

#### **Desk of the State Deputy**

Brothers,

"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; / The Wrong shall fail, / The Right prevail, / With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Thank You to Erick Erickson at the resurgent.com for the inspiration for this message. http://theresurgent.com/a-brief-theology-of-suffering/

Erick speaks of the redemptive nature of suffering and the ultimate suffering Christ endured for us. The Joy of the Christmas Season is not universal for there are those less fortunate for whom we pray and give alms. There are those amongst us who may feel alone. Pray that we might be a light in their hour of darkness. Pray fervently that God might grant you the opportunity to serve in the person of Christ. Shine on Brothers, be the Light of Christ for all the world to see. God is with us and may those in despair know that they are not alone. You are a Knight and through you God's Divine Mercy flows by your works of Mercy. To us, to whom much has been given, that Merciful Charity is and obligation we offer joyfully. As for Me and My House, as we serve the Lord, in this Joyous Season we embrace the struggles and losses God has offered as our trial and reflect on the lives he has claimed as his own. My we all celebrate the lives of our fallen brothers and loved ones and pray for those in distress in this life.

Our Wisconsin Brotherhood has welcomed nearly 500 men this fraternal year. Brothers every man deserves the opportunity to find the fulfilment offered by membership in the Knights of Columbus. We are tested to live up to the vision of our Founder, those challenges fall to us because Brothers, you are the best God has to offer the world. There is no other group anywhere as uniquely positioned to offer the world the hope and path to salvation that this association embodies.

Bare your burdens well and offer up your suffering with Joy. The Laborers are few, the need and reward are great. Rise to the challenge Knight of Divine Mercy and "Go Make a Difference."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2vYFN1YNIk

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey! SD Guski

"Welcome to our Order!"



Before we get into our report, please join me in welcoming our newest council, St. Pius X Council 16582 in Appleton! What a thrill! St. Pius X is such a great hero of the

church! Thank you to everyone who made that happen, especially to our outstanding Diocesan Chaplain, Father Andrew Kurz and our Green Bay Membership Coordinator J.J. Gravel.



#### "A Knight Before Christmas!"

Our Worthy State Deputy, Tim Guski, has announced a membership incentive for December: "A Knight Before Christmas". Every Council that gives the gift of membership to three new Brother Knights before Christmas, and every District Deputy of a District that gives the gift of membership to five new Brother Knights before Christmas receives a Holy Family wall hanging.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus truly is a gift that keeps giving! Bless someone now with this wonderful gift.

#### "Reaching for the Stars!"

#### **Double Star Race**

Last month I listed 6 councils within striking distance of Double Star in Membership. Then, out of nowhere, came Galesville! They conducted a church drive and they followed up! The church drive featured a pulpit announcement like none I had ever heard of before: they showed the Invitation video! It was Father's idea.

Congratulations, Marynook Council 6487 and Grand Knight Larry Sonsalla, for reaching 225% of your membership intake quota! The \$250 prize is yours.

Brothers, membership is really heating up this year. We have learned some success secrets from those who are succeeding. Who knew membership could be so much fun! If your district or your council hasn't gotten into the game with us yet, now is the time. Get off the sidelines and come out and play and have some fun with us!

In addition to the Marynook Council, there are 3 councils at 150% of quota, another 8 between 100% and 125%, and 9 more at 75% or more. Another 14 are at 50% or more! WOW! And we are a strong, second half team!

Last year we had a total of 23 Star Councils. We are on track to double that!

Remember, the next 5 councils to Double Star each get \$100! Will it be you?

#### **Star District Race**

As of November 1, six districts in Wisconsin had reached over 30% of their annual membership target. As of December 1 that number had doubled to 12!

On December 1, powered by Wisconsin's newest council, DD5 John Gravel took the lead with 95.8% of his districts membership quota. He was followed closely by DD72 Norb DeKeuster at 80%, DD47 John Huttenhoff at 59.3%, DD67 Jason Rusnak at 55.5%, DD25 Bill Jaekel at 47.2%, DD3 Don Onesti at 45.8%, DD45 Erin Kennedy and DD48 Charles Crave both at 40%, DD27 Gary Wolf at at 34.6%, DD70 Dennis Bednarek at 31.2%, DD25 Tom Trochlil at 31.0% and DD51 Vaughn Blaeser at 30.0%. We are only 6 reporting days into December as I write this and we already have a DD over 100% (DD72) and two that are not listed here that are now 7<sup>th</sup> (DD8 at 41.5%) and 10<sup>th</sup> (DD87 at 37.5%).

