

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus
Notes
February 2018



Worthy Brother Knights,

Thank You for your service to humanity. You are unique. Nowhere else is there a fraternity so dedicated to the personification of Christ in the world for the perpetuation of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. In this season of lent we have the need to more closely align our spiritual life to our Savior. Our Lenten sacrifices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; intentional strengthen us to take up our cross to go and make a difference in the world. We are excited to promote the upcoming series of events to aid you on your Lenten journey.

EWTN Personality Doug Barry will be with us:

- February 24 - St. Cecelia, Wisconsin Dells
 - February 26 – St. James, La Crosse
 - February 27 – St. Paul’s, Plainfield
 - February 28 – St. Monica, Whitefish Bay
 - March 1 – St. Joseph, Rice Lake
 - March 2 – St. Mary’s, Pine Bluff
- And, the Green Bay and Milwaukee Men’s Conferences
- March 3 – “Men for All Seasons” St. Pius X, Appleton
 - March 10 – “Men of Christ” Miller High Life Theater, Milwaukee

If we are to lead and defend our Domestic Church we must have the tools we need. You cannot do it yourself but

united in Christ all things are possible. Make it a priority to put on the full armor of God by participating in as many of these events as you can. Be the man God wants you to be.

Thank You to everyone for allowing IPSD Ron Faust (your State Membership Director) and me to observe Ash Wednesday with the international leadership of the Knights of Columbus while representing the Wisconsin State Council at the annual Circle of Honor Awards Trip in Phoenix. We had an opportunity to discuss the future of the Knights of Columbus with the Supreme Council Leadership, along with jurisdiction’s leadership from the United States, Canada, Mexico, The Philippines and Poland.

Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy
Spiritual Works of Mercy Corporal Works of Mercy

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| 1. To admonish the sinner | 1. To feed the hungry |
| 2. To instruct the ignorant | 2. To give drink to the thirsty |
| 3. To counsel the doubtful | 3. To clothe the naked. |
| 4. To comfort the sorrowful | 4. To visit the imprisoned |
| 5. To bear wrongs patiently | 5. To shelter the homeless |
| 6. To forgive all injuries | 6. To visit the sick |
| 7. To pray for the living and the dead | 7. To bury the dead |

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
- State Deputy Tim Guski

From the Desk of the State Secretary

Brothers,

With less than sixty-eights days until the opening of our State Convention, we have only received twenty-five Delegate Certification Forms! If you have sent your form in thank you, if not please do so by March 15.

Have you registered for the State Convention? You can do so

by visiting the State Website and clicking on the big blue banner **“2018 STATE CONVENTION”** and don’t forget to register for the Ladies Luncheon and State Deputy’s Banquet.

Make sure you give yourself time to come to the Blue Mass, Saturday April 28th and stay for the Civic Opening and Awards. Visit our State Convention site today to learn more about this year’s convention.

- Jack Wrbanich, State Secretary

Wisconsin Becoming Battle Ready!

If you're looking to go deeper and grow stronger in your Faith, to know more about your purpose and call to action as a Christian, or if you're struggling to connect with your spouse, friend or loved one about the Faith, then you need to experience the BATTLE READY Rally!

A BATTLE READY Rally is a 90 minute talk on what spiritual battle actually looks like, how to identify it and prepare for it, and how to engage in it. These three components are key for those of us who are here on earth as the Church Militant.

Doug Barry, Catholic speaker and founder of RADIX and BATTLE READY ministry, draws from Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Christ's own words and the words of our saints and popes to emphasize the reality of the spiritual fight that we are engaged in. Doug also points out the resources we must take advantage of on a regular basis such as prayer and Sacraments, and scripture. "There is emphasis on mental and physical care for ourselves, as well, so we can be ready at a moment's notice to fulfill our responsibilities not only to ourselves but to those who are entrusted to our care," says Doug.

Doug Barry is known to be matter of fact, straightforward, and dynamic. His passion and enthusiasm are not only encouraging, it's contagious. As a Catholic speaker, Doug has traveled both nationally and internationally since 1991 as the founder and director of RADIX. In early 2011, the term BATTLE READY came into play as an initiative of RADIX, and shortly after this, the BATTLE READY Rally was born. "Parishes across the country have since requested this Rally for their parishioners and the feedback has been incredible. Ninety percent of the time, half to two thirds of the audience will take advantage of the Sacrament of Confession when it's made available after a BATTLE READY Rally.

