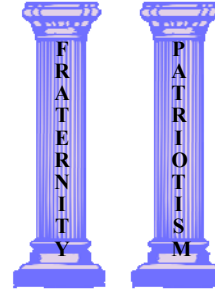


Wisconsin Knights of Columbus
Notes - February 2017



One Nation Under



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Desk of the State Deputy

The Battle will be for the Family!

Sr. Lucia, who as a child witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima said, "The final confrontation between our Lord and Satan will be over family and marriage."

St. John Paul II, before becoming pope, during one of his homilies spoke these ominous words, "Whether or not this is the last lap, it does appear that we are living amidst a battle upon which our salvation and that of our children hinges."

The life of the unborn child is under attack. Marriage is under attack. Your right to defend life and marriage are under attack. Religious Freedom is under attack. Your right to worship and evangelize must be defended. The defense of religious liberty is our responsibility. You are engaged in a multiple front war. You may have thus far been an unengaged observer but God demands more from ever one of us.

This is the "Why" in what we do to Build the Domestic Church, strengthening ourselves and our brothers through the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy. We must always be on the offensive, leading the charge in

our homes, parishes and our communities to change the world.

There is good and evil. As we enter the Lenten season we revisit the supreme sacrifice once and for always the source of salvation for our souls and for those souls for whom we bear responsibility. Can we champion the good without calling out evil? No!

Know your enemy! Opposition to Abortion, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem-Cell Research, Human Cloning and Homosexual marriage are fundamental uncompromising requirements of every Catholic. But the great evil of Islamist attacks on the Church and Human Trafficking bear the same demands upon our conscience. Opposition to all of these evils are moral imperatives for us to defend. Our steadfast defense of "Good" and condemnation of evil are too often defensive. We do stand in opposition to evil, but more importantly we stand for what is good. We defend Life against all forms of attack from evil! Life is the positive the great fundamental gift from God.

We are the Church of Truth, the Church of Yes, from the first Yes of the Mother of Christ accepting the blessing from the Angel Gabriel to the Yes from Christ in the garden to drink from the cup of sorrow. Our bur

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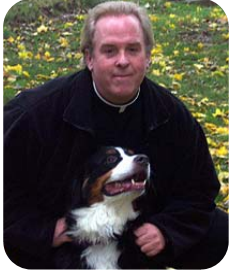
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2017 STATE CONVENTION



Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
April 29 - 30, 2017

<http://www.wikofc.com>



State Chaplain Corner

Dear Brothers,

The 100th year since Our Lady appeared in Fatima, Portugal approaches. The anniversary is May 13, 2017.

My brothers, I believe it's time for us to do the "Nineveh Thing." As I wrote in the last newsletter article, I am referring to the biblical story of Jonah who warned the Ninevites, and they believed and repented. The bible story ends with, "*When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened*" (Jonah 3:3-10).

More than 17,000 have joined ranks for prayer and mortification in these 90 days leading up the 100th anniversary. It's not too late to join ranks. You can sign up at nineveh90.com.

Let's do this, men! Let's do all we can to humble ourselves and become as close to God as we can during this "Nineveh 90."

Yours in Christ,
Very Rev. Richard Heilman
State Chaplain
Wisconsin Knights of Columbus

(Continued from page 1) **The Battle will be for the Family!**

Support those less fortunate than us.

dens our light, but our burdens are ours. Drinking from the cup of Christ and taking up our Cross in whatever form it comes is our Yes! Support Life! Support Marriage! Support Family! Support the Church! Support your Brother Knight and the needs of his Family! And

Say yes to your role in this inspired task, lead with joy and attract more Brothers to share in labor to execute the works of God's Divine Mercy!

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
SD Guski

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

HOW TO INCREASE YOUR ROSTER

- Step 1. Get a Kiosk
- Step 2. Get a new family to join your Council



Step 1



Step 2

MEMBERSHIP

“Show me the MONEY!”

Fire up, Wisconsin! Let's take our proud tradition as a strong second half team to Supremes' Bank!

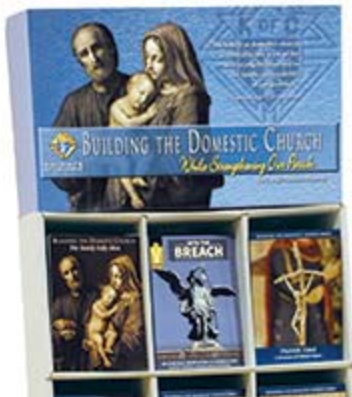


Recruiter Membership Awards

3rd Quarter Incentive

Any recruiter who recruits a new or former member between January 1 and March 31, 2017, will receive 1,500 points per member.

