

# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - August 2016



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Editor: Jack Wrbanich



## Desk of the State Deputy

Go Make a Difference,  
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Prepare yourself for Battle. We are called to defend the Faith by stepping, 'Into the Breach.'

We have an opportunity to strengthen ourselves for the battle through the power of prayer, reflection and fraternity. Building on the success of the Lenten "Into the Breach" – events our Diocesan Chaplains will be hosting events:

On Fridays at 6:30 p.m. (*Madison 6:00 p.m. start time*)

September 2 – Madison Diocese, Pine Bluff – St. Mary's

September 9 – Superior Diocese, Gilman - Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

September 16 – La Crosse Diocese, Sparta - St. Patrick's Church

September 23 – Green Bay Diocese, Green Bay - St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Join the State Team in vigil for the Diocesan Meeting.

At the Supreme Convention in Toronto we were treated to a first look at the incredible series of booklets, to support the Building the Domestic Church initiative. These new Catholic meditations and study guides, (coming with a display kiosk - available later this fall) will well inform our continuing Works of Mercy. They are meant to be used by all of us and to be shared with all men who desire to fulfill their God-given vocation, both single and married.

We Knights of Columbus find ourselves in a culture that by and large rejects the truth of our creation as man and woman with the responsibility of participating with God in creation. We are surrounded by individuals who seek only their own pleasure. The idea of sacrifice for the common good is very much out of favor. Our Parish Priests recognize all of this. They stand in the breach for us. With the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation,

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## State Chaplain's Corner

### **Jesus: "Not Peace but Division"**

"Compromise is a word found only in the vocabulary of those who have no will to fight" -St. Josemaria Escriva

In last Sunday's Gospel, we heard the Prince of Peace say, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). How can that be? Isn't Jesus the Prince of Peace?

He is! But, the peace our Lord offers is a "peace of mind" and "peace of heart," for knowing "We Stand Together with Jesus."

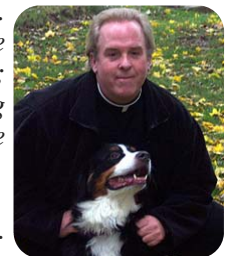
You see? We are accused of causing division, because we choose Christ over the world. Division comes when others separate themselves from the Lord ... when others decide to "go their own way," or to "go the way of the world,"

rather than staying with the Lord.

St. Jude reminds us that it is the world that sets up division, not you and I ...

*"But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; they said to you, 'In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.' It is these who set up divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And convince some, who doubt; save some, by snatching them out of the fire; on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh" (Letter of St. Jude 1:17-23).*

You and I have simply "stayed put" ...



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"Into the Breach", we are proud to say that our Supreme Knight has chosen to stand in the breach with them, and he invites each of us to do the same. Not in a theoretical way, but in a real way, in our individual parishes, as we Knights have always done.

I urge you, grow closer to your pastor. Become, in a more profound way, his strong right arm. Use the new tools from Supreme to strengthen your Knights and to attract more good men to our Order.

Men All We Can Do is, All We Can Do. Are You Doing All You Can Do to Make a Difference?

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!  
State Deputy  
Tim Guski



**2016 Wisconsin State Family of the Year  
*Ryan and Christy Hartberg Family***

**Wisconsin State Council  
DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH  
June 2016**

<b>Green Bay Diocese</b>	<b>Council/District</b>
John & Mary Jeanne Kacmarynski Sturgeon Bay, WI.	2478 / 4
<b>La Crosse Diocese</b>	
Paul & Debra Nelles Mosinee, WI.	5488 / 28
<b>Madison Diocese</b>	
Darrell & Jane Kreul Highland, WI.	1909 / 52
<b>Milwaukee Archdiocese</b>	
Roland & Judith Ransom II Mukwonago, WI.	13733 / 68
<b>Superior Diocese</b>	
Mike & Gerri Heppe Minocqua, WI.	7827 / 85

