



Desk of the State Deputy

Editors Note: State Deputy Guski at Supreme, we are the following article was from last months State Deputy Notes

Protect Religious Freedom

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

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

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

We commenced our State Convention to recognize those who have excelled in their lives and in the past year in the exercise of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of

Mercy. Our very existence as a service organization is centered on addressing the physical and emotional needs of our fellow man.

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
State Deputy Tim Guski



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



State Deputy Guski at the birthplace of Blessed (to be) Solanus Casey. Beatification scheduled for Wisconsin born Monk in Detroit, Michigan this November.

Brothers,

SAINTHOOD is not far away.

It is time to make ready for Pilgrims SIGNIFICANT DATES- FR. SOLANUS (www.solanuscasy.org)

- ◇ Nov. 25, 1870 - Born Bernard Casey in Oak Grove WI (Prescott, Pierce County)
- ◇ Dec. 18, 1870 - Baptized, St. Joseph Mission Church, Prescott WI (La Crosse Diocese)
- ◇ 1883 - First Communion, St. Patrick Church, Hudson WI (Superior Diocese)
- ◇ July 24, 1904 - Ordained as Priest, St. Francis Church, Milwaukee WI (Archdiocese)
- ◇ July 31, 1904 - First Mass, St. Francis Church, Appleton WI (Green Bay Diocese)

Anything associated with Solanus Casey will become venerable and attract the attention of the world's faithful.

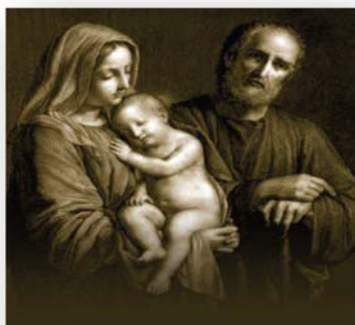
We are hoping to prepare documentation and support for the pilgrim's way for visitors to Wisconsin.

Please, learn about Fr. Solanus and promote exhibition of the role of the local sites from his life. I know Appleton, Prescott, La Crosse Shrine and St. Anthony's Center in Marathon have Fr. Solanus exhibits let us prepare to honor the first Wisconsin Saint.

Feed back to me regarding local interest in promoting the cause and ideas.

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
SD Tim Guski

Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule



If you have any questions, Contact Coordinator Kevin Blau

Icon #1 **Icon #2** **Icon # 3**

May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017

District 41

District 60

June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017

District 66

District 1



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State Membership

“Finishing Strong, Starting Stronger!!”

WISCONSIN IS WINNING! As I write this we have won eight of our last nine head-to-head matchups with other jurisdictions and we have a double digit lead over Iowa in number ten! We are finishing strong.

So how do we take our strong finish and turn that into an even stronger start? It begins by recognizing that, for true Knights, the race never ends. The most successful runners, the winningest runners, do not run all the way *to* the finish line – they run all the way *through* the finish line!

As Knights, we do not so much have a finish line as we do a milepost. Our work of Saving Lives and Changing Lives is a mission of Charity that traces its roots back through Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney all the way to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are privileged indeed to have a mission without beginning and without end.

And so we run as to win the race, all the while knowing that we but briefly hold the baton. A baton we received from those steadfast Knights who have gone before us. And look! It is not one baton! There are hundreds, even thousands of steadfast Knights running in Unity with us!

Star Council Race

With three weeks left we have 14 councils that have earned both the **McGivney Award** and the **Founders Award**. Way to go!! These include Wisconsin’s 3rd oldest council, Council 531, and Wisconsin’s newest council starting the year, Council 16444.

Council 531, Madison
Council 1612, Delavan
Council 2035, Port Washington – Double Star
Council 5127, Colby – Double Star
Council 6599, Elmwood
Council 6997, Poynette
Council 7030, Hammond
Council 12588, Slinger – (two from Double Star)
Council 14362, Kenosha – (one from Double Star)
Council 15659, Racine
Council 15665 Burlington
Council 16079, Pine Bluff – (one from Double Star)
Council 16280, Marathon – Double Star
Council 16444, La Crosse – Double Star (two from Triple Star!)

McGivney Award

Another **20** councils have earned the McGivney Award. Go Brothers! Get the Founders Award and earn Star!