"Husbands, wives, young adults and children call, write, and tell Doug in person how their lives have been changed because of the BATTLE READY Rally. Perhaps one of the most encouraging and powerful changes is men and women admitting that, after this rally, they felt equipped with the knowledge and know-how they needed to become the men and women God made them to be. The show BATTLE READY now airing on EWTN is based on the Rally and Doug is seen as the host on BATTLE READY television show. Previously, he was also seen as the co-host for EWTN's 'Life on the Rock.'

Doug Barry is bringing his proven and powerful BATTLE READY Rallies to Wisconsin from February 24 to March 2, including two stops in the Madison Diocese. The first Rally will be Saturday February 24 from 9 am to 3 pm where I will be joining Doug as a speaker at St. Cecilia in Wisconsin Dells. Doug will then speak across all five Wisconsin dioceses from Monday through Friday February 26 - March 2 at the following parishes sponsored by the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus. For the last BATTLE READY Rally, Doug will join me again at my parish, St. Mary of Pine Bluff.

Sat. Feb. 24 - St. Cecilia, Wisconsin Dells, 9 am
Mon. Feb 26 - St. James the Less, La Crosse, 6:30 pm
Tue. Feb 27 - St. Paul's, Plainfield, 6:30 pm
Wed. Feb 28 - St. Monica's, Whitefish Bay, 7 pm
Thu. Mar 1 - St. Joseph's, Rice Lake, 7 pm
Fri. Mar 2 - St. Mary's, Pine Bluff, 6 pm

So, whether you are simply looking to go deeper and grow stronger in our Catholic Faith, or you are fighting to connect with a spouse, family member, or colleague on Faith and morals, then you need to experience the BATTLE READY Rally. It's about a battle that each and every one of us is in, and it's the most important battle of our lives. Your soul and the souls of the people in your care are counting on it!

Fr. Rick Heilman



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

BATTLE READY RALLY

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WISCONSIN TOUR DATES

SAT. FEB. 24TH - ST. CECILIA'S, WISCONSIN DELLS - 9:00 A.M.

MON. FEB. 26TH - ST. JAMES THE LESS, LACROSSE - 6:30 P.M.

TUES. FEB. 27TH - ST. PAUL'S PARISH, PLAINFIELD - 6:30 P.M.

WED. FEB. 28TH - ST. MONICA'S, WHITEFISH BAY - 7:00 P.M.

THURS. MARCH 1ST - ST. JOSEPH'S, RICE LAKE - 7:00 P.M.

FRI. MARCH 2ND - ST. MARY'S, PINE BLUFF - 6:00 P.M.

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“Heading for the Home Stretch!”

Great finish to January, Brothers! We climbed 20 places in the standings, moving all the way up to number 32, and the second half has just begun!

February is coming on strong, setting us up for a great finish as we enter the last third of the Fraternal Year. Two councils have already achieved McGivney and Founders levels, Marathon Council 16280 and U.W. Catholic Center Council 6568. I am sure there will be more to report soon. And we have one district, District 46 under DD Paul Quigley, with every council active. Several more are on the verge!

“Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork!”

I have two success stories to share with you. One involves the development of our newest council, Council 16937 in Athens, WI. Brother Knights from three councils spanning two districts worked together to achieve a beautiful success. There were numerous scheduling setbacks, an unexpected prolongation of a serious illness of the District Deputy, some not insignificant car trouble, a snowstorm, and a myriad of other miscommunications, as well as some scoffing at the idea of establishing a council in such a small, out of the way, rural community. But through it all the TEAM carried on. The result so far? An initial admission degree at which 23 new Knights were exemplified!

The second story comes from District 43. District Deputy 43 Marshall Frey just led the completion of the first stage of a membership drive in two parishes this weekend. Members of two councils in his district, along with members of two councils of District 47, teamed up to enjoy great success! There are already plans being made for a repeat performance at another parish!

Teamwork really does make the dreamwork! What are your success stories?