**The recipients of the Holy Plaques from Supreme for  
May & June are:**

<b>May 2016</b>	<b>Council / City</b>
Joseph & Allison Seufzer	1837 / Beaver Dam
Kelleen & Nancy Cassellius	2055 / Menomoniez
Thomas & Karen Nolan	4897 / Waupun
Michael Buss	5456 / Ellsworth
Al & Judy Hoida	6689 / Coleman
Matt & Deanna Kabliska	10914 / Onalaska
<b>June 2016</b>	<b>Council / City</b>
Michael & Susan Plear	765 / Cuba City
Darrell & Jane Kreul	1909 / Highland
John & Mary Jeanne Kacmarynski	2478 / Sturgeon Bay
Paul & Debra Nelles	5488 / Mosinee
Mike & Gerri Heppe	7827 / Woodruff
Mark & Pam Heyde	11155 / Verona

## State Chaplain's Message

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we have decided to stay with our Lord. It is the world that decided a mother's womb should no longer be the safest place in the universe; it is the world that decided that the very words of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, in regard to marriage, no longer matter, and so anyone can marry anybody; it is the world that decided that grown men can use the same restrooms of little girls ... and so on and so forth.

Why is there so much division today? Because we live in an information age, and the vast majority of those who "control the message" seem to either ignore, or even have disdain for, Godly values. In other words, we are being "programmed by the worldly." Those who live on a steady diet of television and movies that herald such things as fornication, sodomy and adultery, are especially prone to this indoctrination.

Of course, the temptation is to "go along to get along," or to remain silent in the face of such atrocities. Many believe it is better to avoid "hot button issues" in order to be more unified ... they neatly categorize these issues as "political," and so they should not be confronted by Christians, they say. But, this silence has led many of the faithful to mistakenly believe God is "okay" with such things as abortion, contraception and the redefinition of marriage. St. Catherine of Siena railed against such silence: "We've had enough exhortations to be silent. Cry out with a thousand tongues - I see the world is rotten because of silence."

The rate of speed as to how fast our culture has turned its back on God and His truths, as revealed through scripture and tradition, seems to run concurrent with the advance of communication technology. While the government held strict moral decency laws early on, efforts to "push the envelope" have been relentless over the years. Now, any child who can work a cell phone can access the most egregious pornography imaginable.

A recent [Pew Research study](#) shows that Christianity has seen a dramatic drop from their ranks. The most significant drop is among Millennials, who happen to be the most "tuned in" to pop culture. As more and more people fall prey to this indoctrination, "traditional" folks become fewer and fewer and, therefore, seen as "out of touch with the times." We truly are becoming a "remnant." Venerable Fulton Sheen once said, "Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right."

But, I am particularly concerned with the accelerated rate of this indoctrination in just the past few years. With the advent of high speed internet, the indoctrination is in hyperdrive.

Consider the change of attitude of our country toward gay marriage. In just 2008 – and the presidential election – both Democrats (including Obama) and Republicans ran "in favor" of DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act). Just 7 short years later, the Democrats see their support of Gay "Marriage" to be a make or break issue that could win them the 2016 election. Republicans, and even most leaders within the Catholic Church, are choosing to remain mostly silent on the issue. Why? According to a [Pew Research study](#), in 2001 Americans overwhelmingly opposed same-sex marriage by a 57% to 35% margin. Just a few short years later, we now see a majority of Americans (52%) supporting same-sex marriage, compared with 40% who oppose it. Literally overnight, the country has flipped on this issue and Americans are now willing to allow the redefinition of marriage ... something that has not occurred since the dawn of civilization.

And so, if you and I have decided to stand with our Lord, and to stand with 1000s of years of generations that have gone before us, we are now chastised and ridiculed as "out of step" and "not getting with the times." We are called "haters" and "bigots" and "homophobes." Many risk losing their business or job or relationships with family and friends. Jesus said, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18).

Listen, in spite of the increasing ridicule we receive, as our numbers grow smaller, what does it really mean to be "faithful?" It simply means we are "staying home" while others are "moving away." We are remaining in God's truth, as revealed through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

We need to be united ... we need to be on the "same page." But, where is that "page?" Is it with the world? Or, is it with God? Stay put ... abide in Him ... it isn't easy, and it may cause division, but we will have the peace of mind and heart that "We Stand with God!"

Remain strong, remnant! We are in for a rough ride!

Please stand with thousands of Americans in prayer:  
[www.novenaforournation.com](http://www.novenaforournation.com)

**Very Rev. Richard Heilman**  
**Wisconsin State Chaplain**



**“Recruiting is not a sometimes thing, it is an all the time thing!”**

OK my brothers, that is **not** what Vince Lombardi said. He said “Winning is not a sometimes thing, it is an all the time thing!” Of course, we all know that he meant you can’t just turn on and off winning at will. You have to *become* a winner. It is more about who you are being than what you are doing.

