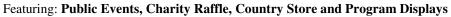


The 115th Convention - Wisconsin Knights of Columbus





Friday, April 29 - Welcoming Gala and Reception, 6-9pm 7:30pm State Chaplain Fr. Rick Heilman presents; "*Into The Breach*" **Saturday**, April 30 - Blue Mass honoring Military and Public Servants 7:30am

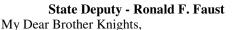
State Chaplain Fr. Rick Heilman

Following Mass - Civic Opening with local officials, Color Guard and selected awards including Diocesan Family's of the Year

4:00pm Concelebrated Memorial Mass with Archbishop Jerome Listecki and Bishop Robert Morlino

Archbishop Listecki

Bishop Morlino



Last month we spoke of six "first things" events.
One is in the books and I must say that Bishop
Powers "Rocked the House!" It was a riveting
talk – a real WOW moment. Praise God for blessing our Jurisdiction with 5 awesome Bishops! All I can say to my Brothers in
the Diocese of Superior is that it is worth it for you to make a
sacrifice to take advantage of the next opportunity to hear from
your good Bishop.

The five remaining events are:

April 29: Join your entire State Officer Team for a first-of-its-kind, special Kick-Off Presentation on Friday night of your annual State Convention.

If you were not able to attend any of the five "Into the Breach, Awaken Sons of God" events, here is your chance to get a small taste of what you missed.

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State Chaplain - Very Reverend Fr. Rick Heilman

Recently, I have been writing and speaking about an epiphany I experienced at a Papal Mass with Pope John Paul II in 1998, when I began to ask myself about what I (we) have been doing until then, "Where, in all of this, was any sense of awe and wonder before God's supernatural power? Where was the sense of God's majesty?" Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest." Where was that any longer?

I agree (and I pray you do too) with Pope St. Gregory the Great who, wanting to capture the spiritual dynamism of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, posited the following order:

"Through the fear of the Lord, we rise to piety, from piety then to knowledge, from knowledge we derive strength, from strength (continued page 3)

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The presenter, your State Chaplain, Father Rick Heilman, is the author of several books, including the popular "54 Day Basic Training in Holiness," and a veritable fixture on Relevant Radio. This will take place at 7:30 at our Gala and I have it on good authority that there will be a surprise announcement!

April 30: Consecration to the Holy Family – Opening Convention "Blue" Mass. This comes to us directly from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.

Last month I shared his message. This month I am pleased to tell you that we have received the prayer cards and they are fabulous! My Brothers, this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is our opportunity to offer a sacramental thanksgiving to those who daily offer themselves as a sacrifice to all of us. Can we sacrifice to be there at 7:30 Saturday morning to honor and thank them? Our spiritual thanksgiving is not bound by space and time. It is offered for all who serve in uniform. And now, this year, we have the extra-added grace of the opportunity to participate in Wisconsin's first Knights of Columbus Family Consecration to the Holy Family! May I suggest that the proper response of Mary's Knights to this opportunity is our fiat, in the example of our Blessed Mother.

June 19: Special Father's Day Corporate Communion and Affirmation of Wedding Vows. This also comes to us directly from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. Again, here is his message to all of us:

Councils will be asked to host corporate communions on Father's Day (June 19, 2016) — inviting members and their families to attend Sunday Mass together — and request that the celebrant officiate at a **Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows**. Councils may also consider hosting a special reception after Mass to further celebrate the commitment of married couples in their parish. Support materials for the council and celebrant will be developed in the coming months.

October 7: Holy Hour with Benediction and Consecration. This was already in the works in Wisconsin when this message came to us from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson just days ago on March 9th.

As we continue to implement the *Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish* initiative, I am writing to ask every State Council to expand our Holy Family Prayer Program by hosting a *diocesan-wide "Holy Family Celebration" one Saturday in October*.

These celebrations should be based on the existing, rosary-based Holy Family Prayer Program (#5050) already in use by councils, but should also be expanded to include the Consecration to the Holy Family (#10371) and a period of adoration and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The program can also be supplemented in other ways, such as by inviting a Knights of Columbus family — perhaps your jurisdiction's Family of the Year — to give a witness talk. These celebrations could be held in a cathedral, major church or other suitable venue to facilitate the greatest participation possible, both by brother Knights and their families, and by the broader Catholic community.