QUICK QUIZ! Which award is easier to earn, McGivney (membership quota) or Founders (insurance quota)? The answer might surprise you!

Some councils have just experienced their first successful church drive in years, and they are excited! For them, the iron is hot; it is time to strike. NOW is the time for them to Fraternally share that excitement with their neighboring councils.

Everywhere I go in Wisconsin, I find Knights generously sharing their gifts. As Catholics, we have come to learn that a gift shared is a gift multiplied. And so it is with the gift of our membership in the Knights of Columbus. It naturally follows that sharing the gift of a parish council with a parish that does not enjoy that singular blessing also has a multiplying effect.

Thank you, my Brothers, for being a Blessing to those around you. And thank you for being a Blessing to me and my family.

Vivat Jesus, Viva Cristo Rey!
IPSD Ronald Faust
Medic of Divine Mercy
State Membership Director
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State Program Director - From the Desk of the Professor

Brother Knights,

The Professor has taken a few well deserved days off and will be back next month. In the meantime, don't forget to submit your SP-7 Columbian Award application by June 30!

How did your council do this fraternal year compared to last year? What new program did your council institute? It's time to take inventory of your accomplishments - what can you improve on? Meetings, Parish activities? Membership growth? All important questions to ask as you start planning for the next fraternal year.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said "Christ's light beckons you to be guiding stars for others, walking Christ's way of forgiveness, reconciliation, humility, joy and peace."

Knights councils are called to be the shaning star in our parishes!

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!

Jack Wrbanich
State Secretary

2017 State Convention April 29-30 Stevens Point

*Check out our new
Photo Galleries on the
State Website*



STATE COUNCIL PHOTO GALLERY



STATE COUNCIL PHOTO GALLERIES

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to see our off-site State Council photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wikofc/albums>

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Membership

Did you know that any associate member can become an insurance member without spending a dime? Do you want to know how?

Simply move \$300 from one pocket to another!! That's it!! Call your Worthy Field Agent and move \$300, any \$300, into a Knights of Columbus Annuity! With almost 7 in 10 members NOT an insurance member (which always puzzles me, but more about that later) there are LOTS of opportunities to fill your quota! **FOUNDERS** should be the **EASIEST** quota to reach!!

What? You don't have a field agent? Your Financial Secretary can order the New Member Annuity form, 100Q, from the Supply Department and your members can get this done by moving only \$100!!

Twelve (12) councils are only ONE new member from the McGivney Award, fourteen (14) others need only TWO more, and twenty-three (23) are within THREE!

HEY! Did any of you notice that Council 6228, Wautoma, added 5 new members in the first week of June? You can do it too!! **It ain't over until you win!!**

Founders Award

Nine (9) councils have earned the Founders Award. Go Brothers! Get the McGivney Award and earn Star!

Eleven (11) councils are only ONE new insurance member away from reaching the EASIEST quota in the order!! Forty (40) others need only TWO, and one hundred fourteen (114) need only THREE.

Why be an Insurance Member?

Like me, you have a choice in the marketplace. When you choose our company, you become part of the solution! You strengthen our force for good in the world. And you make possible some really stunning acts of Charity! As a Knight, all things being equal, why choose any other company?

Those kids in Haiti who got those arms and legs after the earthquake; the carpenters and fishermen in the Philippines who built and received those boats after the hurricane, and the Christians in the Middle East who are getting some relief from ISIS are all very grateful to those of us who made the quality decision to be an Insurance Member in our Order. In Charity's sweet name, please join us!

2016-17 Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Campaign

The 2016-17 Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Campaign is nearing its end. As a State, we are closing in on the 2016 collection total. Will we set a new collection record for the 6th year in a row? Only time will tell. As of June 1, 62% of all councils have reported and we are 72% of the way to the breaking the 2016 record collection.

Will you be the council to put us over the top?

Or will you be the council that keeps us from hitting a record by not participating or reporting?

At the 2016 Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Assisting Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Annual Meeting the ID Committee and the Financial Review Committee

put in the place the rules dictating, all money collected from July 1-June 30, would be returned in that years Fall Diocesan Packets. This is a firm rule. Six councils will be receiving, 'old money,' this fall. If you want to be sure to get your councils Tootsie Roll Drive money back this fall, do not miss the June 30th deadline.