**THAT'S 9 BUCKS OF KNIGHTS GEAR STUFF PER NEW MEMBER! JUST TO SAY THANK YOU!
THERE IS NO MAXIMUM LIMIT – GO AHEAD AND BREAK THE BANK!**



Council Membership Awards

Domestic Church Council Incentive

Councils that recruit six (6) or more members between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017 will receive a Domestic Church Kiosk & Booklet Set. **(\$150 value!)**

Councils that recruit twelve (12) or more members between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017 will also receive a Domestic Church Kiosk & Booklet Set. **(\$150 value!)**

Councils that qualify for the Domestic Church Kiosk incentive during the third quarter of the fraternal year will receive a Booklet Set refill if they qualify again during the fourth. **(Another \$150 value!)**

LET'S RUN 'EM OUT OF STOCK!



District Membership Awards

3rd Quarter Incentive

District deputies will receive 1,000 VIP (\$6 value) points for each first degree that is held within their district from January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. If at least one first degree is held within the same district in each month (January, February and March), the district deputy will receive an additional 5,000 VIP points. (\$30 value)

In order to receive credit, a Form 450 must be submitted to the Ceremonials Department for each degree held. The deadline for Form 450 submissions for this contest is April 15, 2017.

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DISTRICT DEPUTIES! HELP THEM SEND THE MONEY TO WISCONSIN!

State Membership Awards

Let's finish February STRONG Wisconsin. Our February recruitment average is 119. If we beat that by pre-defined amounts Supreme will send us **CASH!**

If we are:

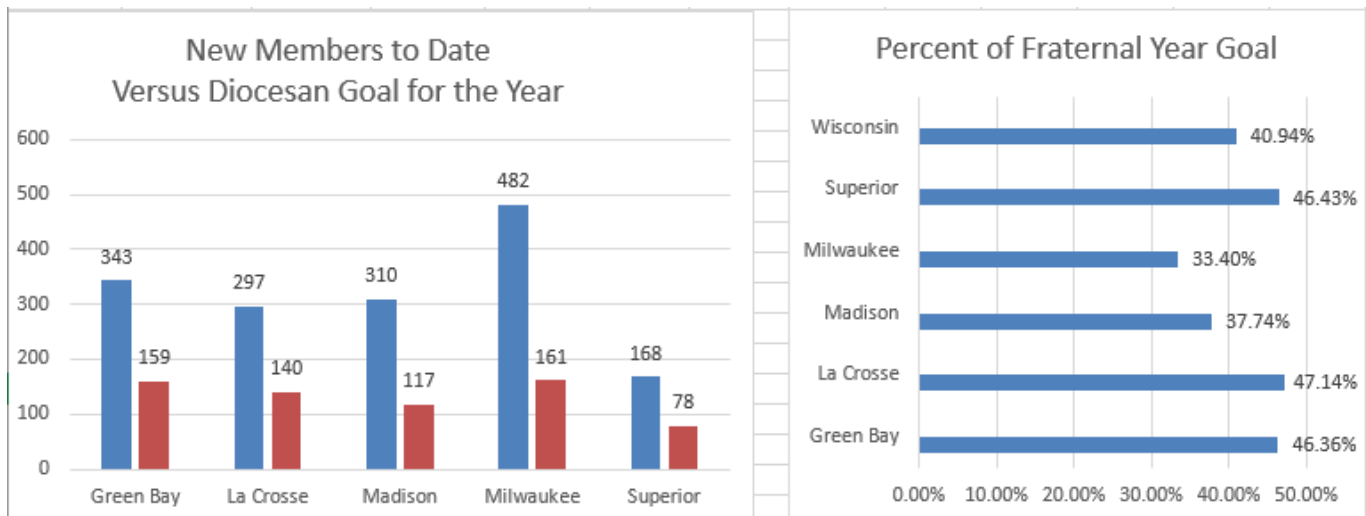
- Plus 4 members (123), Supreme will send us **\$450!**
- Plus 12 members (131), Supreme will send us **\$600!**
- Plus 24 members (143), Supreme will send us **\$750!**
- Plus 60 members (179), Supreme will send us **\$1550!**



Big MO is with us! There are 20 reporting days in February. After the first 8, our intake was only 8 for the month. We were averaging only 1 new member per day! But over the last 4 reporting days we added 38! Remember our December finish. We added 49 in the last 3 days! We climbed all the way to number 17 in the order before falling back to 22nd. We are now on the way back up!

HERE WE GO! WISCONSIN! HERE WE GO!

“Diocesan Competition!”



The graphs above are from the official membership records from Supreme as of February 17. The Madison and Milwaukee Diocese have had their huddles and are taking aim on the leaders!

“DOUBLE STAR MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RESULTS!”

COLLEGE COUNCILS ROCK! Milwaukee has swooped in with their Marquette University Council 6883 to prevent a clean sweep of this category by the La Crosse Diocese. The first five councils to Double Star were from that diocese. Then comes 6883 with 250% of quota!

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Honors to:

Marynook Council 6487	GK Larry Sonsalla	\$250.00
Marathon Council 16280	GK Andrew Krautkramer	\$100.00
St. Mary of Colby Council 5127	GK Keith Krebsbach	\$100.00
Fr. McCaffrey Council 9438	GK Ronald O'Connell	\$100.00
St. Juan Diego Council 16444	GK Douglas Reinhart	\$100.00
Marquette University Council 6883	GK NEEDED!	\$100.00

“District Competition!”

