that information to Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies in April also.

Remember that 4 of the programs you list need to be labeled/qualify as "Building the Domestic Church" programs. We'll also send out another list of the programs that qualify in that area. The information can also be found on the State and Supreme websites. Remember – every Council should be able to earn the Columbian Award!

3) Complete Council Award – The State Council's highest award for a Council, all Councils should be able to earn this one as well. We'll again be sending out checklists for this award to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries as well as short report forms for District Deputies in April. Look these over in April and May with your District Deputy at your meetings. Figure out what you've already done, what yet needs to be done and get 'er done in April-early June! Be sure that you've sent in all your program report forms to State and Supreme as needed. I hope to see you all at the State Convention where you can check the Complete Council display boards so you can check your progress in areas we know of; see areas that yet need to be reported, completed, etc. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have about this or any program! Also, check out the display at the Convention for ideas on new activities for 2017-18.

Plans are in the works to make adjustments in the requirements for Complete Council for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to make it the "Wisconsin State Outstanding Council Award," much more closely aligned with the Columbian Award. These will be announced at the summer DD/District Meet-

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## State Ceremonials

This month's newsletter is similar to the speech I gave at the State Convention. We all have memories of our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees. Isn't it amazing that these things we remember but (in my case) I forgot to get a gallon of milk on my way home from work the other day!! I took my (4) Degrees in the mid 80's. I joined and became a Charter Member of Council 8810 in Winneconne. The 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team from Menasha came in and they did a terrific job. I was blessed that all of the Degrees I went through were conferred by excellent teams.

How many of you remember the candidates that were with you that day? Do you remember who was sitting next to you? For me, it was Rich the Barber (Rick Kapal). Rich was my barber for about 25 years and was by my side for my 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He was a good friend that treasured his faith and was versed in scripture. Many times you could get a sermon and a haircut for the same price as a haircut.

This is why we must maintain the quality of our Degree teams that are in the business of making memories. These are fraternal memories that will be with us the rest of our lives.

I am on all 4 Degree teams and it is very complimentary when members mention to you that you were at their Degrees. They are thankful for the lessons that were learned and the memories that were instilled.

Councils with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree teams, please make sure to do your best. For those that use the DVD from Supreme, enhance the experience, make it meaningful. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees teams also need to do their best at all times.

We are always looking for members to start new 2<sup>nd</sup> (Formation) Degree teams and Conferring Officers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Knighthood) Degree. Please consider this, take the lead as a Captain of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree team or a Conferring Officer of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree team. Then, go back to your Councils and Districts and find the gentlemen to complete your teams. They are out there just waiting for you to take the lead.

Thanks,  
Michael Jordan  
State Ceremonials Director

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## **Newest Council in Wisconsin!**

Congratulations to Worthy Former District Deputy Chuck Reis, for starting our newest Council in Wisconsin - Council #16729 in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin.

Father Patrick Nelson, SDS asked for help in establishing a new council linking St. Gregory Parish in St. Nazianz with

Holy Trinity at School Hill.

GK Ron VonDrache and FS Jack Karch of Council 710, Manitowoc who heard the call and were instrumental in establishing our newest council in Wisconsin.

Please help us welcome in our newest brothers as they start their journey.

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ings. There will also be gradual changes in the requirements for the State Deputy's Trophy and the addition of electronic History Book alternatives. These also will be elaborated at the summer DD/District Meetings as well.

I hope your activities with your parish, support for your pastor and parish priorities, involvement in parish leadership, etc., are going well. April-June is the time for selection of Officers for 2017-18. Time to plan for new ideas and new leadership as you look forward to the next fraternal year! As usual, I'm always

available to answer your questions or concerns about programs. I'm getting back to normal now in April after a major slow period in March while recovering from knee replacement surgery. Wishing you a blessed, happy, joy-filled Easter as we praise our glorious Risen Lord and Savior. Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!