“District Deputies – Leave a Lasting Legacy”

District Deputies, are you having trouble getting a team off the ground? Please do not lose heart. Schedule a Church Drive. Reach out to all of your councils for workers. When they ask which Mass, the answer is all that you can! Involve your Diocesan Membership Coordinators – they are there to help. Invite neighboring DDs to bring members to participate. Let them know you are willing to return the favor. If you haven’t already recruited your District Warden (the Brother in your district who will devote 2 to 3 hours every week to membership) you may well find him among those who choose to participate.

Do all you can to build a membership team in your district and in your area, working with other District Deputies. You may not personally see the fruits, but the seeds you plant and water with your sweat will bear fruit in due season. It is truly amazing how richly God rewards us when we are willing to lurch faithfully from failure to failure with no lack of enthusiasm! In the words of Winston Churchill, “Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

Help build your successful team and leave a lasting legacy.

“Where are we Now?”

For regular updates about where Wisconsin ranks among the 76 jurisdictions of our order, and how your diocese is doing in Wisconsin, stay tuned to [Flocknote](#). (Click the link or, text the word BROTHER to 84576.)

Are you interested in the performance of the councils in your district over the last 15 years? Drop me a note at rfaust@wikofc.com and I will send you a spreadsheet!

Vivat Jesus!

Viva Cristo Rey!

IPSD Ronald Faust
Medic of Divine Mercy
State Membership Director
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State Disaster Relief Program



The State Disaster Relief Program team is at the threshold of rolling out the State K of C Disaster Relief Program (DRP) Our anticipated date of delivery for this important initiative is by the end of April (When the gradients change, and storms start to roll over our state). We are currently on target for that date.

We are presently scheduling meetings with two to three councils per week throughout the entire state with an aggressive agenda and high expectations that our team can map our emergency resources from council-to-council before the end of April, (Weather Permitting). Listed below this message is the initial list of next week's council visits.

It is vital that each council DRP volunteer group is on board with training, meta-data programming, reporting/usage and the program requirements at each council before the end of April. It's an all-out blitz for our team of eight, and we are slated to begin this activity on Feb 19.

Paul Shepherd and I will be visiting most of the Madison area councils together - shortly. We are asking that all District Deputies send this message to all of their respective councils as soon as possible. The reason for the council-level meetings is to review our roadmap, logistics guide, disaster on-site accountabilities, financial guide, program guidelines and council level SOPs in addition to the other essential initiatives mentioned earlier in this message.

Our DRP team will set appointments with Grand Knights to inform them of our intent to visit their respective councils as we calendar the times and dates which should give them plenty of notice before their monthly council meetings.

Additionally, we encourage any of our DDs and state representatives to join our DRP team meetings to learn more about the program and to remain engaged with our results and progress. We are looking for this plan to become a path for significant membership (excellent path for the younger and we definitely welcome the seasoned), and we will be sharing that message with each council as well.

The next group of DRP team meetings are:

- *February 26, 2018, at 6:30 PM*
- *Monday, March 5, 2018, at 6:30 PM*
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:00 PM

Location is the Round Table in Sun Prairie, WI.

Questions? Want more information? Contact:

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Paul Shepherd shepherdp60@gmail.com

What You Need to Know about Online Membership

Background

At its meeting in April 2017, the Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 4 of the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, and Sections 9 and 37 of the Constitution and Laws, voted to allow men to be initiated into the Knights of Columbus by completing an online application and ceremonial. These men would then be Associate Members under the jurisdiction of the State Council of the state in which they reside.

At its meeting in June 2017, the Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 4 of the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, and Sections 9 and 37 of the Constitution and Laws, voted to establish an online ceremonial by which candidates for membership are initiated into the Order as Associate Members, without having to take the First Degree. The Board further voted to establish a state division under the jurisdiction of each state council of the Knights of Columbus. These divisions shall be composed of members who are initiated into the Order

as Associate Members through the online ceremonial and who reside within each respective state council's jurisdiction.