Districts are making their moves! Welcome to the party, Districts 6, 26, 29, 49, 69 and 90. You are now positive in membership! Special mention regarding Districts 69 and 90; they really know how to crash a party! District 90 came in at 22% and District 69 at a whopping 35%! There are 12 districts now at or less than 0 for the year. We need you, Brothers! Wisconsin is on a winning path. Let's do this together! Every contribution makes an everlasting difference!

Other Districts moving up are: 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 24, 28, 30, 41, 51, 52, 61, 63, 66, 68, 70, 81, 85 with District 9 jumping 20% and District 81 jumping a whopping 40%!

Districts heading in the wrong direction are: 40, 42, 45 and 46. All in the Madison Diocese! YIKES!! Let's turn this around, Brothers!

Districts 5 and 72 are over 100% with District 3 next at 63%.

“Star Recruiters!”

Two members hit that 4 number again, 1 short of the bar. The next award for the Green Bay Diocese is a minimum of \$75. For February, it is a minimum of \$200 for each of the other 4 dioceses! With what Supreme is offering to sweeten the pot, this is the month to do it, Brothers!

Watch FlockNote for updates! What? You don't receive FlockNote messages! What are you waiting for? Text the word brother to 84576 and get on board!

Vivat Jesus,

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



State Program Director - From the Desk of the Professor

Brother Knights,

Scheduling conflicts with Assumption High School have resulted in changed dates for both the State and Milwaukee Archdiocesan Knowledge and Free Throw Contests. The State Contests will be held at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High School on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Free Throw registration will be 11 AM-Noon with competition starting shortly after Noon. Math and Spelling registration will be 11:30 AM-12:30 PM with competition starting shortly after 12:30. All contestants will need completed orange travel cards and all Free Throw contestants also need their own basketball for practice. Anyone who'd like to volunteer to help with either contest should contact Former Master Ron Shymanski (715-423-0939), State Knowledge Contest Coordinator Randy DeMars (715-271-4157, 715-832-1639) or me (262-633-7887).

As I stated last month, remember that your History Books were due to your District Deputy before February 15. Your Supreme Service Program Award Applications are due to State Office or me by March 1. These are for your best programs in the areas of Family, Youth, Council, Church, Culture of Life and Community. Be sure to include good documentation, pictures, supporting evidence; preferably in a binder or folder. I have received quite a few that are only the 1 application page and nothing else – no chance you will win a State or Supreme award with that presentation!

In February-March, you should be planning and carrying out your Order Wide Church Drives (March 11-19). Food for Families programs (40 Cans for Lent) should be ready to go. Supreme's Order Wide Council Admission Degree Drives Week is March 20-26 so you should have a Degree scheduled for that timeframe. Council Outreach Week in honor of Fr. McGivney is March 27-April 2 (Founder's Day is March 29) should be when you plan to run one of your best Charitable Outreach Programs in the community, maybe a final push to sell Charity Raffle tickets, a Habitat for Humanity or Special Olympics or other service project, etc. Get your plans set now! Sites for your ID Drive should be in Process of being set. RSVP candidates being arranged, State Convention reservations being made, participation in the State Bowling Tourna-

ment; so much that we can and should be doing here in February and March!



And again, there's the bigger picture. I hope you're all working hard and with your DDs on a monthly basis to: 1) check your progress on the road to Star Council – get those new Associate and Insurance members in now. Work with your GAs and FAs to do so. 2) Check your progress toward the Columbian Award. Start filling out the form this month and add to it each month as projects are completed. 3) Remembering that 4 of those programs listed on the Columbian Award application this year must be Building the Domestic Church Initiative programs, how are you doing in this area? Have you already completed 4 or at least some of them? Are you meeting this area? Have you already completed 4 or at least some of them? Are you meeting regularly with your pastor to see what projects you can do for the parish or what he wants done where you can help/lead? Continue to check the Supreme and State websites, Knightline, Columbia magazine for information on the Initiative. Get those "Family Fully Alive" booklets out to everyone; start an Into the Breach men's study group program, get a CIS kiosk for your parish, etc. With March 19 St. Joseph's Day and March 25 Annunciation Day (Day of the Unborn), use those feast days to center a BDC initiative or CUL program around (rosary and prayer service, marriage prayer or vow renewal program, family consecration/Holy Hour, Family Fully Alive booklet distribution or Into the Breach program start, Ultrasound project support donations or fundraiser, etc.)! 4) Check on your progress toward the Complete Council Award. Determine what you yet need to do and make sure you are set to do so before June.