Bill Frayer  
State Programs Director





## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

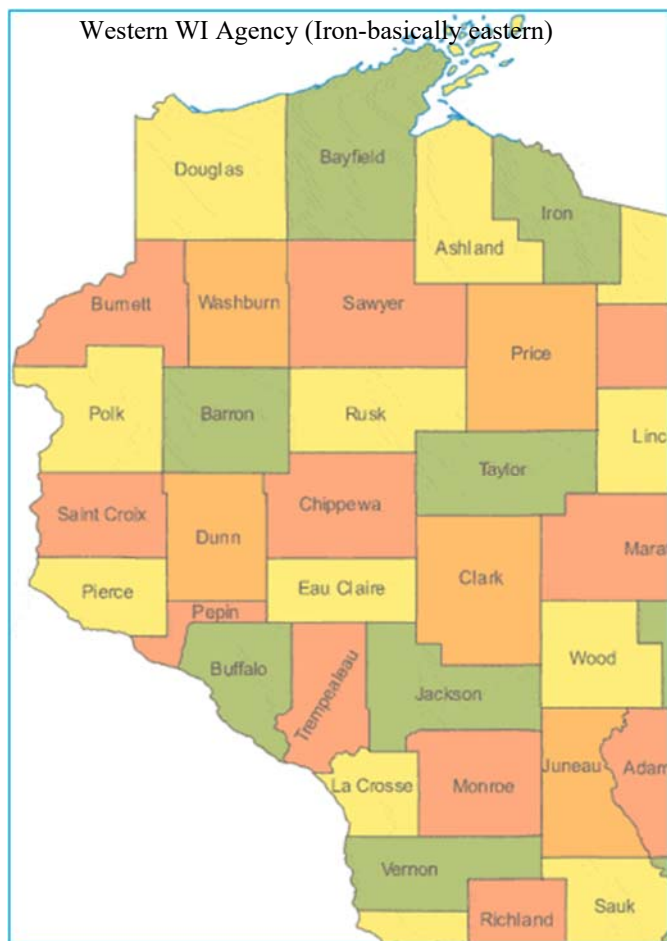


There have been a few questions regarding the re-alignment of the General Agents in the state of Wisconsin. The state was divided into three agencies; Southern WI, Western WI, and Eastern WI. Here is the contact information with a rough outline of the areas:

Southern WI Agency  
Joe Molosky, 715-330-5178  
[Joseph.molosky@kofc.org](mailto:Joseph.molosky@kofc.org)

Western WI Agency  
Ed Knolmayer, 715-425-0773  
[Edmund.knolmayer@kofc.org](mailto:Edmund.knolmayer@kofc.org)

Eastern WI Agency  
Jerry Pickett, 715-330-5178  
[Jerome.pickett@kofc.org](mailto:Jerome.pickett@kofc.org)



Southern WI Agency (Crawford, Richland, and Sauk-basically western)



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# Council Officer Training

Brother Knights,

We have completed our third Financial Secretary/Faithful Comptroller Training in Menasha. To date, we have had FS/WC training in La Crosse, Milwaukee, and Green Bay Dioceses. We are currently working to establish a FS/WC training in the Superior Dioceses. Watch for details. *If anyone wishes to host this training in the Madison Dioceses they should contact Jon Olson ((920) 623-5545, jonneyoincolumbus@gmail.com) for details.* This would be great service to the Financial Secretaries and Faithful Comptrollers in your area.

We are expanding training for Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights in their duties, roles, responsibilities, and use of technology in fulfilling their office. This training is tentatively planned for June or July. This way, it will be held as the officers take office July 1st and is open to anyone interested in learning more about becoming a better Grand Knight.

Thank you all those who visited us at our table in the State Convention.

**Diocesan meeting training** will be different this year. It will consist of breakouts on specific subjects. It will be more team building and training. Most importantly, it **will be for the all the Officers and Directors.** *In other words, the entire leadership team!*

We need to know what you need help in with (such as meetings, completing and submitting forms, technology, membership, retention, member management, executing effective Degrees, ???) - You tell us.

Below is a list of guides that each Council should have on hand. They can be ordered through Knights Gear on the Supreme Website, or downloaded as PDFs. The advantage of PDFs is that they are searchable.