The online membership initiative required two relatively minor changes to the Laws of the Knights of Columbus, which were accomplished by means of resolutions passed by the Board of Directors at its meeting in July 2017, and submitted to the Supreme Council. On August 3, 2017, the Supreme Council adopted the two resolutions: (1) Resolution 349, amending Section 120, permitting men who have entered the Order through the online initiation to purchase insurance, even though they have not taken the First Degree; and (2) Resolution 350, amending Section 240, authorizing the Supreme Secretary to issue membership cards to men who have entered the Order through the online initiation.

By virtue of the actions set forth above, every state

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council is now authorized to accept members through the online membership initiative, with no need to amend the state council by-laws. The Supreme Council office will administer the state divisions, including the collection of dues and the issuance of membership cards.

The online membership initiative is currently being piloted in a number of jurisdictions.

Rights and Privileges

Men who join the Order through the online membership initiative do not form a new class or type of member. Therefore, as members of the Knights of Columbus they are entitled to the rights and privileges of membership, which include:

- right to attend local, state, and Supreme Council events

- eligibility to attend local council meetings as nonvoting participants
- right to receive fraternal benefits
- eligibility to purchase Knights of Columbus financial products and services

receipt of *Columbia* magazine and other Supreme Council publications


Attendance at Meetings

Men who join the Order online are permitted to attend local council business meetings, but may not vote unless they become members of that council. The *Guidelines for Conducting a Council Meeting* will be amended after the online membership pilot has concluded. In the interim, all states currently in the online membership pilot can waive the part of the *Guidelines* that reads “in the first section.”

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Programs



Brothers,

Hope you're doing well with your New Year's resolutions that I suggested in last month's column!

The State Knowledge and Free Throw Contest have been finalized for Saturday,

March 24 at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids (445 Chestnut St.). Registration and practice for Free Throw will be 10 - 11:25 AM; competition starts at 11:30 AM. Math and Spelling registration will be 10:45 -11:45 AM with competition starting at Noon.

Remember that all contestants must have competed and placed at a Diocesan competition and cannot go from Council/District level directly to State. Free Throw competitors also need to bring their own practice balls.

I was most concerned last month when I analyzed the progress of our Councils in membership and new Insurance member recruiting that less than 10% of them are on target (50% or more of goal) to reach Star Council! We can do so much better than that. So, get your Church Drives, Open Houses, Father Wants You and other recruiting efforts going soon. Work with your General Agents and Field Agents.

I also saw far too many Councils remiss in their obligations to have their 185s, 365s, and Audits in (on-time or otherwise). I'll be sending out updates soon including the Fraternal Survey as well. Please check now to be sure those were sent in. Also, be sure that Special Olympics Participation form is in as we get thousands of dollars back annually from Supreme for Special Olympics for those forms that are sent in - everyone counts!

I'm looking forward to seeing your History Books (due February 1) and Service Program Award applications (due March 1) as we do the State judging in March. Also, looking forward to seeing you at the State Bowling Tournament in Stevens Point/Plover.

Finally, this year we plan to do a thorough evaluation and analysis of all our KC programming in Wisconsin in all areas. If you have any suggestions for that, in general or on specific programs or would like to be a part of that, let me know. That includes youth and every other program as well as awards.

Hope you have a great February - spring will be here soon. Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run One Life, One Rose 2018

Brothers,

We have received the details of the 2018 Silver Rose Run for Route 3. Iowa transfers the Rose to us on Sunday, 15 July 2018. Wisconsin will transfer the Rose to Illinois on Sunday, 12 August 2018. This gives us the Rose for 28 days. We would like to cover the entire State of Wisconsin with somewhat equal distribution between dioceses and council locations that minimize distances.

As of 5 Feb, we have two locations in Green Bay Diocese, three in La Crosse Diocese, four in Madison Diocese, one in Milwaukee Archdiocese and one in Superior.

