

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus
Notes
January 2018



Making a difference

We just had Martin Luther King Day and I was scrolling through my twitter feed and came across a picture of President Trump in the oval office with black pastors from around the country. There was a second white guy in the room so I enlarged the picture to see Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. That is extraordinary to me. Knights of

Columbus should be color blind when it comes to race and ethnicity but we also celebrate ethnic tradition and the universality of salvation regardless of the race or ethnicity. What is so extraordinary is our inclusion in a gathering of racially identified religious leaders. That is as it should be. Knights of Columbus do not discriminate, but our membership although open to all remains somewhat other than “diverse.” We are making efforts to be welcoming to all and seeing Supreme Knight Anderson in that venue is inspirational.

So I am feeling pretty good about this association, then I am watching EWTN coverage of the March for Life. Two of our girls went for five days on a bus to the March for Life. Ahead of the March were interviews with leaders from various Pro-life affiliates. One of these interviews was Andrew Walther from the Knights of Columbus who spoke at our 2016 State Convention. Andrew was sharing the KofC polling results that a vast majority of Americans are Pro-life and even those who claim to be “pro-choice” are in favor of restrictions. That is extraordinary, both the polling data and the interview.

Then, President Trump addressed the 500,000 plus marchers via video link from the Rose Garden at the White House. Assembled in the Rose Garden were a select few guests and prominently featured in that group was a kid from Monroe, Wisconsin who is currently serving as Deputy Supreme Knight for the Knights of Columbus Patrick Kelly. We have also had the honor to have Patrick Kelly speak at our State Convention. The Knights of Columbus presence at the March for Life is huge but to see are leaders featured so prominently is inspirational as well.

Having this opportunity to represent Wisconsin as State Deputy is an honor. The longer I am involved and the more I know, the more humbling that honor becomes. Being a leader in the Knights of Columbus is a sacrifice. Accepting a leadership position comes with the responsibility to fulfill the duty of that position. What is so extraordinary is that the fulfillment of that duty has such a significant impact on the world around us. Whether it is \$154,000 in Charitable Grants from the Tootsie Roll Campaign, a \$300 Fire Check or an Ultrasound that helps a Mom choose life! We cannot imagine the scope of the lasting impact we have made in our families, parishes and communities. Your service is a blessing to generations. That service offered with Love and Joy stands solid for our part in our inspiring Mission.

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
SD Guski

Viva Christo Rey!
State Deputy Tim Guski



Our Mission To Build the Domestic Church and Strengthen Parish Life

"Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family... But for us to do so requires that we adopt new methods."



BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
While Strengthening Our Parish



Questions?

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Membership 24 7 365

“BEAUTIFUL LESSON IN CHARITY!”

When is the last time you had the pleasure of hearing Father McGivney’s beautiful Lesson in Charity? (Otherwise known as our Admission Degree or First Degree.) I was joking around the other day and said, “I’ve already had my Lesson in Charity from Father McGivney, I don’t need another.” Well we all realized immediately how silly that sounds. We can ALL use another Lesson in Charity! So please join me in thanking Father McGivney for loving us all enough to design a beautiful Lesson in Charity. I dare say the trend of scheduling such a lesson every month in each district is as much a blessing to our current members as it is an opportunity to bring a new man into our fraternity. And how about those Lessons in Unity and Fraternity! Again, please join me in thanking Father! The best way you can show your appreciation, and the best way you and your family can benefit from Father’s timeless, spiritually enriching gift to all of us, is to receive those lessons again. Every time we observe, we are gifted once more.

If your brothers have not heard the Lesson in Charity recently, may I suggest you include it in your next meeting under The Good of the Order. It truly is a gift!



“Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork!”

We are hearing that having a winning District Membership Team sounds great. It sounds like it could work. But how do you get it started?

One way we are seeing this happen is to simply schedule a church drive anywhere in your district, and tell every council they are required to commit a minimum of two Knights to help with the drive – every Mass! Here is what happens. The men work together and naturally get energy from each other. Their spirit is up and that leads to success. As the old adage goes, “Nothing succeeds like success!”