# Monthly Top Recruiters (minimum 5 new members in a calendar month)

He did it again! J. J. Gravel of the Green Bay Diocese has earned another Top Recruiter Award! With 14 in November, J. J. also has the top mark in the State. His award is \$75.

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#### Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - November 2016

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The award for the Green Bay Diocese resets back to a minimum of \$25 while it has reached, for December, a minimum of \$150 for each of the other 4 dioceses!

With a November to truly remember, Wisconsin is back on track! We added 140 new members in November to have the best November we have had in quite a few years.

#### **Circle of Honor**

Let's finish the year strong! Champions do not take any plays off! Our Church needs us! Step up, Brothers.

Vivat Jesus,

IPSD Ronald Faust Medic of Divine Mercy State Membership Director 608-225-7281

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Green Bay	482	200.8	101	50.39	%	31	70	37	16	14	21.0%
La Crosse	418	174.2	92	52.89	%	55	37	30	28	23	22.0%
Madison	436	181.7	86	47.39	%	17	69	29	25	14	19.7%
Milwaukee	678	282.5	99	35.09	%	43	56	28	31	18	14.6%
Superior	236	98.3	39	39.79	%	8	31	32	19	7	16.5%
Total	2,250	937.5	417	44.5	%	154	263	156	119	76	18.5%
Circle of Honor Intake	To Date		Circle of Honor Net 840			Circle of nor Net/Net 100		Deceased Members		Membership as of 7/1/2016	Current Members 12/1/2016
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	34.8%		31.31%			-131%					

#### **RETENTION-RETENTION-RETENTION**

#### **RETENTION is all about COMMUNICATION!!!!**

We are still seeing far too many suspensions and withdrawals being submitted to Supreme. If we are to maintain healthy and active councils we must do a better job of communicating with the entire council. As you have seen here and elsewhere at your DD meetings

provided by your State Officers it is imperative that we reach out to every Knight in our councils at least twice a year. Once on the anniversary of the Knights admission to the Knights Of Columbus and again on their birthdays. This is the minimum. If we keep our members involved and active we won't have a retention problem. This has been validated by some of our councils it works. Whenever your council is planning a project try to get new members engaged. Call or visit the members that do not regularly attend your monthly meetings. Ask them what kind of project or function that they my be interested in helping with. Probe their interests and abilities. The councils need new ideas and opinions. We may not be able to retain every Knight but we have to approach it like we expect to do just that.

Wisconsin has a very good opportunity to move into the top 20 of 74 jurisdictions. We just moved into 21st place. Recruitment and retention are very important for us to continue Fr. McGivney's dream of supporting our Parish Priests, providing for our widows and helping the less fortunate of our society. We see the need all around us every day. As our Worthy State Deputy has stated, we are the first line of defense of our church. We must step in to the BREACH. The best way to do this is to grow our councils and keep all of our members engaged in our mission.

Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus

Don Smrstick State Retention Director

# <u>Resolutions Notice</u>

#### All Resolutions must be received by the State Advocate no later than February 24, 2017

Resolutions to be considered at the State Council Meeting may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, State Deputy, State Officers as a group, or by standing State Committees. Resolutions submitted by standing State Committees must pertain to the work of their committee.

As required by Wisconsin By-Laws, the following individuals are members of the Resolutions Committee in connection with the forthcoming Annual Meeting. Chairman Michael D. Tomsyck, State Advocate Sun Prairie, Very Rev. Richard Heilman State Chaplain Cross Plains, Timothy Guski State Deputy Ridgeland.

State Deputy Timothy Guski will appoint the remaining members from Past State Deputies, District Deputies and Grand Knights prior to the first formal meeting of the Resolution Committee, scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 in Plover, WI.