If you ever have any questions about the ID Program for your Council or how the State Grant Application works, please let me know. The July newsletter will be a breakdown of how we did, with the August and September newsletters going deeper into the State Grants.

Mark Jelinek
WI KC ID Director

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agents, one of the things we appreciate most is when one of our brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to us. This is a great endorsement of the service we provided. It tells us that they were so pleased with what we helped them accomplish that they want us to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When we meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that we provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to us or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area we serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.5 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.



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The Knights of Columbus is proud to partner with Lockton Affinity, LLC to administer The Knights of Columbus Local Council Insurance Program, specifically designed to meet the distinct insurance needs of local councils of the Knights of Columbus.

For more information visit Lockton Affinity website: <http://councilinsuranceprogram.com/>

NOTE:

In a recent Flocknote post about Manitowoc Council 710 donating funds to help apartment fire victims in Manitowoc we received the following comment:

“I think it is admirable that the Knights of Columbus Councils and members make the effort to help those that have experienced financial disasters due to fire. It has been my experience that many that rent have no fire or liability insurance.”

Many renters are of the opinion that the landlord's fire insurance covers their personal property. That, of course is not true. I would urge that a note should be included in the next State Newsletter, that those renting should acquire renters insurance which covers fire and personal liability. So many renters don't know this or chose to ignore it. People need to take some responsibility for their financial well being”



Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Tim Guski and Culture of Life Director Daniel Miller for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Life Savers for Life Chairman.

My primary responsibility as Chairman will be to grow the Life Savers for Life Program. Last year we had 64 councils run this program. This represents about 22% of all councils in Wisconsin. Your efforts helped raise nearly \$25,000 which is distributed to the Respect Life organizations of your choosing in every part of the state. Some that were supported through this program are “Life Connection, Care Net, Women’s Care Center, Women’s Support Center and there are many more. We would love to see all the councils run this program, but the goal for 2017-2018 is to get 70+ councils to support this program. I know we can do it.

This is an easy to run fundraiser. The program is patterned after the very successful “Tootsie Roll” fund raiser with its own wraps that can be used on the same canisters. Lifesavers were offered to councils in partial case counts- which helped many councils participate for the first time. The order forms for Life Savers for Life can be found on the state web-site. The Program Report form has been revised and we hope it’s a LITTLE easier

to use. **Grand Knights and District Deputies**, the Life Savers for Life order form is due by August 1, 2017. The Life Savers for Life Master Order Form is due by August 15, 2017. Questions? Call Roland Ransom 262-441-1306.

At the recent state convention we were told that Order Wide there are 750 ultrasound units in place. In Wisconsin we will soon have “26” purchased and delivered in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is a leader in this program. We are saving Life’s.

As Dan Miller said, creating a “Culture of Life” in Wisconsin is an ongoing mission.

Thank you to all 64 councils who participated in this program. I know this year will even be more successful.

The Life Savers for Life Program qualifies as a (d) Community Program for the Complete Council.

“Caring is our business” Life Savers for Life, Helping protect an unborn Child’s right to Life.

God Bless
Roland Ransom II
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Council Training

Brother Knights,
We are coming to the close of the fraternal year, but there is still much to do.

Financial Secretary/Faithful Comptroller Training

Designed for anyone interested in learning more of the duties of the FS and FC and also instruction on using Member Management and Member Billing.

We have held FS training in Milwaukee, Green Bay, and LaCrosse Dioceses. WE are currently working on arranging training in Superior and looking for a training host for Madison Diocese.

Expanded training for the Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights in their duties, responsibilities, and use of technology in

fulfilling their office. This training is designed for ALL Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights. There will be no training specific to GKs and DGKs at the Diocesan Meetings. Diocesan Meeting training is redesigned for all officers and chairmen.

Upcoming Training sessions are:

- Green Bay Diocese**, July 9th, Our Lady of Lourdes, DePere, 5:00 pm
- Milwaukee Diocese**, July 22nd, St. Mary’s, Hartland, Mass 8:30, Training 9:30
- LaCrosse Diocese**, tbd

Completed Training sessions were:

Superior Diocese, June 4th, Superior

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Honor Guard representing several Assemblies were present at the Annual Mass of Blessing for Law Enforcement at the Basilica of Saint Josaphat, Milwaukee WI Tuesday, May 23, 2017. All area law enforcement personnel, families and retirees are welcome to celebrate, enjoy and pray for those who have pledged to protect us!