## Suggested Council Reference Materials

Fraternal Leader Success Planner (#5033)  
Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436)  
The Method of Conducting Council Meeting (#10318)  
Charter Constitution Laws (#30)  
How to Conduct a Meeting (#483)  
Protocol Handbook (#1612)  
Surge with Service (#962)  
Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual (#10237)  
Vocations Handbook  
Safe Environment Manual (#5095)  
Audio Visual Booklet (#1539)  
“Your Story in Columbia” flyer (#4344)

## Officers Duties

Knights of Columbus Leadership Resources (#5093)  
Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers and Directors (#4241)  
Chaplain’s Handbook (#945)  
Grand Knight Guide (#5085)  
Financial Secretary’s Guide (#5089)

If you wish to download the PDFs, we have all the links collected. Send an e-mail to Chuck at [wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com](mailto:wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com) for the links.

Thank you,  
Viva Jesus

SK Jon Olson  
Columbus Council 1609  
SK Charles Rohr, Jr.  
Neenah Council 5514  
State Training Coordinators

# Bidding for the 2019 State Bowling Tournament

Wisconsin State Council \*Knights of Columbus  
A Catholic, Family, Service, Fraternal Organization



## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO BIDDING FOR THE WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

\*A minimum of 16 bowling lanes available in one or two bowling centers. But it is recommended that 24 to 30 or more lanes makes running the Tournament easier.

You will need to have all facilities available for 8 -10 weekends.

Dates should run from early February through April.

Note: **Bowling shall run continuous weeks except during the EASTER Triduum.**

Accommodations must be available nearby that match the number of bowlers and guests each weekend.

Councils may team up with another council for joint bids

The number of volunteers needed to have a successful tournament is substantial.

Your clubrooms should be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday each weekend of the tournament.

There is no bowling scheduled to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

\* Revised at Tournament Opening Meeting 2/9/2013

**Wisconsin State Council's  
DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH  
January 2017**

<b>Green Bay Diocese</b> Richard E. & Shirley Gilles	6926 / 2	Lena, WI.
<b>La Crosse Diocese</b> Larry & Shawna Walz	12183 / 26	Wauzeka, WI.
<b>Madison Diocese</b> David & Peggy McCarthy	1909 / 52	Highland, WI.
<b>Milwaukee Archdiocese</b> Craig & Lois Thull	11301 / 60	Campbellsport, WI.
<b>Superior Diocese</b> Bill & Connie Stacken	2845 / 81	Star Prairie, WI.

**Supreme Council  
Families of the Month  
January 2017**

Council 973 Kevin Hutchinson Family  
Council 974, Francis Martell Family  
Council 2478, Jeffery Breummer Family  
Council, 3099, Paul Merlin Family  
Council 3492, Rick Ermilio Family  
Council 4871, Jack Hughes Family  
Council 5456 Travis Dendinger Family  
Council 6926, Richard Gilles Family  
Council 9230 William Slatter Family  
Council 12183, Larry Walz Family  
Council 13880, Tom Burch Family

**Wisconsin State Council's  
DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH  
February 2017**

<b>Green Bay Diocese</b> James & Karen Rappl	5514 / 10	Neenah, WI.
<b>La Crosse Diocese</b> Anthony & Mary Helmueller	6789 / 29	Cochrane, WI.
<b>Madison Diocese</b> Terry & Sue Wolfe	1909 / 52	Highland, WI.
<b>Milwaukee Archdiocese</b> Phillip & Mary Dibb	6448 / 68	Muskego, WI.
<b>Superior Diocese</b> Randy & Jayne Stewart	2137 / 83	Rice Lake, WI.

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**Supreme Council  
Families of the Month  
February 2017**

Council 1909, Terry Wolfe Family  
Council 2137, Randy Stewart Family  
Council, 4125, Jason Weber Family  
Council 4897, Andrew Kast Family  
Council 6448, Phillip Dibb Family  
Council 6789, Anthony Helmueller Family  
Council 11155, Gene Purcell Family

**Wisconsin State Council's  
DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH  
March 2017**

**Green Bay Diocese**

Gary & Bonnie Elmer 5514 / 10 Neenah, WI.

**La Crosse Diocese**

Andy & Becky Franz 13880 / 27 Plover, WI.

**Madison Diocese**

Joseph & Geraldine Timmerman 765 / 41 Dickeyville, WI.

**Milwaukee Archdiocese**

Mark & Candi Stahl 11301 / 60 Campbellsport, WI.

**Superior Diocese**

Charles & Addie Halfmann 7827 / 85 Woodruff, WI.