With active, growing, vibrant and relevant Councils and leadership, I know you'll be reaching your goals by June 30. Work together in Charity, Unity and Fraternity to make that happen. Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

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

RETENTION + ACTIVITIES + RECRUITING = MEMBERSHIP

2017 State Resolutions Committee Appointments

Congratulations to the following Knights whose appointment to the 2017 State Resolutions Committee has been approved by State Deputy Timothy J. Guski:

Grand Knights: Chris Mosconi-Gillett; and Josh Sazama, River Falls
District Deputies: Paul Zimmerman (District 21), Boyceville; and John Huttenhoff (District 47), Madison
Past State Deputy: Erv Jankosiak, Milwaukee
Parliamentarian: Mark W. Becker, Oconomowoc

The remaining Committee is made up of the following State Officers:

State Deputy, Timothy J. Guski, Ridgeland
State Chaplain: The Very Reverend Fr. Richard M. Heilman, Pine Bluff
Immediate Past State Deputy, Ronald F. Faust, Cross Plains
State Advocate and Chairman: Michael D. Tomsyck, Sun Prairie

The Committee will meet on the weekend of March 11 and 12, 2017 to review all resolutions that were received by the State Advocate on or before February 24, 2017.

In addition, I would like to thank all of the Councils that have submitted the names of their members that have 50 or more years of consecutive service to our Order and for those Councils that have submitted the names of their deceased Brother Knights since our last State Convention.

Mike Tomsyck
State Advocate



The annual Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Drive, (Tootsie Rolls), is coming up fast.

We hope to have Tootsie Rolls delivered to all Districts by mid-late March. Now is a good time to be setting up the dates and locations for your local drives. The last two years we have set all-time highs for the program.

Let's try to make 2017 the 3rd year in a row with record setting numbers to assist those with Intellectual Disabilities Program!

How can your council improve participation and the amount collected from last year?

- ◇ Have you contacted members you don't personally know to help?
- ◇ Have you looked at your collection locations and times?
- ◇ Are some times and locations busy or slow for the amount of man hours at that spot?
- ◇ Have you thought about asking a business to donate through the WI Charities Inc, 501(c)3?
- ◇ Do you think about the weekend you select for the drive? By moving the drive a weekend one way or the other are you competing or complimenting another event/drive in your town?

Remember to get your aprons ordered if you need some. The order form can be found on the State Website.

Thank you for all you do for the Order.
Mark Jelinek
WI KC ID Director



∞ IN MEMORY OF

*James R. "Jimmy" Stachura Jr.
June 15, 1986 - February 11, 2017*

Wisconsin State Council and the Knights as a whole lost General Agent, Brother Knight Jimmy Stachura Jr. this month. I would like to share part of a letter I recently received written to Jimmy's father. The letter is from a wife of a Knight living in Merrill Wisconsin.

"I write to you with deep, deep condolences about the sudden death of your son this past week. I have been profoundly effected by the news so I would like to share with you a story with you, if I may.

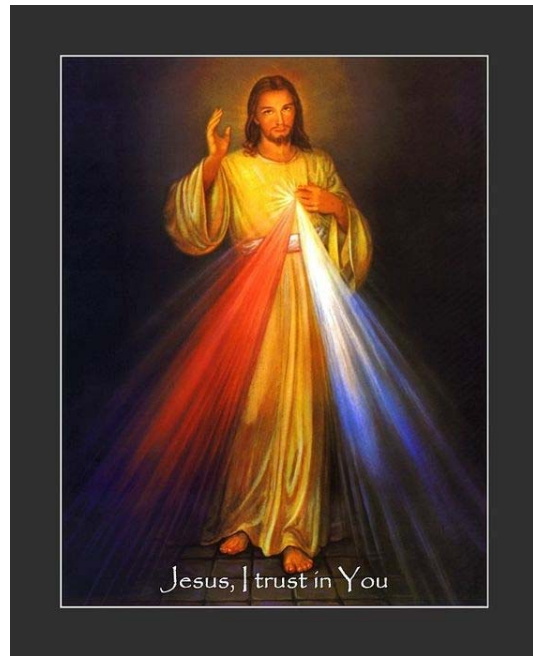
Jimmy was our KC insurance agent for the last 5 years. We had him in our home at least once or twice a year. We always had the Pulaski connection with him even though we lived in Merrill. He was the nicest and most joyful, intelligent guy a person could know. We always looked forward to his visits. His sudden death has had a profound, I mean profound effect on me since I found out on Sunday morning from my brother. My weekly holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament was on Monday morning of this week. I prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet, then the rosary for the repose of his soul and sat there in bewilderment wondering the state of his soul. I prayed in tears that God had mercy on him, and then I felt Jesus spoke to me: "Tracy, I saved Jimmy's soul, but you have to have as many Masses said for him as possible."

So I'm spreading the word to you, and I hope you spread it to all you know. I'm not a mystic by any means, and rarely hear Jesus give me a message in my heart, but he planted a message this past Monday morning to bring me comfort and to pass the message on to your family. Let's storm heaven with Masses for years to come for Jimmy's benefit. It is

most precious gift we can give him right now."

Jimmy's service to the Knights and their families are testament of Father McGivney vision of the Knights of Columbus, please keep Jimmy in your prayers.