“Another Winning Idea!”

One council told me they started showing our fantastic membership videos on a wide screen TV at their pancake breakfast. Men were drawn to the TV to see what was going on. From there it was easy to ask them if they had ever considered becoming a Knight! They said the most effective video is “An Invitation”. Videos are at:

http://www.kofc.org/en/videos/download/membership_videos.html

Some favorites are: An Invitation, Be the Difference, So the World May Know New Hope, and Legacy.

“Reaching for the Stars!”



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Double Star Race

Last month I asked, "Which will be the first council to reach Double Star in Membership and claim the \$250 prize!?" IT IS COUNCIL 16280 MARATHON!! Way to go, Worthy Grand Knight Andrew Krautkramer! Can't wait to recognize your achievement and hand you a check at our State Convention!

Who will be next? We have 9 other councils at or above 100% with Council 4505 Green Bay crashing the party.

District	Council Number	Council	McGivney Percent	Founders Percent
70	1690	Msgr. Thomas F. Berry Council, Whitewater	150.00%	33.33%
91	6587	Msgr. Walter Kalandyk Council, Hayward	133.33%	33.33%
30	5127	St. Mary of Colby Council, Colby	120.00%	0.00%
73	1647	Lake Geneva Council, Lake Geneva	114.29%	33.33%
13	4505	Msgr. Basche Council, Green Bay	100.00%	33.33%
20	7096	Cashton Council, Cashton	100.00%	33.33%
48	15229	Robert G. Timmerman Council, Cambridge	100.00%	0.00%
87	16298	Amery Council, Amery	100.00%	0.00%
67	16765	St. Stanislaus Papczynski Council, Kenosha	100.00%	33.33%

There are now 18 others at or above 50%!

District	Council	Percent	District	Council	Percent	District	Council	Percent
22	1257	85.00%	26	1840	66.67%	68	16710	50.00%
47	6568	75.00%	87	6370	66.67%	73	15665	50.00%
65	4614	75.00%	47	4527	60.00%	85	5415	50.00%
63	3562	72.73%	87	6567	60.00%	25	16444	50.00%
4	5844	66.67%	3	12185	50.00%	66	11301	50.00%
21	2055	66.67%	12	710	50.00%	80	669	50.00%

Founders Race

Another requirement for Star Council is the Founders Award. The top councils in that race are:

District	Council Number	Council	Founders Percent	McGivney Percent
12	16729	Fr. Francis Jordan Council, St. Nazianz	133.33%	0.00%
73	6554	Twin Lakes Council, Twin Lakes	100.00%	0.00%
47	6568	U. W. Catholic Center Council, Madison	100.00%	75.00%
3	2836	Bishop Fox Council, Shawano	100.00%	12.50%
46	3450	Bishop Griffin Council, Spring Green	75.00%	36.36%
12	710	Manitowoc Council, Manitowoc	75.00%	50.00%
4	2210	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis C. Heiman Council, Algoma	66.67%	14.29%
64	16171	Fr. John H. Endejan Council, Milwaukee	66.67%	0.00%
69	4520	San Salvadore Council, Cedarburg	66.67%	0.00%

There are another 47 councils at 33.33% or better!

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District	Council Number	Council	Founders Percent	McGivney Percent
3	5008	Saint Isadore Council, Tigerton	66.67%	33.33%
6	6764	Fr. Al Heitpas Council, Suamico	66.67%	16.67%
60	7798	Holy Hill Council, Hubertus	66.67%	42.86%
49	10363	Msgr. Beck - Fr. Olson Council, Janesville	66.67%	0.00%
60	12588	St. Peter Council, Slinger	66.67%	20.00%
45	16079	Three Hearts Council, Pine Bluff	66.67%	0.00%
60	2689	Dr. E. T. Monroe Council, Hartford	66.67%	40.00%
21	15739	Plum City/Arkansaw Council, Plum City	66.67%	0.00%