**Supreme Council  
Families of the Month  
March 2017**

Council 765, Joseph Timmerman Family  
Council 1547, John Brennan Family  
Council 3249, Joe Tiry Family  
Council 6689, Mike Meyer Family

## Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

Congratulations to the Wisconsin KofC Raffle winners. The winners are posted on the state web site. The raffle was a great success bringing in approximately \$624,000.

The Charity committee did a great job at convention again this year and in the months leading up to the convention. Thank you to Ron and Marilyn Frosch (Green Bay Diocese), Dan and Joan Spencer (La Crosse Diocese), John and Linda Huttenhoff (Madison Diocese), Jim and Beth Ten Pas (Milwaukee Archdiocese), and Dennis and Doris Berends (Superior Diocese)!

Thanks also, to all of you who attended the convention and remembered to bring your tickets, checks, and the annual council request form. If you forgot your tickets, the money will need to be returned!

Below is the speech delivered at convention which gives you more details and examples of money provided by the Charity Fund: Thank you and pass on our thanks to your councils for selling raffle tickets to raise money for those people who had tragedies this last year and who were in needed our financial and spiritual help!

Preliminary numbers show that together Knights around the state sold 124,799 tickets. At \$5, we collected just under \$624,000! The preliminary % increase and decreases by Diocese are:

LaCrosse is down 1.9%  
Superior is up 4.1%  
Green Bay Diocese is up 4.8%  
Madison is up 7.3%  
Milwaukee is up 9.2%

After prize money and a few expenses, 65% of the money will be sent back to your councils for you to give out to worthy causes. The remaining money will be granted via requests that you send to the Charity Committee each month. We are giving out \$10,000 to \$20,000 per month to typically a dozen people requesting money, so this will translate to perhaps 150 families per year. Here are a few examples of the last 100 request, both large and small, from each diocese. Each one made a difference in their lives:

1. One woman in Lacrosse Diocese, age 43, spouse of KC member, had a brain aneurysm and cancer. Surgery was followed by staph infection. Council 4948 is contributing \$500 and a benefit breakfast Nov 6, 2016. The husband had cancer 2 years ago and they have children ages 5 and 7. Debt is due to inability to work and will be on long term disability. The fund provided \$2500.
2. In the Milwaukee Diocese this woman, age 24, lost all possessions in an uninsured apartment fire. She is a single mom of a 3 year old boy. Council 14478 provided some cash and the fund provided \$500 more.
3. In the Madison Diocese, this family have a 3 year old with a rare blood bacterial infection, Septicemia which caused the need for fingers and toes to be amputated, with risk to legs, but prognosis is good. The family has incurred \$23,000 in debt so far. Health insurance does not cover extended physical therapy or compression garments and bandages, travel costs to Iowa Children's hospital. Council 765 provided \$250. The fund provided \$1500.
4. In the Green Bay Diocese, this age 71 year old woman needed a wheel chair ramp which will cost \$1700. Council 2836 is providing \$200 and worked to get the cost down to this amount. The fund provided the remaining \$1500 to build it.
5. In the superior diocese a man, age 57, has substantial debts related to diabetes and multiple tendon quad repairs where he was off of work and incurred debt. He is former treasurer of council and GK. Uses walker, crutches and cane as needed. The GK of Council 2690 said he would work with the council to provide some money and the fund provided \$2000.

We want to see you give out all your returned money every year instead of hanging on to it. We want you to contribute to those causes you are filling out grant requests that are sent to the state council. We encourage you to organize benefits for those who have large debts that they will not be able to pay back. Please remember to get the new grant request from the state web site.

Your members will be inspired to work hard and dream up new ways to help people when they see your council donating to those who are truly in need!

-Mark Kohls, WI Charity Committee Director.

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT QUESTION

*“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 ” (Matt: 22: 37-40)*

This year when I presented the pro-life essay contest question to our middle school students, I asked them to reflect on this question: what difference would it make if we reversed the two great commandments found in Matthew 22. What if we make the first and greatest commandment “...love your neighbor as yourself” and the second greatest commandment “...love the Lord your God...”.