If your council is interested, please contact:
Wisconsin State Silver Rose Coordinator
John Sustar
jsustar@hughes.net
608 847 1140
To Jesus thru Mary



PRESS RELEASE

The following students were winners in the annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest sponsored by the Supreme Council and Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Ages 5-7

- 1st Place – Taylor White (Fennimore) Council 12644, District 40
- 2nd Place – Felicity Kuefler (Fort Atkinson) Council 3396, District 50
- 3rd Place – Kennedy Vite (Waukesha) Council 15090, District 64
- Hon. Mention – Jack Hayes (Hudson) Council 1762, District 81

Ages 8-10

- 1st Place – Kate Strojny (Burlington) Council 15665, District 73
- 2nd Place – Kingston Quinn (Hudson) Council 1762, District 81
- 3rd Place – Alex Ehleiter (Fort Atkinson) Council 3396, District 50
- Hon. Mention – Christine Yanke (Loganville) Council 3450, District 46
- Raphael Gerbig (Merrill) Council 1133, District 90

Ages 11-14

- 1st Place – Kayla Loos (Burlington) Council 15665, District 73
- 2nd Place – Olivia Wittmann (Plain) Council 3450, District 46
- 3rd Place – Cali Brown (Gleason) Council 1133, District 90
- Hon. Mention – Nick Whittle (West Bend) Council 1964, District 66
- Elizabeth Leary (Roberts) Council 1762 or 2845, District 81

First – third place winners received medals, ribbons and Certificates of Merit with first place receiving a plaque as well. Honorable mention received the Certificate of Merit. First and second place winners were sent on to the KC Supreme Council in New Haven, CT for National/International competition. Third and fourth place posters will be displayed at the annual KC State Convention, April 27-29 in Middleton. Winning posters submitted for this contest become the property of the Knights and are not returned to their owners. Others will be returned at the State Convention if possible to the submitting Councils.

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic men’s fraternal organization with over 2 million members globally, over 36,000 in Wisconsin. The poster contest is just one of the many family, parish, youth, faith-based, charitable programs of the Knights. For more information on the knights, see www.kofc.org; or www.wikofc.com; or Bill Frayer at 262-633-7887, 262-945-1095, frayerfamily@yahoo.com.

State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests

Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids Saturday, March 24, 2018

Assumption High School is at 445 Chestnut St., 54494-4803.

- 1) Registration and practice will be 10 - 11:25 AM with competition starting at 11:30 AM. Registration for Math and Spelling will be 10:45 - 11:45 AM with competition starting at Noon
- 2) **All** competitors **must** have competed (1st, 2nd place or alternate) at the Diocesan (Regional) level and have **complete, legible, accurate orange** travel cards!
- 3) All Free Throw competitors must bring their own practice balls!

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Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle If your council has given money or held a benefit to raise funds for a person or family in need recently, you should consider filling out a **Charity Request Form** which you can find on the state web site. Interview the person, fill out the form yourself as you ask the questions (don't allow them to fill it out), have the Grand Knight sign it, and send it into the state office. It is common to ask for \$1000 to \$3000.

Thank you again for running the State Charity Raffle! Every year, it is a great success for the raffle winners, the councils which earn money that they can give to charitable causes, and for those who are the State grant recipients each year! Here are some messages to specific people in your councils: **Charity Raffle Chairman:** If you need more tickets, please call your DD or your Diocesan Coordinator who is listed in the State Directory on page 6:

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| Green Bay | Ron and Marilyn Frosch | 920-632-7636 |
| La Crosse | Dan and Joan Spencer | 715-305-0398 |
| Madison | John and Linda Huttenhoff | 608-249-7793 |
| Milwaukee | Jim and Beth TenPas | 920-207-6007 |
| Superior | Dennis and Doris Berends | 715-265-4186 |

If you need more large posters, either download them from the state web site (forms) or write to Mark.Kohls@att.net or 920-639-4991. Turn in money and stubs to your Diocesan Charity Coordinator, not the state office. **Grant Knights:** At your next meeting, please encourage your members to sell tickets until the Convention so that the council and the state can continue to give money to charitable causes. **Knights:** Thank you for selling raffle tickets! Last year over \$450,000 went to charitable causes. Only your work will allow us all to repeat this.

-Mark Kohls, WI Charity Committee Director.

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus, Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Committee (Tootsie Roll Program) recently held their annual meeting where they distributed \$154,000 to groups from around the State of Wisconsin who assist those with Intellectual Disabilities. The State ID Committee donates \$2,500 to each Bishop in the state to be used for a special project within their diocese which falls under 'Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities' heading. The remaining \$141,931.87 was distributed in January to groups who applied for the funds. In the fall of 2017, 56 groups applied for State Funds and those 56 groups requested \$343,098.20 in funding from the ID Committee. The Committee fully or partially funded 41 of those groups. A full list of the grants approved can be found on the State Website, under the Forms Heading.