So it is with Knights. We are not just doing our Knights of Columbus thing on meeting night, or at the next event. We are *being* Knights, 24/7/365. And so we are always living by high standards in the company of good men, and we are always attracting more men to our order, even in July, August and September!

**So how are we doing so far?**

There is a lot going on in Wisconsin right now. In addition to recruiting, reactivations are under way, parishes are being contacted for new council possibilities, and Knights are reaching out with renewed charity to brothers they haven’t seen for a while. It is going to be a great and exciting year! Get your church drives scheduled. Do not miss out. Let's get it done now. Do not risk getting to your diocesan meeting with your District at ZERO!

Jonnie O led Wisconsin back to the Circle of Honor. We look forward to honoring him by repeating. The new tradition in Wisconsin is WINNING.

For those who might be wondering, the relative percentages, diocese to diocese, have not changed from

Diocese	Goals	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member
Green Bay	482	40.167	9	22.4%	4	5	62
La Crosse	418	34.833	8	23.0%	12	-4	51
Madison	436	36.333	11	30.3%	4	7	59
Milwaukee	678	56.500	13	23.0%	23	-10	52
Superior	236	19.667	9	45.8%	2	7	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>265</b>

At the end of July, Wisconsin was 12 Knights ahead of last year’s pace, and we made our intake quota last year! But we are still minus 61. While that is better than the minus 73 we were at after July last year, we need to do a lot better to reach our goals! I have confidence that we Wisconsin Knights will achieve our goals. We will do it by first getting good at the basics and then getting great at the basics.

Our next goal is to have every District active before the Diocesan meetings in September. And we are watching closely to see which Districts will have every council active (ECA) by that time! Which District Deputy will make that happen? Or another way to ask, which district’s councils will make that happen for their DD?

last year. What has changed is the target. For too long Wisconsin has been a second tier jurisdiction. That is not who we are. We are a top tier jurisdiction and we expect to reach the intake goal of a top tier jurisdiction. Come on Badgers, beat the Buckeyes!

Vivat Jesus,

IPSD Ron Faust  
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**District Deputies don’t forget to send in your Form 450 after each Degree!**



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



Brother Knights,

Here we are in August and summer is starting to wind down as we see football starting, back to school sales, and the Olympics underway. With the Supreme Convention just completed, we now look toward the annual KC Family Week (August 8-14) which commemorates the birth (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14) of our great founder Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Hopefully, your Council has planned a picnic/BBQ, family outing to a ball game or park, Corporate Communion and breakfast or some other event to celebrate the week.

Following that, the next week is the Orderwide Council Admission (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree Week (Aug. 15-21). Remember that summer is not the time to lay off new recruiting. If you don't have a Church Drive planned, check on those prospects who have not come in yet; look into doing some personal recruiting; ask Father for a list of prospects or talk to lapsed members to try to convince them of the benefits of re-joining the Order! It's hard to reach your membership/insurance goals if you take July, August, December, etc. off!

Thanks to all those Councils who have their 185s, 365s and Audits in! If you've forgotten any of these, get them in today. Looking toward September and beyond, you should be ordering your Church Drive kits for October, Coats for Kids, Soccer Challenge, and Citizen Essay kits; all available from Supreme. You also should be downloading your Punt, Pass, Kick and Culture of Life Essay Contest kits from the State Website. Most definitely, you need to be planning who will attend your Diocesan Meeting in September-GK's, DGK's, FS, Membership/Program/Youth Directors should be there and all officers/directors are welcome!

**Remember that those are set for:**

Gilman - September 10,  
Spooner - September 11,  
Sparta - September 17,  
Sun Prairie - September 18,  
Green Bay - September 24,  
Milwaukee—September 25.