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Council Training

Madison Diocese, June 11th, Sun Prairie

You can attend training in a different Diocese if works better for you and your schedule.

District Deputies: please take a few minutes and review the videos in the Supreme Website Training Portal before attending the Summer District Deputy Meeting, July 7-9 in Wisconsin Rapids

All Officers, including District Deputies, Program and Membership Directors should be on Flocknote! This is the State's communication conduit for distributing information and the method the training team sends out updates. If you are not, please contact us and we will help you get set up.

We need your help

We need locations for upcoming training sessions. If you would consider hosting a session, please contact one of us.

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

Thank you,
Viva Jesus

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ATTENTION ALL COUNCILS AND ASSEMBLYS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

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

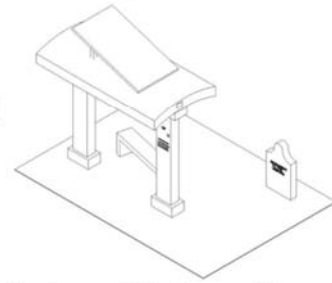


PSD Dr. Eugene Sonnleitner

Sponsorship Levels

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\$60 - \$199	\$199 - \$399	\$400 or more

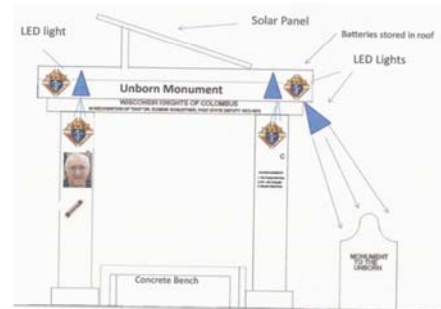
Sponsoring Councils & Assemblies
Will be noted on the monument



3D rendering of Unborn Monument



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



Frontal view of the Unborn Monument

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

Admission Ceremonial Degree:

Green Bay Diocese

July
 16 - Council 2210, Algoma

La Crosse Diocese

July
 3 - Council 4225, Tomah
 9 - Council 3492, Richland Center
 11 - Council 1654, Arcadia
 17 - Council 13880, Plover

Madison Diocese

July
 2 - Council 4871, Dodgeville

Milwaukee Archdiocese

July
 18 - Council 5438, Mequon

Superior Diocese

July
 13 - Council 4954, Glenwood City

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

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

membershprecords@kofc.org
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General Agent and Field Agent

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

Formation Ceremonial Degree:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
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Knighthood Ceremonial Degree:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
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Fourth Degrees: Patriotism

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 28th	Franklin	Eastern	920-606-2369

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July Newsletter & Badger Bulletin submissions are due to State Secretary Jack Wrbanich by July 7, 2017

Email submissions to jwrbanich@wikofc.com

Badger Bulletin



Wisconsin Knights In Action

Wisconsin KC Fourth Degree Honor Guard at 2017 Special Olympics Opening Ceremony



The Knights of Columbus Honor Guard lead a procession of Special Olympic athletes onto the competition field, Colman Field, located on the campus of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. UWSP has been host to the Wisconsin Special Olympics for the past 37 years. The competition occurs over the next two days.



The Honor Guard, displaying the Colors, follows the “Dream Team” and leads the Special Olympians and their teams onto Coleman Field.



The procession begins with the Special Olympics “Dream Team”, a group of especially talented cheerleaders.

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Wisconsin KC Fourth Degree Honor Guard at 2017 Special Olympics Opening Ceremony



Swords at their sides, Honor Guard greets Special Olympians.



Honor Guard presents “arms” as the Colors are raised at the Opening Ceremony.

The following is an excerpt from Supremes’ webpage that describes the background of the Special Olympics program.

“Since 1968, the Knights of Columbus has raised and donated more than \$600 million to programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities - Special Olympics ranks among the larger gifts the Order makes annually of time and money.

In 2005, the Knights of Columbus announced a partnership with Special Olympics; committing \$1 million over four years to grow the program in North America in addition to pledging increased volunteer support for state and local games. The Order also pledged to work with Special Olympics North America to expand its program to underserved countries. The Knights of Columbus has subsequently extended that commitment through 2016.