The committee wants to thank everyone who donated to the program in 2017, which allowed local councils to distribute \$492,000 from the drive to their local communities in September of 2017 and the State Committee to distribute the balance of \$154,000.

Members of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus, Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Committee are Left-Right: Bob Peters-Green Bay (Oneida), Jim Vogt-Madison (Oregon), Pat Becker-Superior (New Richmond), Chuck Simmons-Consultant (Eastman), Mark Jelinek-Director (Richland Center), Greg Sutton-La Crosse (Onalaska). Dan Castle-Milwaukee (South Milwaukee) not available for photo.

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



2018 State Resolutions Committee Appointments

Congratulations to the following Knights whose appointment to the 2018 State Resolutions Committee has been approved by State Deputy Timothy J. Guski:

Grand Knights: Rick Raulin, Council 4586, Madison; and Matthew Poje, Council 16444, La Crosse

District Deputies: Tim Bowen (District 68), Muskego; and William Hitt (District 04), Sturgeon Bay

Past State Deputy: Steven Haase, Beaver Dam

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 10 and 11, 2018 to review all resolutions that were received by the State Advocate on or before February 16, 2018.

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



For four consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has been designated a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute, and is one of only a handful of companies in the insurance industry to have earned the honor.

The “World’s Most Ethical Company” evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of a business’ operation, including its corporate citizenship and responsibility, its culture of ethics, its governance, and its leadership, innovation, and reputation.



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Our Marriage Prayer

Worthy Brother Knights!

I want to thank all the councils that held an Our Marriage Prayer event this month! If your council didn't celebrate it on the February 10/11 weekend, don't be afraid to celebrate it on a different weekend. The important thing is to get the Our Marriage Prayer into the hands of married couples in your parishes. It is impossible to know which marriages are starting to fail and the Our Marriage Prayer may be just what they need to keep their marriage going.



Be sure to document your event in your council's history books.

I would be extremely grateful for any feedback you can share on the event. Any advice on what worked well and what can be improved will help provide direction on how to celebrate it next year!

Wow, what a month January turned out to be! After writing the January newsletter, 8,000 more cards were sent out with surprise orders from Texas and Pennsylvania. I even had a 1,000-card order for the standard version of the prayer cards from a Protestant church in North Carolina. Over 21,000 cards were distributed since September. That is a lot of marriages getting protected by God's hands. Awesome!

The new Spanish version of the cards are in and will be made available on Amazon by the time you read this. Thank you, Father Londoño from St. Anthony's in Milwaukee, for helping with the translation! Here is what the cards look like:

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|  <p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</p> <p><i>Nuestra Oración Matrimonial</i></p> <p>Señor, ayúdanos a recordar siempre el instante que nos conocimos y el fuerte amor que creció entre nosotros con el pasar de los días, luchando por este amor en lo práctico de nuestras vidas sin que nada ni nadie nos pueda separar. Pedimos Señor que nuestras palabras sean siempre llenas de respeto y cariño, con corazones siempre dispuestos para pedir perdón, y para saber perdonar. Querido Señor, Ponemos pues, nuestro matrimonio en Tus manos. Amén</p>  <p><i>Encima</i></p> | <p><i>Para qué orar?</i> Rezar juntos diariamente la "Oración de Nuestro Matrimonio," nos recordará sutilmente las herramientas que debemos tomar para mantener fuerte nuestro matrimonio.</p> <p><i>Cómo Orar?</i> Usted caballero, una sus manos a las de su esposa y hagan juntos la "Oración de Nuestro Matrimonio". Si tienen hijos, oren frente a ellos para que ellos aprendan de ustedes y más adelante cuando ellos se casen puedan hacer lo mismo, pasando esta hermosa tradición por generaciones.</p> <p><i>Recuerden...</i> ¡El matrimonio que más valoramos, más que el nuestro, será el matrimonio de nuestros hijos y nietos!</p> <p>www.OurMarriagePrayer.com</p> |
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I am dedicating 2018 to getting the Our Marriage Prayer cards translated into many more languages to serve all Christian couples. Let me know what languages your parishes need, and I will put them on the list. The Green Bay diocese suggested to translate it into Hmong. Let me know.