NUMBER FIVE: For number five, you will need to set the date. Consider this my personal invitation to you to join me, if you haven't already done so, as an insurance member of our order. What has this got to do with "first things?" Consider this.

An insight came to me at the Madison Diocese "Into the Breach" event, as I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. That is, a lot of Catholic men are really busy and might avoid making another commitment, such as joining the ranks of The Knights of Columbus. For that reason, it is very good to share with them that they can make a positive difference without spending any time. How, you may ask? Simple; just become a Knight and meet with their Field Agent. They can help build a "Civilization of Love" by making sure the money they spend to protect their family is used only for good. In this battle in which we find ourselves, it is very good that we have a wholesome alternative to offer. They do not have to be subjected to having their own money used to undermine virtue, and damage their family members. Praise God that as Knights we have a better option!

But how do we do this with any integrity if we do not believe it ourselves? And how can we say we believe it and still not be an insurance member? My brothers, I implore you, use every weapon at your disposal in this great battle in which we find ourselves. We Knights can make the difference and turn the tide for the cause of all that is good and holy in Holy Mother Church.

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us.

May God Bless the Knights of Columbus and our Holy Mission! Vivat Jesus my Brothers,

Ronald F. Faust, State Deputy

Ronald + taux



What is the mission of the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 to provide a means by which Catholic men could:

- Support the Catholic Church,
- Provide financial protection to protect their families, and
- Engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate

(State Chaplain Continued)

counsel, with counsel we move toward understanding, and with intelligence toward wisdom and thus, by the sevenfold grace of the Spirit, there opens to us at the end of the ascent the entrance to the life of Heaven" ("Homiliae in Hiezechihelem Prophetam," II 7.7).

As you can see, the entry point into the Divine Life is "Fear of the Lord." What is Fear of the Lord? According to Fr. John Hardon, Fear of the Lord ...

"... inspires a person with profound respect for the majesty of God. Its corresponding effects are protection from sin through dread of offending the Lord, and a strong confidence in the power of His help. The fear of the Lord is not servile but filial. It is based on the selfless love of God, whom it shrinks from offending. Whereas in servile fear the evil dreaded is punishment; in filial fear it is the fear of doing anything contrary to the will of God. The gift of fear comprises three principal elements: a vivid sense of God's greatness, a lively sorrow for the least faults committed, and a vigilant care in avoiding occasions of sin. It is expressed in prayer of the Psalmist, 'My whole being trembles before you, your ruling fills me with fear'" (Ps 119:120).

Fear of the Lord, or awe and wonder, is the gateway; this is the trigger that ignites all of the other gifts of the Holy Spirit. This Gift of Awe and Wonder, very simply, transforms the unspiritual man into the spiritual man.

St. Paul writes, "The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor 2:14).

The commentary on 1 Corinthians in the Navarre Bible states, "The spiritual man is the Christian reborn by the grace of God; grace elevates his faculties to enable him to perform actions which have a supernatural value — acts of faith, hope, and charity. A person who is in the state of grace is able to perceive the things of God, because he carries with him the Spirit in his soul in grace, and he has Christ's mind, Christ's attitude. 'We have no alternative,' St. Josemaria Escriva teaches, 'there are only two possible ways of living on this earth: either we live a supernatural life, or we live an animal life. And you and I can only live the life of God, a supernatural life' (Friends of God)."

Surveys by Gallup, the National Opinion Research Center, and the Pew Organization conclude that spiritually committed people are twice as likely to report being "very happy" than the least religiously committed people. Borrowing a theme from a recent Star Wars movie, "The Force of Supernatural Grace Must Awaken!" What is needed, first and foremost in our times, is to assist people in breaking through – awakening – to the trigger gift of Fear of the Lord (or Awe and Wonder in God's Presence).

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us! Go to Joseph! Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.