The Knights of Columbus commitment to Special Olympics and to hundreds of grassroots programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities is an expression of our belief in the intrinsic worth of every human being.

In April 2005, the Order gave its highest honor, the

Gaudium et Spes Award, to Jean Vanier, the founder of l’Arche, a network of faith-based communities that care for people with developmental disabilities in a community setting.

Jean Vanier founded the first l’Arche community in Toronto in 1969, and today there are 29 communities throughout Canada, serving more than 500 people with disabilities. It has also expanded around the world, and there are now more than 146 l’Arche communities in 35 countries on six continents, with over 5,000 members. Vanier exemplifies the call to self-giving and Christ-centered community involvement that is a central theme in Gaudium et Spes, and his life and dedication are an inspiration to all.

The Knights of Columbus believe that the Special Olympics are nearly unparalleled in their ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being. These games don’t just build strength and character in the athletes and participants; it only takes a few moments with the competitors to be inspired by the force of their determination, and the true sense of God’s



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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2017 State Golf Outing Scramble winners: from the left, John Ananiadis, Ann Ananiadis, Robert Ananiadis, Jerry Runyan.



Sunday Individual Play Winners from the left: Bob Prosch, Low Net Senior Men; Perry Pazdernik, Low Gross Men and Champion; Brian Wagner, Low Net Men; Sue Polum, Low Net Women; Virginia Becks, Low Gross Women; Terry Zielinski, Low Gross Senior Men.

MSGR. JOHN R. MCGINLEY COUNCIL 1170 HOSTS 2017 STATE GOLF OUTING

This year's Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Golf Outing was held on June 3rd and 4th at the Wisconsin River Golf Club in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Msgr. John R. McGinley Council 1170 organized the two-day event. On Saturday, June 3rd 52 golfers participated in a Scramble. Occasional showers did not dampen golfers' enthusiasm and play started promptly at 9am. At the end of the day golfers gathered at Council 1170's Clubhouse for dinner and fellowship. Awards were presented after dinner. A beautiful sunny Sunday greeted fifteen golfers who participated in an individual play scoring format.

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Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program Saves Thousands At Women’s Care Center



They are second graders and younger, climbing on jungle gyms, playing with dolls and Legos, preparing for their first Communion or just learning to crawl, walk or talk.

These 8,372 young lives – age 7 and younger – are alive today because of Women’s Care Center and the ultrasound machine donated to them by the Knights of Columbus in June 2010.

It’s a reality that not only amazes Sharon Hudy, executive director of the Women’s Care Center of Milwaukee, but one that makes her determined to continue the center’s mission

of offering real choices for pregnant women and their babies.

“Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would be part of an organization with the capacity to save so many lives,” said Hudy in an interview with Dan Miller, a member of Oconomowoc Council 2487 and state coordinator Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Committee. “The Knights of Columbus play a key role in the life-affirming mission of Women’s Care Center and we are very grateful.”

The Milwaukee outreach is a licensee of what Hudy describes as the largest and most successful Catholic-based pregnancy resource center in the United States.

Founded in 1984 by Dr. Janet E. Smith, a professor at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN, the Women’s Care Center boasts 25 centers in eight states, serving 25,000 women annually. All are located in the vicinity of abortion facilities and according to its website, womenscarecenterfoundation.org, more than 92 percent of women who receive counseling and an ultrasound choose

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Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program Saves Thousands At Women's Care Center

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life for their baby.

According to Hudy, there is one Knights of Columbus ultrasound machine in each of the 25 centers nationally. Nearly 150,000 babies throughout the United States have been saved from abortion through the work of Women's Care Center and their life-saving ultrasound program.

"Many times women feel that abortion is their only option, their only way out. Because of our physical location to abortion facilities, we are truly a 'boots on the ground' mission. This is where the most critical need is. This is ground zero," explained Hudy.

The Women's Care Center in Milwaukee merged with the Pregnancy Help Center in 2009, another local Catholic-based organization begun in 1984. In June 2010, the Women's Care Center opened its doors across the street from Wisconsin's busiest late-term abortion facility.

It opened with the ultrasound machine donated by the Knights of Columbus.