All resolutions must be prepared in writing and sent to:

State Advocate Michael D. Tomsyck 957 Kimberton Court Sun Prairie, WI 53590-4011 or email to <u>mtomsyck@wikofc.com</u>



SAVE THE DATE

WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 116TH ANNUAL MEETING AND STATE CONVENTION

April 29 - 30, 2017 Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center Stevens Point, Wisconsin On-Line Registration @ www.wikofc.com

#### Email all form 100's to membershiprecords@kofc.org.

To get to the World Sports Membership Challenge standings page, please click on the "FOR MEMBERS" box on the upper right hand corner of Supreme's homepage in the light blue section that is opposite to the emblem and name. Then here, scroll down until you see "Membership Awards" and click on the blue title. This will take you straight to the "State Membership Awards" page and then you can click on World Sports Membership Challenge. Notice that you can also click on "District Membership Awards", "Council Membership Awards", and Recruiter Membership Awards" to see what current incentives are being offered.

 $\Rightarrow$  District Deputies don't forget to send in your Form 450 after each Degree!

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

Brother Knights,

I returned from the DD Meeting in Oshkosh buoyed by the energy and dedication of our DDs and State leadership. I know that as we wrap up 2016 and head into the 2nd half of our Fraternal Year, that our KC Councils in Wisconsin are going to do well!

However, I attended a District meeting the following evening and was concerned that 2 of the 5 Councils in that District were not represented. In attending such meetings, I find this far too often to be the case! This is important, timely information from these meetings that you receive that needs prompt attention. Furthermore, all Councils are required to attend the State Convention, Diocesan Meeting, and the Winter/Summer District Meetings. You need these as part of the requirements to earn the Complete Council Award! With 14 officers in your Council, there is NO JUSTIFIABLE REASON that any Council should not be able to send another officer or member to that meeting to represent them and pick up their packet even if the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight can't be there! If you can't do that, you are not the active, relevant, growing Council that you should be nor are you showing the unity and sacrifice for the benefit of the Order (parish, family) that you pledged to carry out in your Formation (2nd Degree). I truly hope we can improve on this in 2017.

That said, just a few reminders:

1) Be sure that your "True Meaning of Christmas" posters are to your Diocesan Program Coordinator by January 1, any "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters (ages 5, 10-14) are due to <u>me</u> by January 15.

2) Remember that Fraternal Surveys and Special Olympics Participation forms are due to Supreme and State by January 31 (Very Important!). History Books are due to your DD by February 1 (no later than February 15). If you want to put together a minimal History Book not to be graded but only for the Complete Council Award requirement (print or electronic), that's due to <u>me</u> by spring. (More on that next month.) Medallion Award applications are due to Tim Genthe and the State Office and Family of the Year applications are due to Larry Julson and the State Office by February 1 (no later than February 15)! Supreme Program Award applications are

due to me and the State Office by March 1. (More on that next month also!)

3) Be sure to conclude your Free Throw and Knowledge Contests by



the end of January, District Free Throw Contests by mid-February, Diocesan Contests by mid-March if at all possible. All winners advancing to District or Diocesan Contests MUST HAVE completely, legibly, accurately filled out GREEN travel cards, <u>please</u> fill them out yourselves; don't rely on the parents or kids to do so! The State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests will be either March 25 or April 8 depending on when Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids is available. NOTE: The WIAA has now ruled that <u>all</u> 14-yearold students are now eligible for the Free Throw and Soccer Contests! No problem.

4) Do start your planning for spring programs early. Continue to work on those Building the Domestic Church program initiatives such as the Journey to the Inn, Consecration to the Holy Family, 5th Sunday Rosary, Into the Breach men's study program, Family Fully Alive devotional booklets, etc. Keep your Church Drives and support for parish programs (family, school, CCD, charity, etc.) going. Organize your committees/plans for Coats for Kids, March for Life, State Charity Raffle, ID Drive, RSVP, Ultrasound Project support, etc.

5) Start looking forward next month to working with your DD to check your progress monthly toward fulfilling your requirements for Star Council, Columbian Award and State Complete Council Award. (More also on these next month!)

Finally, Ginny, my family and I wish you a most Blessed, Joyous, Wonderful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful New Year 2017!

Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey! Bill Frayer State Program Director

#### Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

A Special Christmas Message from the Supreme Council **General Agents:** 

#### **Caring for Our Own:**

The Knights of Columbus isn't just an insurance company. It's a brotherhood, and so we do things differently.

If we were just another insurance company, you'd be nothing more than customers - or potential customers - who only add value based on the products you purchase. But you're not. You're brothers, and so are we. After all, Father McGivney founded the Knights 134 years ago so that we could help each other. So we offer you products and services unique to our industry because we care deeply about you and your families, and your wellbeing.

For starters, we extend to each of our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The program - which is only available in insurance jurisdictions – provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions).

The program was launched at the 113th Supreme Council Meeting in 1994, and has continued to the present day, providing more than \$12.5 million in benefits. In addition to the Accidental Death benefit, the Knights of Columbus offer a number of free services to our members and their families. First and foremost, we agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one.

Most commercial agents would fill out the necessary paperwork and move on, but not Knights of Columbus agents. We will stand by you and help you contact your attorney to sort out the will, help you make funeral arrangements, help you notify and coordinate with the council, help resolve any financial matters, help you file any claims (including claims with companies other than the Knights of Columbus), and will help file for survivor benefits or Veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Secondarily, we offer two additional services to help Knights' families plan. The first is Profiles & Forecaster, a comprehensive and complimentary industry tool that helps you evaluate your family's financial situation, and to determine what insurance protection - if any - may be needed. The second, the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, will help you record your final wishes and important information (including accounts, passwords, funeral arrangements, etc.) for your survivors. Both of these

services are free.

To our insurance members,\* we offer two additional programs: the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program.

The Family Fraternal Benefit Program offers two distinct benefits. The first offers insurance eligibility to uninsurable children. Through the Program, a member can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance policy for an otherwise uninsurable child at standard rates before the child is 61 days old, or at a rated premium if before the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. A member can also purchase a \$5,000 policy for a mentally impaired child at standard rates, between the ages of 3 and 18 years old.

The Program also offers death benefit coverage to members who have lost an infant child less than 61 days after birth, or who have lost an unborn child in a stillbirth, after the 20<sup>th</sup> week. (The Order affirms that life begins at conception. In this instance, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, hence the 20-week rule.)

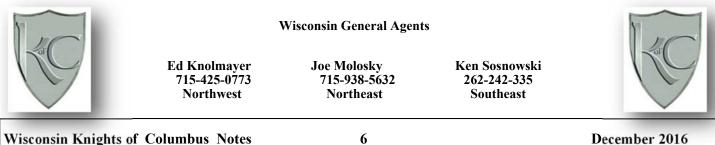
The second fraternal benefit program available to insured members is the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program. This extensive program also provides two benefits. The first is an \$80 monthly benefit for each eligible orphan, until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. The second is a scholarship program, which grants eligible orphans up to \$1,750 per year for a four-year period.

In a letter addressing the programs, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that "These benefits augment the tradition of fraternity established by Father McGivney, namely, that the Order cares for its own; it expands upon a basic reason for which he founded the Order: 'of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families."

They are part of what makes us unique. So get to know all of our fraternal benefits, and the ways in which you may benefit from them.

Contact an agent today to learn more.

\*To be eligible for both the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program, the member must be in good standing, and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150, or providing at least \$5,000 in permanent life insurance coverage. Eligibility for the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program is also contingent on the child being covered by an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.



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

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# **CRIN WHILLS** U.S. OPEN June 12 – June 18, 2017



#### **VOLUNTEER SIGN UP - JANUARY 11, 2017** More information will be coming out in the weeks ahead. We are waiting for the schedule times of each shift

#### For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in USGA history the US Open will be held in Erin Wisconsin. With the help of a new Knight, Mike Berendes, we have been asked to be the volunteer group of choice, for the Trophy Club, at the entrance to Erin Hills. Holy Hill is approximately six miles from Erin Hills

Next to the Main Admission entrance, is The Trophy Club which is an air-conditioned pavilion offering comfortable seating, live network coverage of the championship, in a sports bar-like setting, access to executive restroom facilities and a wide variety of food and beverages.

Each volunteer will receive a meal, breaks and a pass for the day to the event. Tickets for the Trophy Club and the event are going from \$75 to \$200 depending on the day.