I will have a table at the Esto Vir 2018 conference on March 3rd and will have more prayer cards there if anyone wants to restock for next year. Due to not having to pay shipping and other fees, I can sell them at a reduced price. I will also be able to take credit card payments if that is more convenient.

Remember gentlemen, pray the Our Marriage Prayer with your beautiful bride every night in front of your children! Vivat Jesus!

Joe Uchytel
Council 7895 - Monsignor Gehl
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The marriages we will treasure more than our own will be those of our children and grandchildren



LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

USA SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES

July 1-6, 2018

Seattle, Washington



We have ONE more year to raise nearly \$26,000 MORE Dollars to help our ;
Wisconsin Special Athletes to the USA games in Seattle.

This would complete our \$100,000 voluntary 4 year commitment to Wisconsin Special Olympic Athletes for Team 2018.

The financial commitment is only 75 cents for each Wisconsin K of C member per year.

That investment buys more than transportation to Seattle.

It includes eye, ear, dental and health screenings for more than 500 Wisconsin Special Olympic Athletes.

As KC's and Christians, we are committed to support those around us who are most in need.

If you have a local chapter to donate to, we encourage that first.

If you do not have a local chapter, please consider donating to help send our Wisconsin athletes to Seattle.

If you can't afford 75 cents per member, then send us \$1.00 per member.

IT IS MONEY WELL SPENT!!

Your reward will be eternal!!

All donations should be run through the Knights of Columbus Charity account,(501)(c)(3).

Checks should be made out to "Wisconsin K of C Charities, and mailed to;

Bryce Lisowski, Special Olympics Coordinator

S 1345 County Road NN

Alma, WI 54610

INVITATION TO BID ON HOSTING THE 2020 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Worthy Grand Knight:

Article V - Section 1 of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Bowling Committee, Structure and Guidelines, states that any subordinate Council may present a bid for a future bowling tournament. Said notice must be in writing, signed by the Grand Knight of the Council and forwarded to the Secretary of the State Bowling Committee prior to May 1.

Each Council shall have the privilege of appearing before the Committee to present its claim as to the advantages of its respective Council for holding such a tournament and shall be heard alphabetically according to cities. "Only literature from bidding Council or Chamber of Commerce material shall be brought to the meeting. No other gifts or gratuities will be allowed distribution at any time.

The Committee shall at the Spring Meeting to be held on May 5, 2018 at KC Council #1170 Club House, 401 West Clark Street, St Point, WI, 54481, decide by a majority vote where the 2020 Annual Tournament shall be held.

Bidding will begin about 12:30 pm following lunch. The State Committee Meeting will start at 9am, and break for lunch about 11:30 am. Please plan to be there by 9am or arrive at lunch time. If after making application you find that you cannot host the event for any reason you must contact the State Bowling Committee Secretary prior to the spring meeting.

Fraternally yours,
Knights of Columbus Wisconsin State Council
William A. Plante,
Bowling Committee Secretary/Treasurer

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

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2018 STATE CONVENTION



Madison Marriott West Hotel & Conference Center
April 28 - 29, 2018

[AGENDA](#) [REGISTRATION](#) [HOTELS](#)



Click [HERE](#) to register
or visit our
State Website

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

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2018 Scheduled Degrees are posted on the State Website!

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

(Contact State Secretary Jack Wrbanich for help in posting your degrees - jwrbanich@wikofc.com)

Don't forget to send in your Form 450 after each Degree to:
membershiprecords@kofc.org
forms@wikofc.com
General Agent and Field Agent

Submit 2nd & 3rd Degree Request Forms to:

Contact SK Michael Jordan 920.858-7709 e-mail: michael.jordan@luvata.com

[Download your form from the State Website](#)

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February 2018 Newsletter & Badger Bulletin submissions are due to State Secretary Jack Wrbanich
by
March 9, 2018
Email submissions to jwrbanich@wikofc.com