"We couldn't open without it (the machine)," explained Hudy. "It's a critical part of our life-saving model"

She recalled calling several members of the Knights of Columbus: Peter Schwabe, John Schroeder, Paul Smyczek and George Ploof, and after she explained the project, she said they got the ball rolling.

"It was amazing to watch the emails fly about as they challenged their brother Knights to help – and they all did," said Hudy. In a very short time, Councils 2487 – Oconomowoc and 7048 – Mukwonago raised \$12,000. Soon after, the groups received a matching gift through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

"That original ultrasound machine was traded in last year and upgraded to a 3D/4D model," she explained, "again thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus."

Since the Milwaukee Women's Care Center has opened, abortions have decreased in the Milwaukee Archdiocese ten-county area by 37 percent, according to figures from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

"We were so overjoyed to see the fruits of our labor in the statewide statistics," she said, "We are making a huge impact – and we are growing, growing, growing."

Key to the program's success, she said, is the fact that not only does it offer women the opportunity to choose life for their babies. It also helps them to become self-supporting and create nurturing families.

"Women's Care Center embodies Catholic Social Teaching especially the Church's consistent ethic of life," said Hudy. "We are pro-woman, pro-child, and pro-family. We walk with moms (and dads) every step of the way through pregnancy, parenting, adoption preparation, and even post-abortive healing."

All of Women's Care Center's medical-grade services (pregnancy tests and ultrasounds) and programs (counseling, goal setting, and educational classes) are free and incentivized. Moms who maintain healthy pregnancies by keeping their pre-natal appointments and visit the centers for counseling and parenting classes earn all new baby supplies through their Crib Club program.

Explaining that the cost of helping one heavily abortion-minded woman is approximately \$1,000 in goods and services, Hudy said the Milwaukee center has set a goal this year of saving 1,000 babies for \$1 million.

"It takes 4-to-5 visits before a heavily abortion-minded woman finds the hope and help she needs to make a choice for



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Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program Saves Thousands At Women’s Care Center

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life,” explains Hudy. “And when they do there are many more visits necessary for supporting them in their quest to become the parents God intended them to be.”

The organization relies entirely on private funds and does not accept public money. “We want – and need - more Knights of Columbus councils to tour our centers, get to know us and financially support our Catholic-based better way approach,” she said, suggesting that councils adopt the Women’s Care Center as an ongoing benefactor.

Hudy’s passion for her work with Women’s Care Center is a “God-given gift”, she said. She believes the center, which has hosted Eucharistic processions flanked by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Masses and Eucharistic adoration on the premises, came to be “because God intended it to be.”

Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki, a fourth degree Knight, serves on its board of directors.

“The Holy Spirit is alive in all our centers,” said Hudy. “We are the hearts and hands of Christ. We are blessed to serve arm-and-arm in this most holy mission with our Brother and Sister Knights of Columbus and plan to deepen that relationship for many years to come!”

Help to save a mom and baby from abortion for \$1,000 now.
 Mail all donation checks to:
 Women’s Care Center of Milwaukee
 ATTN: Sharon Hudy, Director
 P.O. Box 13926
 Milwaukee, WI 53213-0926

Or go to <http://www.womenscarecenterfoundation.org/donate>.
 Choose your donation amount. Be sure to select Milwaukee as your location before clicking the “Donate” button.

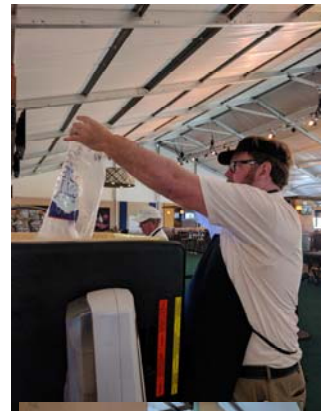


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Fr. John Eisen Council 1799 in Marshfield held a Mass for the Unborn at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church on the Feast of the Annunciation on March 23rd. Included with this celebration of life was a birthday party for Brother William Krainz, the first member of our Council to turn 100 years old. Unfortunately he was not able to attend the celebration so we took the celebration to him where Grand Knight Gary Niziolek presented him with flowers and a birthday cake. Bill said his secret to a long life comes from the Bible: "Because you have prayed for others and asked nothing for yourself, I grant you a long life."



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