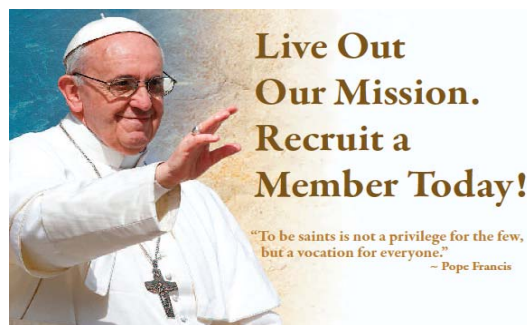
Important training and information will be part of the program that day: **ALL COUNCILS NEED TO BE THERE!**

Finally, how are your plans to implement our new initiatives coming? Have you met with your pastor yet, parish leadership? How are you fitting their needs, goals, plans, programs with yours? How do you plan to get more involved in parish programs/organizations? How do you plan to get more parishioners, parents, new members involved in your activities? Have you started to plan for implementing the Domestic Church Initiative programs into your parish/Council? Is the Council regularly doing the monthly Family Fully Alive activities? How will you get your GA/FA more involved? Have you forwarded names of prospective FA's to your GA regularly? **ONLY BY DOING THESE THINGS THAT THE SUPREME KNIGHT AND COUNCIL HAVE MANDATED US TO DO WILL WE THE KNIGHTS BE INTENDED TO BE!!** So let's get going and help turn Fr. McGivney's dreams to reality!

Vivat Jesus, Vivat Christo Rey

Bill Frayer

State Program Director



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



### Coaches Corner

Brother Knights,

As we prepare for the upcoming Diocesan meetings, there are a few activities you can do in order to be better prepared for the training portion of the meeting.

1. Set up your Supreme User name and password so you can go onto Officer's Online.
2. Log into Officers Online go to the FRATERNAL TRAINING PORTAL. Select the FRATERNAL OFFICER TRAINING Tab and complete the following before attending the Diocesan Meeting.

#### ***Grand Knights:***

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3. EFFECTIVE USE OF THE FRATERNAL LEADER SUCCESS PLANNER

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  - ⇒ Programs for your Diocese
6. Come prepared to learn and have questions ready.
7. Bring suggestions for further training to the meeting. Training is to be a year round activity. We can't give you everything you need at this meeting alone.

There is a membership training program being presented throughout the state. This training has been given top priority and EVERY council should be represented. Council Officers, and Council Membership Director at a minimum should attend. Most of you say you are doing fine, and some councils are, but I don't see many councils consistently achieving Star Council annually. As of July 29th, over 2/3 of WI councils had NO new members. Maybe a little help is necessary?

If you are having trouble getting your Supreme password, logging into Supreme Training Portal, or with Flocknote, drop me an email with your concerns at:

wi-dd10-crohrjr@hotmail.com  
920-540-4486

Thank you and God Bless  
Chuck Rohr, Jr.  
WI Council Officer Training Coordinator

## Council and Assembly Insurance

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus does not provide insurance for local councils, nor does it maintain a file of council insurance information. It is the responsibility of each council to arrange for its own insurance coverage and to maintain records of the same.

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes the need for affordable insurance to protect Councils from the risks associated with their programs and activities. We are pleased to announce that the Knights of Columbus has selected Lockton Affinity, LLC to administer The Knights of Columbus Local Council Insurance Program, a program specifically designed to meet the most important insurance needs of local councils of the Knights of Columbus. Lockton Affinity, a subsidiary of Lockton Companies, which is the largest privately owned commercial insurance broker in the world, has vast expertise in providing insurance for fraternal organizations with over 25 years' experience and today serves more than 5,000 fraternal clients. Lockton Affinity has an experienced team of

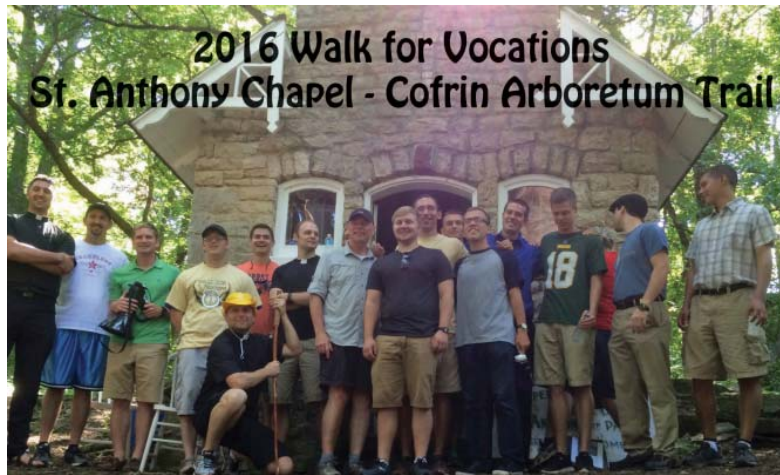
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If you have any further questions, please e-mail me at: [mtomsyck@wikofc.com](mailto:mtomsyck@wikofc.com).