Now the good news, we need Brother Knights, families and friends to volunteer for one or more of the 460 shifts. This is a chance for each Knight to bring invite a friend, a church member or someone from work to help at the event. This person will become the next Brother Knight.

More information will be sent out in the coming months on how to sign up, for the day and shift of choice. Any questions please email jacunski.s @sbcglobal.net



#### **Our Marriage Prayer**

Worthy Brother Knights! Two more months until the Our Marriage Prayer celebration on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017!

The Our Marriage Prayer cards are now available on Amazon. Please order them from there as soon as possible to ensure you get them in time! To order them, either click on the link below or search for the cards by entering **Our Marriage Prayer Cards Knights** in the Amazon search bar.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01MQODVP8.

*Now* is the time to contact your parishes to let the know that your council would like to hold an Our Marriage Prayer celebration in February. Parishes tend to plan their events a few months in advance and it is best to get this on their radar to avoid conflicting events.

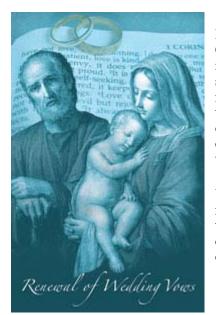
Complete instructions on how to celebrate the Our Marriage Prayer in your parishes can be found at <u>http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus</u>

Vivat Jesus! Joe Uchytil Council 7895 - Monsignor Gehl JUCHYTIL@outlook.com

#### 920-757-5138

The marriages you will treasure more than your own will be those of your children and grandchildren

#### FATHER'S DAY RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS



Father's Day is an important time to celebrate the role of fatherhood within the Christian family and is an ideal day for fathers to celebrate and honor their marriage vows. Annually sponsoring this event on the third Sunday of June will serve to make your council visible to the parish community and show your member's support for all fathers and husbands. During these events, Knights and their wives — along with all the married couples of the parish — have an opportunity to affirm their commitment to their wedding vows. After the event, councils should host a reception where they can congratulate each couple and thank them for their witness.

Working together with your pastor, provide the opportunity for married couples to recall and affirm their wedding vows together with a special blessing during or after the Sunday liturgy. In the 'Support Materials' section on www.kofc.org/en/domestic-chruch/index.html site provides two suggested programs you might consider.

#### Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

# Men For All Seasons Green Bay Men's Conference

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Green Bay Packers Coach David Raih

**Father Larry Richards** 

Matt Fradd

Fr. Jewel Aytona

### Making Sense of a Senseless World

How do you make sense of what is happening in America today?

Come join 1,400 other men at the 2nd Annual Men For All Seasons conference, where we will take up the question. We will look at things through a Christian lense, as men seeking to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

A true mark of Discipleship is to bring a friend! We look forward to see you at the conference!

For conference information and to register:

www.estovir.com

March 4, 2017

KI Convention Center 333 Main st., Green Bay, WI 54301



Men for all seasons, ages 12 and up are welcome!

#### Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

If you have any questions, Contact Coordinator Kevin Blau (608) 697-9758 or (608) 697-0364, blaufamily11@gmail.com

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District 47	District 13	District 25							
December 18, 2016 through January 21, 2017									
District 42	District 4	District 26							
January 22, 2017 through February 18, 2017									
District 45	District 12	District 23							
February 19, 2017 through March 18, 2017									
District 43	District 11	District 46							
March 19, 2017 through April 22, 2017									
District 52	District 61	District 30							
<b>April 23</b> , 2	2017 through May 2	0, 2017							
District 40	District 62	District 24							
May 21, 2	017 through June 1	7, 2017							
District 41	District 60								
June 18, 2	2017 through July 1	5, 2017							
District 66		District 1							



#### 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

January 11 - Council 2210, Algoma 16 - Council 10243, Gr. Bay La Crosse Diocese January 2 - Council 4125, Tomah 2 - Council 974, Ch. Falls 23 - Council 6789, Alma Madison Diocese