Star District Race

District	District Deputy	McGivney Percent	Founders Percent
47	Rob Christianson	93.9%	38.5%
65	John Kubicek	85.0%	10.0%
9	Brian Rameker	80.0%	0.0%
87	Jeff Stellrecht	54.1%	7.1%
91	Jim Sloane	50.0%	0.0%
63	Richard Jacunski	46.7%	46.2%
70	Dennis Bednarek	46.7%	28.6%
73	Brian Daniel	45.4%	38.5%
22	Miles Casey	43.6%	26.7%
60	Mike Tennies	38.8%	54.5%
28	Dave Joswiak	35.9%	0.0%
67	Jason Rusnak	35.0%	25.0%
48	Bernard Heit	33.3%	18.2%
21	Paul Zimmerman	33.3%	9.1%
46	Paul Quigley	32.1%	27.3%
26	Ryan Cairns	31.8%	0.0%
24	Tom Eder	30.2%	0.0%

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"SPIRITUAL AMMO CANS!!"



Didn't earn one from Dec 1 through Jan 5? No worries! Just go to the website of Our Worthy State Chaplain, Father Rick Heilman. www.romancatholicman.com.

Vivat Jesus!
Viva Cristo Rey!

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

**MORE Knights bring MORE hands (& hearts),
to raise MORE funds**

(& to evangelize), doing GOD's good works helping MORE people in need!

Programs



Brothers,

New Year's resolutions are in order this month. So, here's a few items you should be resolving to do:

- 1) Be sure to get your Fraternal Survey (#1728) and Special Olympics (#4584) Participation forms in by January 31. Very Important!
- 2) Plan to participate in or support those participating in the March for Life in DC on January 19 or the Chicago March January 13-14.
- 3) Begin now to establish plans for your March Church Drive and Founder's Day Charitable Outreach Program. Resolve to make every effort to reach and exceed your recruiting and insurance goals to attain Star/Double Star status!
- 4) Resolve also to work monthly on your Columbian Award form and Wisconsin Outstanding Council Award checklists so that by May-June you're ready to turn the Columbian Award form in and your Outstanding Council Award is set to be earned! Work with your District Deputy and Diocesan Program Coordinators to assist you with this. A Monthly review of the status of your programs and activities is a great way to do this.
- 5) Also, resolve to get your History Book in on time to your DD (February 1) and to get an early start on your 2018 book. (Remember - it's a requirement for the Outstanding Council Award.) If you're working on an e-book (flash drive, DVD, pdf) or you just want to cobble something together to meet the requirement, not looking to be graded for a major History Book award in itself, then they're due to me by the State Convention!
- 6) Get working right now to select one of your programs in each of the 6 areas that qualify for the State Service Program Awards - Church, Council, Youth, Family, Culture of Life and Community. Complete the form (STSP) for each program, and submit it with supporting evidence (letters, pictures, bulletin or newspaper articles, etc.) in a small binder to me or to State Officer no later than March 1.

7) Try hard to complete 2 programs in each of the 4 areas of the Building the Domestic Church Initiative (BDCI) and submit that checklist to Supreme by June 30. You will then receive a beautiful Holy Family icon that your Council can keep. See the State and Supreme websites for more details on the BDCI and the recent Flocknote reminder on this.

8) This year, plan to work even harder to maintain and improve your relationship with your pastor. Do all you can to meet the priorities and needs for the parish that he sets. Prioritize those programs, and integrate KC programming in with those of the parish as they are needed/fit. Continue to see that Knights are majorly involved in all aspects of the parish - pastoral and finance councils, committees, school, CCD, etc.

9) Strongly consider, if you haven't been doing so, or continue to important the Family of the Month and Knight of the Month programs. Send in a Medallion and/or Family of the Year nominee (due February 15). Get involved in the Silver Rose program. Do the Marriage Prayer around February 14 or Father's/Mother's Day Call your Brothers on their birthday and on their anniversary of Initiation (or them and their spouse on their wedding anniversary date). Re-invigorate your Roundtables and be sure their paperwork forms (#2629 and #2630) are on file with State and Supreme annually. Remember also your Knowledge and Free Throw Contests and other significant programs (eg. Charity Raffle, ID Drive, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, Ultrasound, RSVP, etc.).