*Mike Tomsyck-State Advocate*



## 2016 Walk for Vocations

The 2016 Walk for Vocations located at the [Cofrin Arboretum Conservation](#), University of Wisconsin-Green Bay campus was a great success and a rewarding spiritual experience.

The two-mile/ three-hour event offered an opportunity to meet and greet seminarians, process with them in prayer, and share in their [personal witness](#). We extend our thanks to our walkers and sponsors, raising \$4,000 for the seminarians.

[St. John Paul II - Let us Pray!](#)



## Our Lady of Guadalupe 2016 Silver Rose Run

The Silver Rose for Our Lady has completed the trip around Wisconsin at thirty locations and is now in Illinois. Special thanks to all of the Knights, Councils and Sir Knights across the State for making it a success. And an extra special thanks to each of the coordinators.

I hope the program was a success although some services have few people. The Lord constantly reminds me that I am in labor, not management. We had a few with the Blessed Sacrament, a run of 27 miles (Iron River to Ashland) and a couple walks. I have only received photos from a handful of coordinators. Please send me 3-4 photos if you have any. They should be in focus. Please give me any comments on how it went, the good points, areas of improvements, feedback from

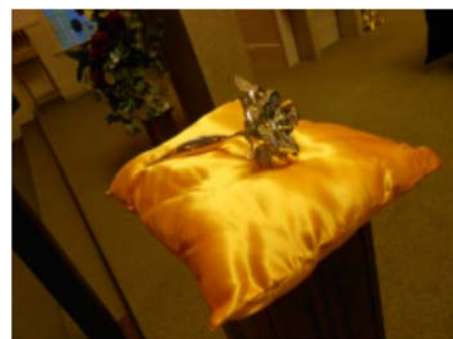
participants, etc. Also the double poster board became lost somewhere. If you have it, please contact me to make arrangements for return, even possibly a drop off at our State office in Madison.

Planning is starting for 2017 Run. Have councils volunteer at the diocesan meetings in September is a super way of running the program. Talk about it with your council. Also talk it up to have more councils from Green Bay Diocese and Milwaukee Archdiocese. If we again receive it for four weeks, it would be great to have five services in each diocese.

To Jesus thru Mary,  
John



St Andrew, Verona



St Jerome, Wonevot, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Holy Rosary, Lima

# Our Lady of Guadalupe 2016 Silver Rose Run



Twenty-seven mile run from Iron River to Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland



St Joseph, Adams



Walk from New Dawn Pregnancy Center to Holy Family, Woodruff. Council provided ultrasound machine at Center



St. Paul, Bloomer



St Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
Greenville



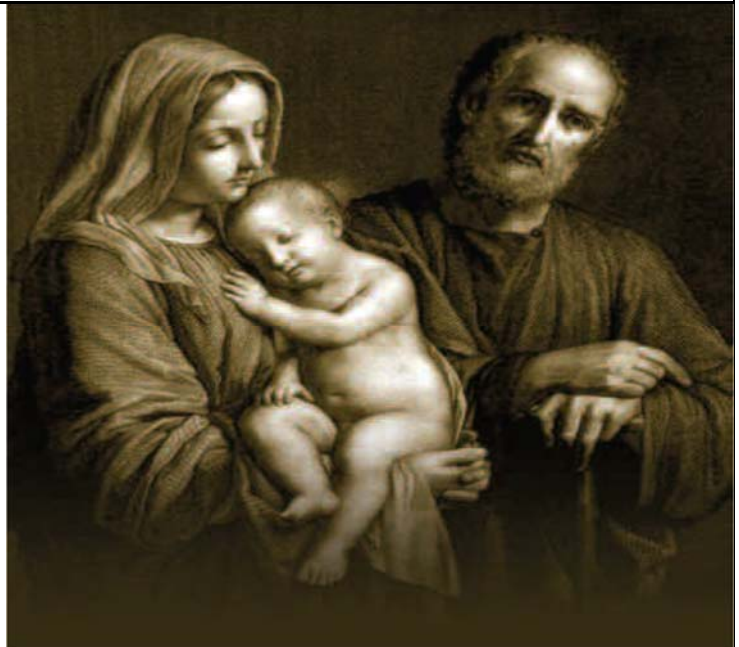
St. Patrick, Hudson

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*I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives.* ~The first words spoken by Our Lady of America, September 26, 1956 [www.ourladyofamerica.org/](http://www.ourladyofamerica.org/)