None

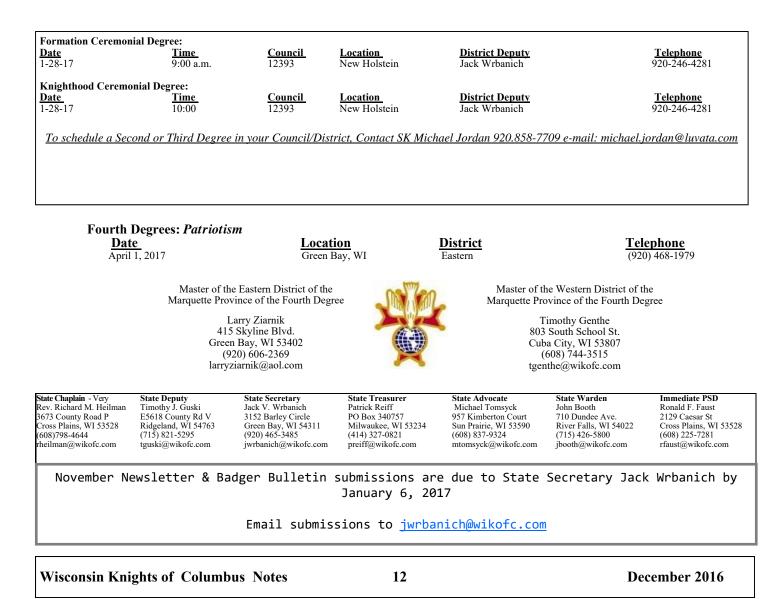
#### Milwaukee Archdiocese

January 1 - Council 12588, Slinger 9 - Council 4877, Waupun 9 - Council 4520, Cedarburg 18 - Council 8108, Wilmot 19 - Council 697, Racine

#### Superior Diocese

**January** 9 - Council 5397, Spooner 10 - Council 1762, St. Croix

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





#### Wisconsin Knights In Action



November Newsletter & Badger Bulletin submissions are due to State Secretary Jack Wrbanich by January 6, 2017

#### Email submissions to jwrbanich@wikofc.com

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

December 2016



Fr. Fiss Council #1547, Berlin donating over \$1000.00 worth of gas cards from their Keep Christ in Christmas magnet program.

In the photo is council #1547 Chaplin Father.Krogman, GK Dirk Verheyen and IPSD-DD44 Ronald Faust.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased magnets and decals this year, it allowed us to donate to the sentiment for Seminarians again!!





Elizabeth Ann Seaton Council #5798, Reedsville annual billboard reminder to "Keep Christ in Christmas"

View of site for the State of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Monument of the Unborn to be dedicated to PSD "Doc" Dr. Eugene T. Sonnleitner



Calvary Cemetery Hwy. 45 Oshkosh, WI Council #614 Oshkosh





In late October, the Schofield Knights of Columbus Council 4628, joined Santa and volunteers from the Child Life Services of Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital- Marshfield, hosting a brat/hamburger cookout. This event raised money benefiting the children in the hospital through the Council's "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" program. It was a beautiful fall day and the event was a great success raising over \$800.00

Grilling the tasty brats and hamburgers were Knights of Columbus members; from left - John Meidl, Santa Greg Cemke, Nathan Lang and Larry Vesely

Knights of Columbus Blackhawk Council 3099 congratulated winners of their annual Soccer Challenge competition at St. Aloysius Church Field in Sauk City Sunday, September 18. Awards were presented to the following girls and boys. Winners advance to Diocese of Madison competition October 9<sup>th</sup> in Verona.

1st Place	Girls Age 9	Sienna Wilson
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Girls Age 10	Ayla Sorg
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Girls Age 11	Janessa Riha
1st Place	Boys Age 9	Braden Schaaf
1st Place	Boys Age 10	Chris Hutson
1st Place	Boys Age 12	Quinn Baier
1st Place	Boys Age 13	Dominic Ballweg





#### Wisconsin Knights In Action



Council 6764 - Fr Al Hietpas - 2016 -Presentation of \$2000 from State Charity fund to Richard Mantych who suffered financial hardship due to costly Sepsis Infection



The Beaver Dam Council #1837 presenting a \$5,000 check to "St. Katharine Drexel School" The donation is earmarked for the Tuition Assistance Fund helping those in need with the cost of a faith filled, values based Catholic education with high academic standards. Pictured are Grand Knight Randy Richard and SKDS Administrator Barbra Haase.