10) Finally, be sure to have fun and prayer time with your families and KC and parish families as well! Strive to get closer to them and closer to God and your goals will surely be reached! You may also want to promise to begin one new Council/parish program or activity and one new Charitable Outreach program or activity over the next 6 months that you haven't done before. Look for new ideas, new leadership in doing so.

Let's have a great 2018! Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!

Fraternally,
Bill Frayer
State Program Director

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IN MY HANDS**



In Association with GEM Communications & Consulting and **FLIP**

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle Thank you 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:

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 Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Program would like to thank every council who has made the last 4 years record collections. Your work and dedication has really helped groups from around the state and continues to make me proud to be your Brother Knight.

Now is the time to be getting your Council Orders turned into your District Deputy. The Tootsie Rolls will be ordered once we hear from every District in the State. Don't be the last one! 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 three years we have set all-time highs for the program.

Let's try to make 2018 the 4th year in a row with record setting numbers to assist those with Intellectual Disabilities Program!

In 2017, 28 Councils from around the State did not participate in the ID Program. If we could get half of them to participate we could blow the doors off collection amounts!

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.

Resolutions Notice

All Resolutions must be received by the State Advocate no later than February 16, 2018

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 10, 2018 in Marathon, 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 mtomsyck@wikofc.com



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FAMILY OF THE MONTH



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

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

Green Bay Diocese

Timothy & Mary Hamblin
5514/10 Neenah, WI.

Green Bay Diocese

Dale & Diane Fidler
4735/13 Denmark, WI.

La Crosse Diocese

Richard & Diane Schmutzer
4646/27 Arpin, WI.

La Crosse Diocese

Dana & Brenda Krzykowski
13880/27 Plover, WI.

Madison Diocese

Zach & Andrea Washa
1909/52 Highland, WI.

Madison Diocese

David & Peg McCarthy
1909/52 Highland, WI.

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Mathias & Janet Serwe
11301/60 Campbellsport, WI.

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Michael & Carla Mountain
4897/71 Waupun, WI.

Superior Diocese

Josh & Amy Chladek
7030/81 Hammond, WI.

Superior Diocese

Richard & Mary Vesper
2137/83 Rice Lake WI.

The Supreme Families of the Month for August are:

The Supreme Families of the Month for September are:

Council	Member
719	Patrick Hass
4125	Paul Dwyer
6926	Michael Klaus
11155	Nicolas Haun

Council	Member
765	Duane Ernst
2055	Howard Lee
3249	Paul Rozwadowski
5456	Gary Huppert
9230	Alan Brooks
13880	Dana Krzykowski

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH



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

Green Bay Diocese

Marvin & Robyn Krall
1957/12 Two Rivers, WI.

La Crosse Diocese

Steve J. & Delores Toboyek
5488/28 Kronenwetter, WI.

Madison Diocese

David & Gina Goss
12644/40 Boscobel, WI.

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Paul & Wilma Halfmann
11301/60 Campbellsport, WI.

Superior Diocese

Dean & Pat Molinaro
7827/85 Lac du Flambeau, WI.

The Supreme Families of the Month for October are:

Council	Member
2055	Howard Lee
1558	Darrel Anderson
2478	Roger Bocek
3249	Paul Rozwadowski
5456	Gary Huppert
6689	Chris Mosconi
9230	Alan Brooks
10914	Robbie Sage
12183	Alan Mullikin
13880	Dana Krzykowski

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

Green Bay Diocese

Russell G Glime
6926/2 Lena, WI.

La Crosse Diocese

Lawrence J. & Gertrude Glatczak
5488/28 Mosinee, WI.

Madison Diocese

Travis & Ginger Halerson
1909/52 Highland, WI.