Jack Wrbanich
State Secretary



Wisconsin General Agents

Ed Knolmayer
715-425-0773

Joe Molosky
715-938-5632



RETENTION-COMMUNICATION-MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

I trust this message finds all Brother Knights in good health and living in harmony with our creator Jesus Christ

Fr. McGivney has entrusted us with the challenge of bringing all Catholic men into the greatest Catholic Men's organization in world. After the church blitz and Admission Degree our attention must turn to the retention of these new Knights. We can do this by keeping them involved in the council business and activities. I suggest the proposer bring the new member to the first few council meetings and introduce him to everyone. When they become comfortable ask for their opinions and ideas. Try to get them involved right away. Make every attempt to make them feel wanted and appreciated. Like all of us they joined for a reason. As Knights we want to help our church, our parish priests and the less fortunate in our society. It's our duty to learn their strengths and motivation.

Sometimes it's not enough to just put a request for help with a project in a newsletter, it may be necessary to make some phone calls. When doing this do not just only call the same men all the time. reach out to members that doesn't usually come to meetings or volunteer to help. Strive to keep ALL members involved and engaged.

The readings for last Sundays Mass really struck a chord with me. Starting with a reading from the Book of the Profit Isaiah.

Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and homeless; clothe the naked when you see them and do not turn your back on your own.

The Psalm response; The just man is a light in the darkness to the up-right.

The Gospel according to Matthew; "You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its taste what do you season it with? (We must guard against complacency,) And, Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, it is set on a lampstand where it gives light to all.

In my opinion this is what the Knights of Columbus is all about. This is Fr. McGivney's vision for us. And to accomplish all the good works we do we need members loyal to our church with the same purpose in life. Even with all the good works the Knights of Columbus members have accomplished throughout the world we have just scratched the surface of the need. That's why recruitment and retention is so important. All that is asked of any of us is that we do the best we can. The Lord does not give us any load that we cannot carry.

Thank you for all you do for your church, your communities, your councils and your fellow man.

Vivat Jesus!
Don Smrstick, Retention Director

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

The Charity Request Form has been updated to improve granting of money which is raised by selling raffle tickets. You will find the new form on the State web site in the Forms area. Please download this new form!

As the State Charity Committee and the State Officers review every application, we look for many factors, but two key items are what is the debt and what is the need. Debt is often confused with what the bills total up to. For example, a \$100,000 house may burn down and the loss is \$100,000 plus the value of the contents, but if it was insured, the debt is much less. So, debt is not the same as bills. Need is how much they can't afford. If they have cash or other assets to pay the bills, then there is less need.

If the Knights had all the money that was asked for, we would not have to make the hard decisions of who gets how much. The fact is that the amount requested is 5 or more times the amount that is available. The changes to the form ask about "uninsured debt", whether financial assistance is being provided by extended family, and whether they can absorb the debt through home equity or retirement savings. These are hard questions to ask but if they are asking for money, you need to verify that they are truly in need. I have been in long conversations with fellow knights who have interviewed those in need and filled out the form. In one case, the couple had terminal illnesses. They sold all their toys and were using retirement income to pay for medical treatments. That is exactly what they were suppose to do. They hoped to have a long retirement free of illnesses so that they could

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travel but that was not the Lord's plan. We gave them less than someone else who had a greater need. I have yet to have a Knight disagree with this argument, but certainly there has been both understanding and disappointment.

Other set of changes to the form ask about the council's involvement: how much cash was provided and whether a benefit will be held. They are meant to challenge your council to be as involved as you can be.

Lastly, I refuse the end negatively, so consider this: Isn't it truly amazing that the Wisconsin KofC's have this amazing fund? It certainly is. Hear! Hear! to the 1974 Knights who created it and Hear! Hear! to you Knights who sale raffle tickets that is the lifeblood of the Wisconsin Charity Fund! Please start to use the new form on the web site!

Mark Kohls,
Wisconsin State Council
Charity Committee Director
mark.kohls@att.net



Advisory Notice

Brother Knight:

The purpose of this advisory notice is to remind councils, chapters, and assemblies in the United States of their legal obligation to file an informational tax return for the 2016 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

As you know, the Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies and chapters (collectively referred to as councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding our tax exempt status, each council is required by law to file an annual informational tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Most councils will file the IRS Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-postcard). If your council's gross receipts are more than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and its total assets are less than \$500,000, you will need to file a Form 990-EZ. If your council's gross receipts are more than \$200,000 and its total assets are more than \$500,000, you will need to file Form 990.

What's new this year

Effective February 29, 2016, the IRS launched a new website for submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard). Please refer to the Where to file section of this memo for more information.

Deadline to file annual return (all forms)

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council's annual accounting period. For example, if your council's accounting period ends December 31, you must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if your council's accounting period ends June 30, you must file a tax return by November 15.

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

Need more time to file a Form 990 (paper forms only)?