*“God bestows more consideration on the purity of the intention with which our actions are performed than on the actions themselves.”*  
**Saint Augustine**



### Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

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

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District 49	District 14	District 81	<b>February 19, 2017 through March 18, 2017</b>		
<b>August 28, 2016 through September 24, 2016</b>			District 43	District 11	District 46
District 50	District 9	District 21	<b>March 19, 2017 through April 22, 2017</b>		
<b>September 25, 2016 through October 22, 2016</b>			District 52	District 61	District 30
District 48	District 8	District 22	<b>April 23, 2017 through May 20, 2017</b>		
<b>October 23, 2016 through November 19, 2016</b>			District 40	District 62	District 24
District 51	District 7	District 29	<b>May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017</b>		
<b>November 20, 2016 through December 17, 2016</b>			District 41	District 60	
District 47	District 13	District 25	<b>June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017</b>		
<b>December 18, 2016 through January 21, 2017</b>			District 66		District 1
District 42	District 4	District 26	<b>January 22, 2017 through February 18, 2017</b>		
District 45	District 12	District 23			



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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<http://menofthecross.org/>

### CONFERENCE FEE:

Online Registration: **\$30/person**

*Register today at: [menofthecross.org](http://menofthecross.org)*

Paper Registration: **\$35/person**

*(See form below)*

Walk-In: **\$40/person**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Registration opens: **8:00 AM**

Conference begins: **9:00 AM**

Lunch included with Registration

Mass with Bishop Callahan at **4:00 PM**

**CONFESSION**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**ADORATION**

**8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**



**Tim Staples**

*Catholic Answers*



**Dcn. Harold  
Burke-Sivers**

*Diocese of Portland*



**Chris Padgett**

*Musician & Speaker*



**The Most Rev.  
William Patrick Callahan**

*Bishop, Diocese of La Crosse*

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La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

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MONTHLY THEMES & MEDITATIONS - SEPTEMBER

*Because the family is the root of society, we want our family to fulfill its vocation to build the common good.*

God is not solitary. He is a communion of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As men and women we are created in this image. By our very nature, we are intended to belong to a communion, or community, of persons.

Through baptism, God has transformed us into his children and given us entrance into the community of the Church. This community is an exceptional one: It is the family of God. In it, each of us — as the sons and daughters of God — are called to care for each other. When we seek to care for each other by making our individual families reflect the community of persons which is the Trinity, we truly build our family as the domestic church.

***FAMILY PROJECT***

God calls upon us to be good citizens and to serve our communities. Talk to your family about service members of your community, such as police officers and firefighters, those holding public office, and those in the armed forces or similar services. Work with local groups to send care packages and letters to active duty members of the armed forces serving overseas. Visit elderly veterans and spend time with them talking, reading or playing a game as a way to show appreciation for their past service.

***MEDITATIONS***

*From St. John Paul II's Letter to Families.*

The civilization of love evokes joy: joy, among other things, for the fact that a man has come into the world (cf. Jn16:21), and consequently because spouses have become parents. The civilization of love means "rejoicing in the right" (cf. 1 Cor 13:6). But a civilization inspired by a consumerist, anti-birth mentality is not and cannot ever be a civilization of love. If the family is so important for the civilization of love, it is because of the particular closeness and intensity of the bonds which come to be between persons and generations within the family.

1. How is the family important in society? How do families shape our communities?
2. Does our family "rejoice in the right?" Do we recognize the joy and reasons for happiness in our communities, or do we only dwell upon the negative? What can we do to transform the negativity in our home and communities?

How do I think the saints — in particular, the Blessed Mother — would act in my community with its needs? How can we help it become a civilization of love?