It's a thought question, and unless parents gave some guidance, a bit beyond the comprehension of most seventh and eighth graders. However, some students got

it right. If we make love of neighbor the first and greatest commandment, then all sorts of evil can enter the world. “I feel so sorry for (name); she is pregnant and in school. Her life will be ruined. Let's help her get an abortion...” Or, this scenario. “Grandpa has severe Alzheimer's; he doesn't recognize anyone, and he is in so much pain. Let's ask the doctor 'to put grandpa down', just like we did our pet dog last year.”

Do you see what happens? If love of neighbor is our priority, then it is possible to rationalize all sorts of moral evils that deny the intrinsic value of life. And this is what has happened in much of Western culture today. We “love” our neighbor too much to see him/her suffer, so let's solve the problem the easy way. As for “God”, He's in second place, an after-thought for those who believe in such things.

Richard Porior  
Culture of Life Coordinator  
Green Bay Diocese  
4/11/2017

### Correction

*THERE was an error printed in this year's State Convention Book the Barney Dunn award winner James Stachura Jr. report was a reprinted from the pervious year convention book and was inadvertently printed. The following report should have been printed - my sincere apology. - State Secretary.*

The Barney Dunn award is presented to the Wisconsin field agent with the highest Supreme Lancer quota percentage of their assigned councils on “Lives” policies issued for the year.

This year's award winner is from the Northwest Wisconsin, Knolmayer Agency; James Regis Stachura. Jimmy achieved 135.62% of his Lancer Quota and 231.20% on All Business. This achievement encompassed 112 lives issued for Lancer and 175 lives for All Business. This is Jimmy's fifth time for the Barney Dunn award.

James Regis Stachura, FICF, started with the Knights of Columbus Agency in April 2006 when he was nineteen years old and joined the Order at eighteen years old. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of Assembly 1525 and belongs to Council 1257 both in Eau Claire, WI.

Jimmy grew up in Pulaski, WI and is the youngest of ten children. His father, James J. Stachura, is a retired field agent, who dedicated his life's work for thirty-three years

to protect members and their families through the Order. This same dedication has been passed on from father to son and is evident in Jimmy's dedication to the Mission of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Jimmy and his father are unyielding in their efforts to recruit new members.

Moreover, Jimmy has achieved again in 2016 the Insurance Industry's Million Dollar Round Table designation with the distinctive designation of “Court of the Table.” Furthermore, Jimmy was a second time Supreme Agency trip qualifier.

During the past eleven years, Jimmy has been serving members in the Northwest Wisconsin Agency jurisdiction. His favorite part of working for the Order is recruiting and helping clients with life insurance, retirement annuities, long term care and disability income needs.

Congratulations Jimmy for another outstanding year.

Sincerely yours,  
Edmund J. Knolmayer, FICF  
General Agent  
Northwest Wisconsin

In Memory: James Regis Stachura died on February 11, 2017 at the age of 30 years old.

# Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

The following students were Statewide winners in the annual Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, sponsored by the Supreme and Wisconsin State Councils of the Knights of Columbus. The theme was the "Importance of Religious Freedom." All this year's winners were 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Allison Grygelski (Tomah), Council 4125, District 23
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mary Schmidbauer (Pleasant Prairie), Council 16022, District 72
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Morgan Dietzel (Burlington), Council 15665, District 72
- Honorable Mention – Hunter Neumann (Warrens), Council 4125, District 23
  - Dori O'Sullivan (Burlington), Council 15665, District 72
  - Deidre O'Sullivan (Burlington), Council 15665, District 72

The winners received plaques, medals, ribbons and Certificates of Merit. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was advanced to the Supreme Council (New Haven, CT) for International competition. The contest is one of the many youth/family/church-oriented programs operated and supported by the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic men's fraternal organization with over 1.9 million members globally; over 36,000 in Wisconsin. Based on the principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, the Knights also have a 1<sup>st</sup> ranked insurance arm to help protect its members and their families. For more information on the Knights, see [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com), [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or contact State Program Director

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## The 2017 Tootsie Roll Collection Drive

The 2017 Tootsie Roll Collection Drive to Assist Those with Intellectual Disabilities is well underway. Thank you for taking the time to run this project. Be sure to remember to Thank any individuals you talk to about donating or anyone who pass by your collection point. This is one of our most visible projects, represent the Knights of Columbus in a good light.

Don't forget to ask business if they would be willing to donate. Any business who donates at least \$250 to your drive needs to write the check out to Wisconsin Charities Inc. to receive the tax deduction. A link to the form they need to fill out is at the bottom of the column. The check and form can be mail in with your council collection form and money.