Extensions are not available for Form 990-N (e-Postcard) filers. Extensions are only available to paper filers (990EZ or 990). If you need more time to file your council's informational return, you must file a request for an extension at least one month before the due date. For example, if your council's accounting period ends December 31, you must file a request for an extension no later than April 15; if your council's accounting period ends June 30, you must file a request for an extension no later than October 15. Federal law imposes a penalty of \$20 per day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, for incomplete or late filings, unless you can show reasonable cause. You may download the form for requesting an extension from the [IRS website](#).

Where to file

Effective Feb. 29, 2016, the IRS launched a new website for submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard) filings. The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) can only be filed online and you may do so by clicking [here](#). All new users must complete a onetime registration even if you were previously registered under the old system. If you registered and filed last year, you will not need to register again.

You can also access the [IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System \(e-Postcard\) User Guide](#).

All paper returns should be sent to:
Internal Revenue Service Center
Ogden, UT 84201-0027

The website will not allow me to file a Form 990-N

If your council has recently been reinstated with the IRS or if your council is a new council, the filing system may not allow you to file a 990-N for your first year. A council cannot file a Form 990-N unless it is on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List, which is updated annually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department. If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org.

Forms and Other Information Available on IRS Website

Forms 990-EZ and 990 are available in the forms directory on the [IRS website](#).

We suggest you visit the [IRS home page](#) for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations.

We also suggest you visit the [IRS web page](#) explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations.

More information is also available on the [Knights of Columbus website](#). Sign in under Officers and click on the "Forms" tab. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will access a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments.

Conclusion

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is also responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax exempt status.

If you have questions relating to your council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org.

Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your council or assembly can be found on the Officer's Desk Reference (ODR). For a user name and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995

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Wisconsin State Council's DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH November 2016

Green Bay Diocese

Leon & Patty Bitters 6926/D2 Lena

La Crosse Diocese

Pat & Janet Quirk 10774/D22 Osseo

Madison Diocese

John & Jane Tarrell 1909/D52 Highland

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Mark & Kim Mueller 11301/D60 Campbellsport

Superior Diocese

John & Randi Danner 7827/D85 Minocqua

The recipients of the Holy Plaques from Supreme for November are:

Elmer Kuehni, Council 3249; Dale Kordylas, Council 1709, Kevin Erlitz, Council 6759, Jason Miller, Council 2588

Wisconsin State Council's DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH December 2016

Green Bay Diocese

Hartley & Ruth Arsta 1957/D12 Two Rivers

La Crosse Diocese

Arthur & Helen Helminak 4646/D27 Junction City

Madison Diocese

Gerald & Carol Leifker 765/D41 Dickeyville

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Bernard & Barbara Brown 11301/D60 Campbellsport

Superior Diocese

Jim & Kim Burns 1762/D81 Hudson,

Supreme December report was not received.

Silver Rose

Brothers,

We have the schedule for the 2017 Silver Rose. We are again on Route 3 which starts in Manitoba on 5 March 2017.

The Route passes through Minnesota, then North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and ending in Mexico for presentation to our Lady of Guadalupe on 12 December 2017.

We have the Silver Rose from Sunday, 16 July until Sunday, 13 August. As of the beginning of February, we have 23 locations. If your council is interested (particularly in the Milwaukee Archdiocese), contact me.

John Sustar, Wisconsin State Coordinator
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jsustar@hughes.net



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 visit this site for billboard graphic and other information

Point Person of Contact for Rosary Billboard Collaboration:

Brother Knight Dick Boldin of the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate

info@rosaryea.org phone number 414-570-4389 mailing address is: PO Box 305 Oak Creek, WI 53154

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.

Ceremonials

I would like to start by saying . . . thank you to those District Deputy's that have scheduled a 2nd and 3rd degree in February and March, As of this writing, there are 10 scheduled Degrees. Also, I would like to thank Jack Grzywacz, Roland Ransom and Frank Petit for resurrecting old 2nd Degree teams in their areas (District 28, Milwaukee and Rice Lake respectively).

For those who know me from my years as a Marshall of the East Wisconsin District and have participated in any of the training I provided, there are many similarities in regard to Degree Team members and Honor Guard members.

- 1) Even though we are volunteers, the expectation is that we will hold ourselves more accountable as our group is "visible".
- 2) No one volunteers to do a bad job. Make sure that clear direction is given.
- 3) Uniformity. What one team does is the same as all the other teams do.
- 4)

In my last newsletter article, I indicated that I would be offering tips or ideas on how to make sure your Degree teams perform the best that they can. My first tip is . . .

PRACTICE. It does not matter if you have your part memorized or you read your part, you must practice. This should be done individually and as a team. If your team has not performed a Degree for 2 months or more, then you owe it to the candidates, to have a practice before the next scheduled Degree. If you team has not performed for an extended period of time, maybe having a couple of practices would be the right thing to do. Yes, you owe in to the candidates, but also, you owe it to your fellow team members. A practice is also a good opportunity to bring in new members and have them rehearse their part. Please, please, do not "throw" a team together, at the last minute just to "get it done". That is not fair to the candidates.