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2016 - 2017 Scheduled Degrees:** see updated schedule at <http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>  
 (Contact State Secretary Jack Wrbanich with scheduled degrees - jwrbanich@wikofc.com)

**Admission Ceremonial Degree:**

**Green Bay Diocese**

**September**  
 14 - Council 2210, Algoma  
 19 - Council 10243, Green Bay

**October**  
 3 - Council 3955, De Pere  
 12 - Council 2210, Algoma

**La Crosse Diocese**

**September**  
 13 - Council 1654 Arcadia  
**October**  
 1 - Council 11832 Fountain City

**Madison Diocese**

**September**  
 1 - Council 9360, Janesville  
 13 - Council 531, Madison

**Milwaukee Archdiocese**  
**September**  
 8 - Council 1837, Beaver Dam  
 12 - Council 4520, Cedarburg  
 15 - Council 697, Racine

**October**  
 20 - Council 697, Racine  
 25 - Council 4706, Whitefish Bay

**Superior Diocese**

**September**  
 11 - Council 9608, Rib Lake

**Have you scheduled your Admissions Degree?**

**Membership 24 7 365**

**MORE Knights bring MORE hands (& hearts), to raise MORE funds (& to evangelize), doing GOD's good works helping MORE people in need!**

**Formation Ceremonial Degree:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 1, 2016	10:00 a.m.	1837	Beaver Dam	Gerald Ketchmark	(920) 344-5490
October 1, 2016	10:30 a.m.	8649	Fontana	Dennis Bednarek	(262) 470-4477
October 1, 2016	1:00 p.m.	10522	Pittsville	Jim Zoellner	(715) 389-2025
October 8, 2016	9:00 a.m.	16244	Greenville	J.J. Gravel	(920) 358-7354
October 23, 2016	1:00 p.m.	531	Madison	John Huttenhoff	(608) 249-7793

**Knighthood Ceremonial Degree:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 1, 2016	12:30 p.m.	1837	Beaver Dam	Gerald Ketchmark	(920) 344-5490
October 1, 2016	12:30 p.m.	8649	Fontana	Dennis Bednarek	(262) 470-4477
October 1, 2016	2:30 p.m.	10522	Pittsville	Jim Zoellner	(715) 389-2025
October 8, 2016	10:30 a.m.	16244	Greenville	J.J. Gravel	(920)358-7354
October 23, 2016	2: 30 p.m.	531	Madison	John Huttenhoff	(608) 249-7793

*To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact PSD/FM Roland Ransom (262) 441-1306*

**Fourth Degrees: Patriotism**

**Date**  
 October 29, 2016  
 April 1, 2017

**Location**  
 Scholfield, WI  
 Green Bay, WI

**District**  
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**“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”**

On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas came early for sick and injured children at Ministry St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Marshfield. Santa Claus, Brother and Sir Knight Greg Cemke, and the Knights of Columbus made a very special trip to the hospital to bring the Christmas spirit to the children. Sacred Heart Council, 4628 from Schofield, assisted Cemke coordinate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” charity event.

Cemke teamed up with Harley Davidson of Wausau to ride from the Rothschild dealership to deliver presents to children in the hospital. Wausau's Pere Rene Menard Assembly 1449 Honor Guard, led Santa at the Harley facility, to an awaiting audience who have come to join the event. Santa told a few jokes and stories, said a prayer for a successful event and recited the Pledge of Allegiance before traveling to the hospital. Santa brought his sack full of toys, but instead of a sleigh, he arrived at the hospital with style, on his motorcycle. Cemke had his motorcycle decorated



with a Christmas theme, reindeer and all, rode in his Santa's suit for the entire 50 minute trip leading about 40 other motorcycles.

Upon his arrival at the hospital, the parade of motorcycles entered a parking area where patients, parents, siblings and hospital staff waited to greet him. The patients were able to leave their hospital rooms long enough to come outside to see all the motorcycles, visit with, and receive presents from Santa before returning to their rooms. Santa also made individual room visits with children too ill to leave their hospital beds. At the hospital the Marshfield Assembly \_\_\_\_\_ joined the Wausau Assembly Honor Guard in leading Santa to the awaiting children. He said a prayer for them and their families during this difficult time and joined the Knights reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Harley Davidson of Wausau assisted in collecting over 300 toys for the children presently at the hospital and for future patients. Thirty-two Knights of Colum-

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## Wisconsin Knights In Action



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bus Councils and Assemblies from the Lacrosse and Superior Dioceses and numerous individual Knights contributed to this charity event. The KC donations combined with other company and individual contributions accumulated \$15,000 for a special gift presented to the hospital. This special gift consisted of 400 DVDs for the children's movie library, ten I-

Pad Airs, and three Patient Puppets. The Patient Puppets are used in conjunction with the I-Pads to prepare families and the patient for their upcoming medical procedure(s) that they will be going through. The Patient Puppets helps by reducing the child's fears, lessening their anxieties and encouraging expression of their feelings.