Has your council talked about which groups you would like to donate to this year?  
Are you staying with the same groups as last year?  
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<http://kofcknights.org/States/DirectGrantRequestForm.pdf>

<http://kofcknights.org/States/Council%20Disbursement%20Form.pdf>

Thank you for all you do for the Order and in serving those with Intellectual Disabilities.  
Mark Jelinek  
WI KC ID Director

## ATTENTION ALL COUNCILS AND ASSEMBLYS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

The State Council along with Council 614 is requesting your assistance financially in the construction of the Monument for the Unborn in memory of PSD Dr. Eugene Sonnleitner

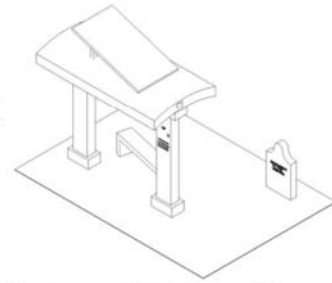


**PSD Dr. Eugene Sonnleitner**

### Sponsorship Levels

Halo	Wings	Guardian Angel
\$60 - \$199	\$199 - \$399	\$400 or more

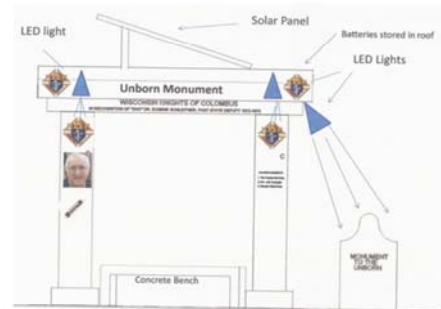
Sponsoring Councils & Assemblies  
Will be noted on the monument



**3D rendering of Unborn Monument**



**Site for the Unborn Monument in  
Honor of "Doc" Dr. Eugene Sonnleitner**



**Frontal view of the Unborn Monument**

All donations should be sent to the Wisconsin State Council, in the memo line annotate "STATE MONUMENT "DOC". Any monies left in the Charity Fund after paying for the Monument will be designated for the next state funded Ultra Sound initiative. For more information contact GK Dick Forseth Council 614 [dickfkofc@gmail.com](mailto:dickfkofc@gmail.com) or 920-216-9875

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run 2017

The Route 3 Silver Rose for Our Lady started on 5 March in Manitoba. The Silver Rose is passed on to Minnesota (9 April), then North Dakota (30 April), South Dakota (21 May), Iowa (18 June), Wisconsin (16 July), Illinois (13 August), Missouri (10 September), Arkansas (8 October), Texas (29 October) and Mexico (9 December). The Rose is presented to Our Lady at the Basilica in Monterrey on her feast day, 12 December. The current schedule and route through Wisconsin as of 3 May are shown below.

The Rose passes through Wisconsin with daily prayer services at host councils. The prayer services are not restricted to members of the host council. The purpose of the route is to give everyone in the State Knights, families, Catholics and non-Catholics, an opportunity to placing their prayers of thanksgiving and petition onto the Rose to be presented to her on her feast day.

Every council in the State should make an effort to inform councils and parishes of the Silver Rose passing through their area. Sample poster and bulletin are available either from the host council or from the State Coordinator.

“Wherever the ancient Israelites went, they followed the Ark of the Covenant. If Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant, how should we as Christians be following her?”

To Jesus thru Mary,  
John Sustar, State Coordinator  
608 847-1140,  
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**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2016 - 2017 Scheduled Degrees:** see updated schedule at

<http://www.kofcKnights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>  
 (Contact State Secretary Jack Wrbanich with scheduled degrees - jwrbanich@wikofc.com)

**Admission Ceremonial Degree:**

**Green Bay Diocese**

**May**  
 15, Council 10243, Green Bay  
 25, Council 6228, Wautoma

**La Crosse Diocese**

**May**  
 8, Council 4125, Tomah  
 8, Council 974, Chippewa Falls

15, Council 13880, Plover  
 23, Council 2787, Independence  
**June**  
 5, Council 4125, Tomah  
 5, Council 974, Chippewa Falls