All the tips I will be discussing through these articles will try to improve the image of your teams as if through the eyes of the candidates.

Fraternally,
Mike Jordan
State Ceremonial Director



Financial Secretary/Faithful Comptroller Training

When: Saturday, April 8, 2017

Time: 9 to 3 (a small lunch will be provided)

Where: Elisha D. Smith Public Library

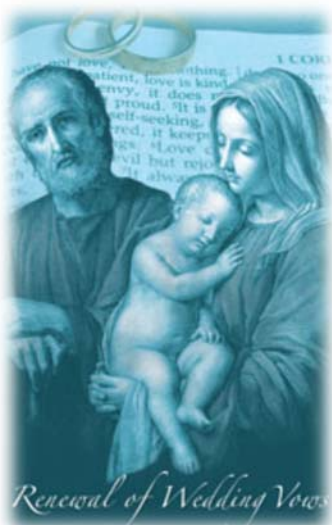
Address: 440 First Street, Menasha, WI 54952

Who can attend: Anyone interested in learning more of the duties of the FS and FC also instruction on using Member Management and Member Billing.

What to Bring: you can bring a laptop, but it is not necessary. Wifi will be available. You can bring items to write notes on.

RSVP: By April 1 to jonnevoincolumbus@gmail.com or (920)-623-5545. Please indicate number of people attending and what position you hold. We need a count so we are prepared with resource material and planning for food and beverage.

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.

Our Marriage Prayer

Worthy Brother Knights!



A huge thank you to all the councils that participated in the Our Marriage Prayer celebration this year!

With over 5,000 marriage prayer cards distributed again this year, it was a pleasant surprise to have prayer card requests come from East Dubuque, Illinois and Colfax, California!

The Our Marriage Prayer celebration next year will be on February 10th, 2018.

If you have any questions or stories to share about the celebrations, please share them with me!

May God bless your marriage and hold it safely in His hands.

Vivat Jesus!

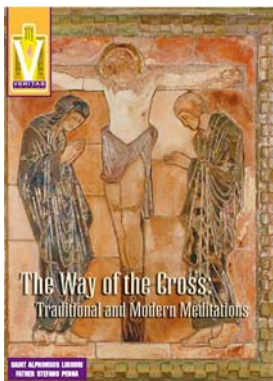
Joe Uchytel

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



SIMPLE SUPPER & STATIONS

Councils should partner with their parishes to sponsor a "Simple Supper & Stations" on Fridays during Lent. If your parish already prays the Stations of the Cross, ask your pastor's permission to serve a simple supper of meatless soup and bread to parishioners and attendees before or after the stations. This provides a communal opportunity for participation in the traditional Lenten observances of fasting and abstaining from meat. If your parish doesn't already pray the Stations together, ask your pastor if he would consider adding both the suppers and Stations to the parish calendar.

The prayers, meditations and hymns for Stations of the Cross can be found in *The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations (#363)*, available online at kofc.org/cis. Copies can be ordered at knightsgear.com.

Councils should list "Simple Supper & Stations" as a Church program and new Domestic Church activity on their Columbian Award Application (SP-7). Questions about *The Way of the Cross (#363)* should be directed to Catholic Information Service at cis@kofc.org or 203-752-4267

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

Icon #1

Icon #2

Icon #3

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

April 23, 2017 through May 20, 2017

District 40

District 62

District 24

May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017

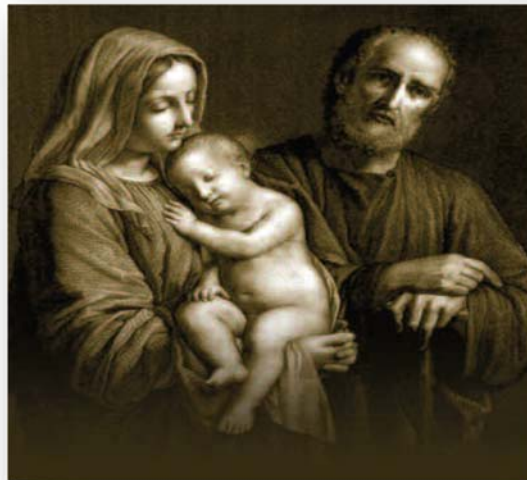
District 41

District 60

June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017

District 66

District 1





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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

March

- 2 - Council 3432, Waupaca
- 6 - Council 3955, De Pere
- 8 - Council 2210, Algoma
- 20 - Council 10243, Green Bay
- 22 - Council 2478, Sturgeon Bay
- 23 - Council 6228, Wautoma

La Crosse Diocese

March

- 6 - Council 4125, Tomah
- 6 - Council 974, Chippewa Falls
- 20 - Council 13880, Plover
- 23 - Council 1558, Wis. Rapids

Madison Diocese

March

- 15 - Council 4474, Princeton

Milwaukee Archdiocese

March

- 7 - Council 7798, Hubertus
- 16 - Council 697, Racine
- 21 - Council 5438, Mequon