Badger Bulletin

Wisconsin Knights In Action

Medford Council 1744

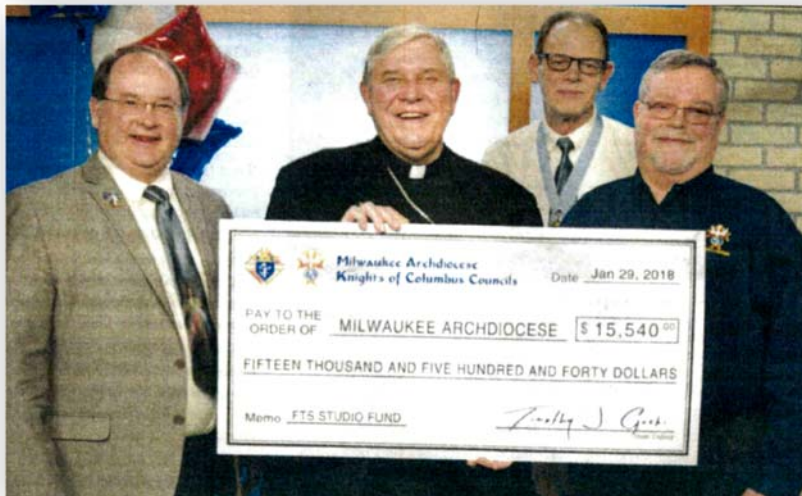


Jim Sova (left) and Michael Bub (right) were presented with the Knights of the Year Award. The award is for outstanding service in the Medford Council 1744 and the community. Presenting the awards was Medford Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight, Ben Egle (center).

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Thanks to the KC State Office for \$5,000.00 to start the fundraising, & Thanks to the Milwaukee Archdiocese Councils and the KC524 Center, Inc that made up the difference of the \$15,000.00 pledged by our Worthy State Deputy Timothy Guski to support the Archbishop for this program.

This money will purchase 2 new TV Video cameras for the studio which will replace the 1 outdated camera currently in the studio.

Brother Knight David Grau has a complete listing of the contributions made & by whom. Thank you David for your work in contacting the Councils & tracking the progress.

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Grading the kids Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest this morning. The Chairman for the event was Rich Gagner holding the papers. Another first for Council 5514 was Maisie Teska help grade the tests to get her volunteer hours in for school. This took place at St. Gabriel, Neenah.



Star Assembly Award
Faithful Navigator Steve Haase
Assembly #1206 with Master Larry



Recently three Assemblies in the Eastern Wisconsin District received the Star Assembly Awards.

Congratulations

Msgr Rohner Assembly #1206 -
Beaver Dam,
Bishop Bona Assembly #1217 -
Oconto and
The Basilica of St Josaphat Assembly
#3210.



Star Assembly Award to Faithful
Navigator Richard Steiner and
Faithful Comptroller Chris
Mosconi, Assembly #1217 with
Master Larry

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A photograph of a diverse family of six people (two adults and four children) smiling and posing outdoors in a park-like setting. The lighting is warm and natural, suggesting a sunny day.

Give from the Heart

WINTER PLEDGE DRIVE | February 19-23, 2018

GIVE NOW

100% Match Opportunity

[Visit Relevant Radio http://relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com)

As a result of Resolution passed during last year's State Convention the State Council donated \$4,800.00 to Relevant Radio, of that total \$2,400.00 came from donations by Councils throughout the state!



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28th ANNUAL WI Knights of Columbus State Camporee June 22, 23 & 24, 2018

Vista Royale Campgrounds
8025 Isherwood Road Bancroft, WI 54921
Come join us for a wonderful family camping experience and meet other Brother Knights and their families in a quiet country atmosphere. The campground has sites blocked for the camping group until May 15, 2018. Please mention KC Group when making your reservations.

For additional information about the weekend contact chairman Jim Drmolka at 715-498-6756.

THE WISCONSIN STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
WILL BE RETURNING TO THE NORTHWOODS

IN 2018!

ON SATURDAY JUNE 9TH AND SUNDAY JUNE 10TH , THE FATHER DODGE COUNCIL 7827 IN WOODRUFF WILL BE HOSTING THE STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT AT TROUT LAKE GOLF COURSE IN ARBOR VITAE, WI.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON ON
THE
WI STATE K OF C WEBSITE