**Madison Diocese**

**May**  
 9, Council 531, Madison

17, Council 596, Janesville  
**June**  
 4, Council 4871, Dodgeville

**Milwaukee Archdiocese**

**May**  
 15, Council 4520, Cedarburg  
 18, Council 697, Racine

**June**  
 15, Council 697, Racine

27, Council 4707, Whitefish Bay

**Superior Diocese**

**May**  
 3, Council 7030, Hammond  
 8, Council 4902, River Falls  
 9, Council 6587, Hayward  
 9, Council 2845, New Richmond  
 16, Council 8985, Webster

**June**  
 4, Council 12738, Iron River  
 6, Council 1762, Hudson  
 26, Council 6789, Alma

**District Deputies log on to: <http://kofcKnights.org/DistrictDeputy/> to schedule your council's Admissions Degrees!!**

Don't forget to send in your Form 450 after each Degree to:

[membershiprecords@kofc.org](mailto:membershiprecords@kofc.org)  
[forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com)  
**General Agent and Field Agent**

To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact SK Michael Jordan 920.858-7709 e-mail: michael.jordan@luvata.com

**Formation Ceremonial Degree:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
5-15	7:00p.m.	697	Racine	Jason Rusnak	262.577.5297
5-20	8:00a.m.	7106	Superior	James Sloane	715.372.4056
6-4	1:00p.m.	15229	Cambridge	Charles Crave	920.285.3812
6-17	10:00a.m.	1709	South Milwaukee	John Kubicek	414.762.8159

**Knighthood Ceremonial Degree:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
5-20	8:00a.m.	7106	Superior	James Sloane	715.372.4056
6-4	1:00p.m.	15229	Cambridge	Charles Crave	920.285.3812
6-17	2:15p.m.	1709	South Milwaukee	John Kubicek	414.762.8159

**Fourth Degrees: Patriotism**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
June 3rd	Madison	Western	608-744-3515
October 28th	Franklin	Eastern	920-606-2369

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June Newsletter & Badger Bulletin submissions are due to State Secretary Jack Wrbanich by June 9, 2017

Email submissions to [jwrbanich@wikofc.com](mailto:jwrbanich@wikofc.com)



**Start your Council's Faternal Year off right with these Newsletter Top Ten Ideas and Tips from Brother Rich Zautcke:**

1. Make your newsletter's name an attention grabber
2. Write your newsletter's articles objectively
3. Write to express, not to impress
4. Proofread, proofread, proofread
5. Use front-page articles to draw in readers
6. Use at least one graphic per page
7. Use image-editing software to sharpen your photos
8. Use accent colors and tints to make your newsletter more eye-catching
9. Give your printshop an electronic file to print from, not paper "originals"
10. Use recycled paper

To learn more about these and other tips visit the State Website and look for "Richards Newsletter Tips"

# Badger Bulletin



## Wisconsin Knights In Action



- *Knights of Columbus Council 3099 Grand Knight Chris Schmitt presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 at the April 11 meeting to Connor Breunig of St. Aloysius School in support of the school's annual Walk-A-Thon For Goodness Sake. The Walk-A-Thon fund-raiser helps purchase technology for St. Al's School in Sauk City. Funds will be raised by students walking 4 miles around the track at Sauk Prairie High School.*

- *Council 3099 Knights, Lady Knights and families who gathered March 9th at St. Aloysius Church in Sauk City to pray for families and venerate the Holy Family Icon. Chaplain Father John Blewett led the prayer service with assistance from readers Keith Foy, John Ramthun and Jim DeSchepper. Rollie Mack led the rosary. Music was provided by Claire Statz and Bryce Bellinder. Roy Gag distributed programs. Honor Guard members were Bill Liegel, Brian Dischler, Steve Koehler, Dondi Nelson and Dave Munz.*





# Badger Bulletin



## Wisconsin Knights In Action



- April 22 the Sauk-Prairie Community sponsored a Badger Honor Flight which included 3 Knights from Council 3099. The Knights of Columbus are patriotic and thank the Veterans of our council for what you have done to keep us free. Members of Council 3099 that went on the April 22nd trip were Roy Gag, Bill Liegel, and Lloyd Ballweg.