Superior Diocese

March

- 14 - Council 2845, New Richmond
- 20 - Council 7106, Superior
- 26 - Council 6370, Grantsburg

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

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>
3-4-17	10:30 a.m.	1654	Arcadia	Ronald Brownell	715.442.2340
3-11-17	9:30 a.m.	664	Fond du Lac	Michael Tennes	920.979.5798
3-12-17	11:00 a.m.	765	Cuba City	Gerald Berning	608.744.8802
3-19-17	10:30 a.m.	3955	De Pere	Corey Coonen	920.819-9409
3-25-17	9:00 a.m.	6051	Cumberland	Mike Stoeberl	715.205.2937
3-25-17	10:00 a.m.	7798	Hubertus	Dick Jacunski	262.367.6723

Knighthood Ceremonial Degree:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
3-4-17	11:00 a.m.	697	Racine	Jason Rusnak	262-344-9797
3-4-17	11:00 a.m.	1654	Arcadia	Ronald Brownell	715.442.2340
3-11-17	10:30 a.m.	664	Fond du Lac	Michael Tennes	920.979.5798
3-12-17	12:00 a.m.	765	Cuba City	Gerald Berning	608.744.8802
3-19-17	1:00 p.m.	3955	De Pere	Corey Coonen	920.819-9409
3-25-17	10:00 a.m.	6051	Cumberland	Mike Stoeberl	715.205.2937
3-25-17	10:00 a.m.	7798	Hubertus	Dick Jacunski	262.367.6723

Fourth Degrees: Patriotism

Date

April 1, 2017

Location

Green Bay, WI

District

Eastern

Telephone

(920) 468-1979

Master of the Eastern District of the Marquette Province of the Fourth Degree

Larry Ziarnik
415 Skyline Blvd.
Green Bay, WI 53402
(920) 606-2369



Master of the Western District of the Marquette Province of the Fourth Degree

Timothy Genthe
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Badger Bulletin



Wisconsin Knights In Action

Knights help school lunch program



To avoid regulations imposed by the National School Lunch Program – including a prohibition on handing out candy canes to students, a tradition on St. Nicholas Day – Cathedral School, Superior, opted to create its own lunch program. Knights of Columbus Albert Cardinal Meyer Council 499 showed their support for the school by donating \$4,500 toward free and reduced-price lunches. Pictured are (from left) Grand Knight Ron Gronski, principal Jerry Carr and Dave Dusek, Cathedral parishioner and Knight. Carr said about half of diocesan Catholic schools have their own lunch programs. (Catholic Herald Photo by Anita Draper)



Knights of Columbus State Deputy Tim Guski presented Bishop Molino with two checks one for \$2500 from the State Council Charity Raffle and \$9900 from Donations from Madison Diocese Knights for Catholic Education.

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JERICHO *March*

— EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION —

*Please join us as we spend sacred time together to pray
for all mothers and their unborn children*

Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10 a.m.

(First Saturday in Lent)

Affiliated Medical Abortion Clinic • 1428 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee

Seven priests to lead us in prayer of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet as we circle the block seven times.

- Fr. Tim Kitzke
- Bishop-elect Jeffrey Haines
- Fr. Patrick Burns
- Fr. Peter Patrick Kimani
- Fr. Arul Ponnaiyan
- Fr. Andrew Linn
- Fr. Enrique Hernandez
- The Knights of Columbus**



We will be collecting items for the Woman's Care Center

- Disposable diapers (especially sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 and pullups 2T - 5T)
- Diaper Wipes
- Formula

Questions? Contact Anne Haines, Respect Life Director for Urban Ministry • haines@archmil.org





“Strike Out Hunger !”



The Knights of Columbus, Council 614 Our Lady of Lourdes, held its third annual nine pin bowling tournament to benefit the local food pantries. The Recreation Lanes @ 710 South Main in Oshkosh hosted the tournament for their last time. A large thank is given to the Putzer family’s generosity for the use of their facilities. The lanes were teaming with bowlers, including Congressman Glen Grothman, having fun while helping those in need. Another thank you goes to the Roxy Restaurant for their food donation! \$900 was raised for the pantries. Thank you to all who participated! Grand Knight Dick Forseth.



Badger Bulletin



**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 2017
Council 7811 - Mazomanie**

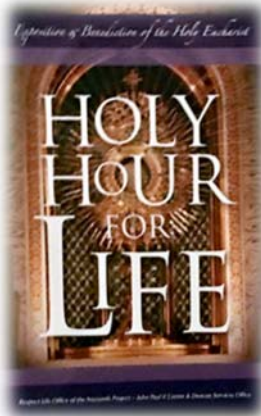


**Breakfast in Bethlehem
Prince of Peace Council #16333**

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On the 44th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision, the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard from Our Lady Of Holy Hill Assembly 1677 participated in the Holy Hour For Life at St Francis Borgia in Cedarburg.