Milwaukee Archdiocese

David & Rachel Lamp
11301/60 Campbellsport, WI.

Superior Diocese

Daniel & Jessica Timmerman
1762/81 Hudson, WI.

The Supreme Families of the Month for November are:

Council	Member
No report from Supreme for November	

Our Marriage Prayer

Worthy Brother Knights!

One more month until the Our Marriage Prayer celebration on Sunday, February 11th, 2018!

Complete instructions on how to celebrate the Our Marriage Prayer in your parishes are available at <http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>. **All documents listed below are downloadable from this web page.**

Final preparation steps:

Submit the **Parish Bulletin Announcement** to the parish staff no later than the Monday before the event (February 5th). Contact the parish staff to confirm their bulletin submission deadline.

Ask a knight to read the **Our Marriage Prayer Invitation** after communion. It is beneficial if the knight and his bride begin praying the prayer every day as soon as possible.

Give Father or the Parish Administrator the **Our Marriage Prayer Introduction** so they can introduce the knight after communion.

Have knights hand out prayer cards before and after mass.

Feel free to add a special touch to the event by having knights hold open the doors to the church as parish members arrive!

Remember that if February 11th doesn't work for your council, hold the OMP event wherever it fits into your council's calendar.

Councils have purchased over 11,000 Our Marriage Prayer cards since September 2017! It is awesome that so many councils are answering the call to protect the marriages in the parishes they serve! Thank You!

Lastly, I ask all of you to join me in a special prayer to bless the OMP events.

Heavenly Father, please bless each married couple that receives the Our Marriage Prayer. Encourage them to pray it every night in front of their children so that Your protection is passed down through the generations.

May all the councils have a special Our Marriage Prayer event!

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Uchytel

Council 7895 - Monsignor Gehl

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The marriages you will treasure more than your own will be those of your 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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

MEMORANDUM

TO: SUPREME MASTER, VICE SUPREME MASTERS, DISTRICT MASTERS, VAVS REPRESENTATIVES AND DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVES

**FROM: COLONEL CHARLES H. GALLINA, USMC/RET
ADVISOR FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2017 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VAVS MALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2017

CGA

On behalf of our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, the Officers, and the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus, we congratulate Mr. Roland C. Ransom II, KofC VAVS Deputy Representative, Clement J. Zablocki VAMC 695 Milwaukee, WI as the 2017 Knights of Columbus Male Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Ransom, a United States Marine Corps and Vietnam Veteran, has been a Regularly Scheduled Volunteer at the Clement J. Zablocki VAMC 695 Milwaukee, WI for the past 6 years. He works with the Spinal Department ensuring patients get to and from their appointments. Through 31 October, 2017, Mr. Ransom has logged over 500 hours of service.

Included in Mr. Ransom's sterling service supporting veterans are just a few examples:

- In conjunction with American Legion Post #375, Roland is active in getting patients to and from the Post for home cooked meals and bingo
- Patient support on Holidays and during the Christmas Season, he is very active in serving snacks, juices, and sandwiches at the 4th of July observances; seeking donations from local KofC Councils and Assemblies, he provides cheer for the veterans at the VAMC Christmas Party with gifts for the Veterans like personal hygiene items for use during the holiday season

- Recognizing the importance of honoring veterans, each Memorial Day and 4th of July, Roland with his granddaughter and other volunteers place flags on the graves of veterans laid to rest at the Union Grove Cemetery; as a member of the KofC Color Guard, he participates in Memorial Day ceremonies honoring veterans, and in ceremonial Flag Retirements
- Understanding that this worthy cause does not get appropriate publicity and public awareness, Roland works tirelessly supporting the Fisher House speaking at various public and KofC events, showing the Fisher House video, directing donations and contributions to the cause
- From its inception, Mr. Ransom been active with the Veterans Honor Flights, through fundraising and increasing public awareness; arranging for KofC Honor Guards for all flights from General Mitchell Field, Roland ensures each member has proper Homeland Security clearance, then participating in the Honor Guard of up to 30 KofC members; Roland and his wife Judy have adopted one such veteran and a Brother Knight, Erv, suffering from PTS, getting him to various KofC functions, and ensuring that this worthy veteran was on the Stars and Strips Honor Flight to Washington, DC, then accompanying him on the flight
- Mr. Ransom and his fellow Knights are also in full support of the USO, raising money and public awareness, e.g. each year raising several hundred dollars sponsoring a brat/burger stand