- Four times a year the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight" flies a group of Veterans to Washington DC. The goal of the flight is simple: fly veterans (in our region of Central and Northern WI) who served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam eras to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials build in their honor. The 27th flight was made on April 27, 2017. For the past 26 flights the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard waited at the Central Wisconsin Airport to welcome the Veterans back home after their flight. We are very proud of our tradition of meeting and shaking the hands of the Veterans as they arrive.

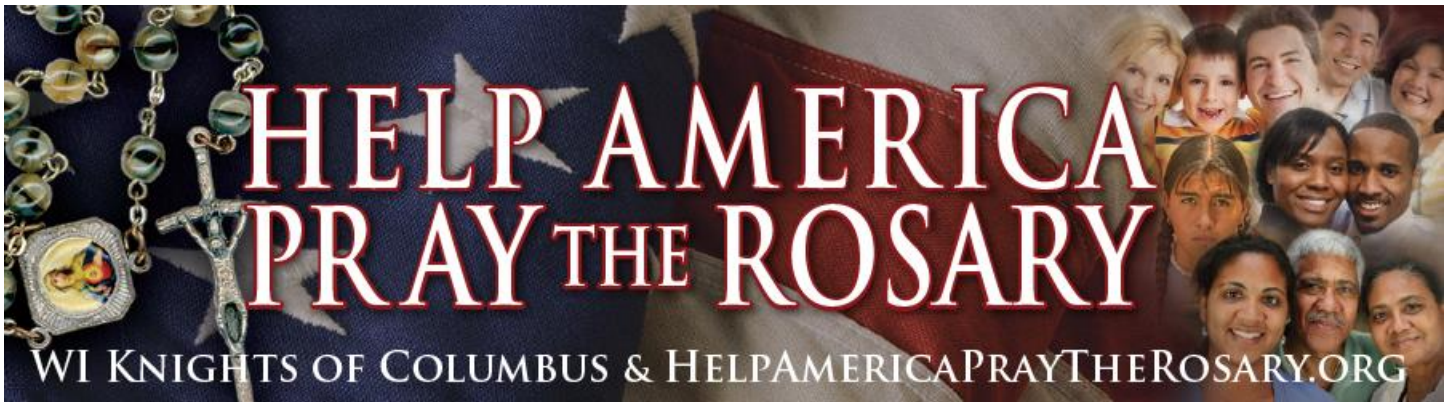
In the picture to the left show have the following Assemblies represented: Wausau 1449, Merrill 1863, Rhinelander 1221, Wisconsin Rapids 1218, Marshfield 1219, and Stevens Point 1216.

**Rosary**  
*Evangelization Apostolate*  
Gazing on the Face of Jesus with Mary

[www.rosaryea.org](http://www.rosaryea.org) 414-570-4389 [info@rosaryea.org](mailto:info@rosaryea.org)  
PO Box 305 Oak Creek, WI 53154

Episcopal Advisor: Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI of Milwaukee  
Spiritual Advisors:

Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, IN & Fr. James Kubicki, SJ National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer  
Co-Founders and Directors: Dick and Terry Boldin



**Electronic Digital Rosary Billboard Collaboration  
With the State of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus**

Endorsed by each Ordinary of each Diocese of WI

**Subject: Invitation & request for a KoC to volunteer to be a Diocesan Coordinator**  
**5 Diocesan Coordinators needed to cover each Diocese of Wisconsin**

**Description of responsibilities for Rosary Billboard Diocesan Coordinator:**

- Communicate the project to each Council of the Diocese
- Help develop a fundraising plan to cover cost for 1 or 2 billboards for 1 month in the Diocese
- Contact billboard companies for costs and best locations for high traffic volume
- Communicate with Point Person, Dick Boldin of the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate, regarding this collaboration. Dick Boldin will be available to assist the Diocesan Coordinators.
  - Rosary Evangelization Apostolate will also provide billboard graphic to the billboard company
  - Billboard graphic design has been approved by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI and was submitted by him to the other Ordinaries of WI
- [www.helpamericapraytherosary.org](http://www.helpamericapraytherosary.org) visit this site for billboard graphic and other information

**Point Person of Contact for Rosary Billboard Collaboration**

Dick Boldin of the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate

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**GOAL:** Under the banner of Our Lady through the rosary to help bring about the spiritual renewal so vitally needed for the spiritual transformation in our culture and nation.