All of Santa's helpers and fellow Knights said they are looking forward and will continue to make the annual visit to the hospital. July 22<sup>nd</sup> is the planned date for the 2017 "**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**" event. All are welcome. Cemke desires to donate a fourth Patient Puppet (\$3000) by the end of the year and is in need of additional funding. If you would like to make a contribution or desire further information on this event please contact Cemke at [g.cemke@outlook.com](mailto:g.cemke@outlook.com)

### A Scout is Reverent

Holmen Knights lead fundraiser to remodel the outdated Boy Scout Chapel at Camp Decorah.

Lead by Jeffery Hammes, several thousand dollars were raised to restore this multi faith chapel

for all Scouts that camp at the Decorah facility.

Dedication and Grand Opening occurred on Sunday, October 25, 2015 in time for the summer session of

2016. Great Work Knights!





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6th KofC Family week Game. 389 tickets sold and we raised \$1500.00 for the Women's Care Center this year. And over 400 people served at the tailgate. And cost less than \$500.00. Awesome job. And everyone had a great time. Thank you to our sponsors and generous benefactors.

- ⇒ Steve Schmitt, Ver Stenman, Connor Caloia, Tyler Isham, a special thanks goes out to Will Martin, (who puts up with our way of pulling this off and makes it look easy) & The Madison Mallards, to whom we are eternally grateful.
- ⇒ Kila Hagie & the dedicated staff at the Madison Women's Care Center. Whom we are here to support.
- ⇒ Tom & Patti Okey, & The Okey Family Market, in Cassville, WI, & Johnsonville Brats Who donated all the food for the tailgate.

- ⇒ SK William Fraiser, Pig Roasting Services & cookouts, Waterloo, WI, Dan Miller, (KofC, State, Culture of Life Chair) and State Director of Pro Life Wisconsin
- ⇒ Our KofC field Agents and their wives are incredible. Dennis (Toni) O'Connell KofC Insurance Luke (Meredith) Mienholtz, KofC Insurance
- ⇒ For all our advertising, Relevant Radio 1240 am. Tim Hieney, Relevant Radio 1240 am. James DeShepper, Relevant Radio 1240 am
- ⇒ Donations to help make this event and the tailgate a huge stress free success:
- ⇒ Brian Helbing, owner Sun Prairie KofC Council and The Round Table Club House.
- ⇒ And to all of the councils, churches & friends

Charles R. Kazmer

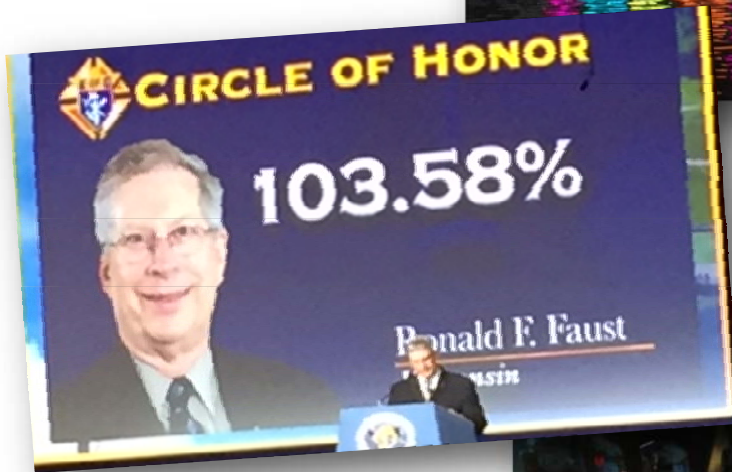


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Email submissions to [jwrbanich@wikofc.com](mailto:jwrbanich@wikofc.com)