In all that he does, Mr. Ransom serves his fellow veterans at all times with respect, dignity, and compassion connecting personally with the veterans at all levels. It is with great pleasure then that we congratulate and thank Sir Knight Roland C. Ransom II for his accomplishments. Roland is a highly motivated, efficient, and fully dedicated RS volunteer. He is truly the epitome of all that it means to "*Serve those who Served.*"

Gary R. Nolan
Vice President for Fraternal
Training & Ceremonials



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MEMORANDUM

To: District Deputies
From: Gary R. Nolan, Vice President for Fraternal Education, Training and Ceremonials
Re: Submitting the Degree Exemplification Report
Date: November 15, 2017

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The ceremonial health of every council is vital for maintaining long term council success. As district deputy, one of your roles is to evaluate the ceremonials of your councils. You are responsible to ensure a ***Degree Exemplification Report*** (Form #450) is submitted for each Ceremonial Degree conferred within your district.

This is especially important for the Formation, or Second, Degree, since the submission of the Degree Exemplification Report is vital in facilitating the replenishment of the Formation Degree Staff's supply of Carolingian Crucifixes. With prompt reporting, the Formation Degree Staff will always have adequate supplies on hand.

We have enclosed an instruction sheet to assist you in correctly completing the form.

We know that for the District Deputy to attend every degree is not always possible. In those cases when the District Deputy does not attend the degree, the ***Degree Exemplification Report*** may be completed by a visiting District Deputy, the Formation Degree Staff Coordinator, or the host council Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. In those cases, the officer completing the form should include his name and title in the space provided at the bottom of the form.

The ***Degree Exemplification Report*** (Form #450) is available to be electronically filed via the Knights of Columbus website: **State and District Forms**. The forms may also be submitted by scanning, and emailing to ceremonials@kofc.org, via regular mail, or by fax (203) 752-4662.

If you have any further questions regarding the ***Degree Exemplification Report*** (Form #450), please call the Fraternal Mission/Ceremonials Call Center (203) 752-4270, and choose Option 3.

Encl.

cc: State Deputies
State Ceremonials Chairmen
Degree Staff Coordinators
Grand Knights

Degree Exemplification Report Form 450 Instructions

- Please note that only one degree exemplification is to be reported on each **Degree Exemplification Report**. When multiple degrees are held on one day, each degree must be reported on a separate form.
- The **District Deputy** name and **District Number** of the host council must be completed at the top of the form. If the form is completed by someone other than the District Deputy of the host council, he must include his name and office in the space provided at the bottom of the form.
- The **Degree Date** is the date of the degree exemplification.
- The **Jurisdiction** is the state, province, or territory in which the degree was held.
- Please include the **Total Number of Candidates** who received the degree.
- The First Degree Exemplification is the **Admission Degree**, the Second Degree is the **Formation Degree**, and the Third Degree is the **Knighthood Degree**. Please check the box to indicate which degree is being reported. Do not check multiple degrees on one form.
- If the report is for the **Admission Degree**, the **council number** of the degree staff must be included, and a box checked to indicate the method of presentation: by memory, by reading from the script, or through the use of the DVD presentation.
- For the **Formation Degree**, the name of the **Formation Degree Staff** should be indicated, as well as the name of the **Staff Coordinator**.
- For the **Knighthood Degree**, the name of the **Conferring Officer** who led the degree exemplification should be specified.
- The **General Observations** should give a short summary of how well the degree was exemplified. It is also extremely important, for the Formation Degree, that you indicate if the new degree was used so that a supply of Crucifixes can be sent to the Formation Degree Staff Coordinator.
- If more than ten councils participate at one degree exemplification, please report the number of candidates on two forms, and indicate that one form is page 1 of 2, and the other is page 2 of 2, in the **General Observations**. Also, include the **Total Number of Candidates** who received the degree on both forms.
- Please note that only one degree exemplification is to be reported on each **Degree Exemplification Report**. When multiple degrees are held on one day, each degree must be reported on a separate form.

**Fraternal Mission Presents Online Training
“Keeping Recruitment Personal”
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
8:00 PM Eastern Time
Recorded Live - After the Live
Presentation Available anytime for replay**



Click [HERE](#) to register.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/resources/membership-webinar.html>

**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:
membershprecords@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
February 5, 2018
Email submissions to jwrbanich@wikofc.com

Badger Bulletin



Wisconsin Knights In Action



Council 697 Contest Coordinator Dick Otwaska, parents and student winner of "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest at Our Lady of Grace Academy (St. Edward's)-Racine, Bill Frayer (State Program Director)



Art teacher and student winners of "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest at St. Rita's School-Racine, Bill Frayer (State Program Director)



Contest Coordinator Dick Otwaska, Bill Frayer, student winners and principal of St. John's Lutheran School-Racine. "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest - Council 697 received over 175 entries.



Sammie with WI Congressman Sean Duffy 51 kids from the Chippewa Falls Deanery (one of 4 buses from the La Crosse Diocese) at the KofC JPII Institute

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Wisconsin Knights In Action



John F. Kennedy Council #1257 in Eau Claire has sponsored an annual Santa Visit to Bolton Refuge House for at least the past 12 years. Bolton Refuge House is a secure facility for battered women and their children to stay safe and away from their abusive fathers. Brother Bob Mathews and his wife Mona are Santa and Mrs. Claus. Several of our Brothers act as Santa's helpers for this heart warming event. On Tuesday, December 19, a dinner was provided by our Council and then Santa and Mrs. Claus presented approximately 20 children with gifts provided by the community and an autographed book by Santa.



Area 2 Honor Guard at South Milwaukee Council 1709's Corporate Communion at Divine Mercy Church on the Epiphany on Sunday 1-7-18. Members are from left SK Tim Bowen, SK Alberto Jimenez, SK Roland Ransom, SK Chris Mohrbacker, SK Gary Zebron, SK Dale Kordylas, SK Les Kostera, and SK Paul Kintziger.



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Wisconsin Knights In Action



Let's Go Camping!

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**



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From Vice Supreme Master:

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) currently has over 75,000 volunteers who give more than 11 million hours of service to America's Veteran's.

On December 21, 2017, the Supreme Council announced that Past State Deputy and Former Master Roland Ransom was named the Knights of Columbus VAVS Volunteer of the Year for 2017. The reasons for his being named the Volunteer of the Year include, but is not limited to the following: his many hours of volunteer service at the Clement Zablocki Medical center in Milwaukee, WI; his active service with the American Legion and Veteran's Post # 375; his work with the veterans during the Fourth of July holiday and the Christmas season; his tireless work with Stars and Stripes Honor Flights in Milwaukee; and his continual promotion of supporting the veterans within the local Councils and Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin are but few of the many ways Roland supports our veteran's.

Upon being named the Knights of Columbus Volunteer of the Year, Roland's name was submitted to the VAVS Board for consideration of additional recognition on the National Level.

I am very proud to report to you that, this afternoon, I had the pleasure of notifying Roland that he was named the National VAVS Volunteer of the Year. This is a great honor for Roland and Judy, as well as the Knights of Columbus who Roland so proudly represents. The Ransom's will be invited to the VAVS meeting in April where they will be presented this most prestigious award.

Please join me in congratulating Sir Knight Ransom on this wonderful honor and for his service to our nation's hero's. Roland is truly the epitome of all that it means to "Serve those who Served."

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

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Paul D. Isherwood, FMFD
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Fourth Degree
Vice Supreme Master
Marquette Province