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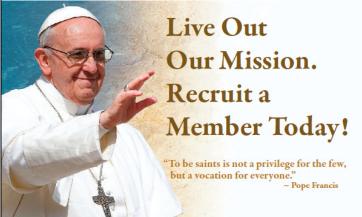
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Celebrate 2015 - January 1 - June 30, 2016

Celebrate 2015 by giving the gift of Membership to a fellow Catholic. -Recruit 1 to 4 members receive 1,500 VIP* points for each member.

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State of Wisconsin: July 1 to February 31 Fraternal Year-to-Date Membership Summary by Diocese

		Target					Council without			
		to	New	% of	Lost	Net	a new	New Ins.	Lost Ins.	
Diocese	Goals	Date	Members	Target	Members	Gain	member	Members	Members	%
Green Bay	300	225	229	101.8	76	153	24	42	45	76.3
La Crosse	260	195	222	113.8	37	185	19	82	42	85.4
Madison	271	204	134	65.9%	47	87	24	45	32	49.4
Milwaukee	422	317	177	55.9%	92	85	22	50	36	41.9
Superior	147	111	94	85.3%	29	65	22	23	23	63.9
Total	1400	1050	856	81.5%	281	575	111	243	178	61.1%



Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status
1200	856
-	71 33%

•	Circle of Honor Net
٠	840
,	575
,	68.45%

Circle of
Honor Net/Net
100
-177
-177%

Deceased Members
752

Jonnie O says,

'I Wants You to Leap into 2016 by Recruiting 24/7/366!"

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

Member- ship as	Current Member-		
of	ship as of		
7/1/2015	4/1/2016		
36,319	36,142		

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

"One First Degree - Per District - Per Month"

Membership

Brother Knights,

Keep recruiting 366

The month of April marks the last quarter of our fraternal year. This is the time of year we must appraise ourselves and find out what we have done and what more we can do to make this fraternal year a positive mark in recruitment.

Did we put forth all the effort we could to recruit new members this year? Did we put all the effort we could into retaining these members? Is my council net positive? Is my council getting the new members active? These questions are all questions in you self-assessment in the Yearly Activity Planner and you should look truthfully at you and your council should answer and try to improve on. Keep your eyes on recruiting until the last day of the fraternal year.

This is also the time of planning for you and your council to look on what we can plan to do on July 1. Starting the councils' recruitment year on July 1 makes you recruitment easier using all 12 months to meet your goals than just using a fraction of a year to complete them. In order to start on the first of the fraternal year we need to schedule now the event that we need to have to bring in the new members. All of us know that we cannot conduct a successful membership drive the day before the event. Many people have to be informed of what we are planning and what we expect from our members. We cannot wait for our new Grand Knight to set this up the minute after he is elected. We need to help him by having it setup before the election of officers to he can have an immediate impact with the council.

Data to be aware of:

Incentive winners for Districts at 100% of yearly goal by 4/1/16:

DD13 at 141%

DD28 at 130%

DD69 at 105%

DD72 at 106%

DD87 at 144%

Bishop Check incentive: \$500 to each Bishop

for their Diocese being 100% or over on the year to date goal

Lacrosse is at 113% of YTD goal Green Bay is at 101% of YTD goal Council Stats

of councils at 100% or higher of yearly membership is 22

of councils at 50% to 99% of yearly membership goal is 47

of councils at 0% of yearly membership goal is 138

of total councils is 307

District Stats

of districts at 100% or more of yearly membership is 5

of districts at 50% to 90% of Yearly membership is 14

of districts at 0% of yearly membership goal is 14

of districts is 62

Best District in the Diocese by 4/1/16

The DD and their Wife will have Dinner with the State Officer and their wife in charge of that Diocese. Plus each council in that district with net positive membership by 4/1/16 will have a refund of one State Deputy Dinner ticket at this year's convention. Green Bay is DD13

Councils in District with positive membership: 4505, 4735, 10243 (new Council 16333)

LaCrosse is DD28

Councils in District with positive membership; 4628, 5488, 12467 (new Council 16280)

Madison is DD48

Councils in District with positive membership: 1478, 1669, 6690, 7775, 15229

Milwaukee is DD72

Councils in District with positive membership: 6554, 8108, 15659, 15665, 16022

Superior is DD87

Councils in District with positive membership: 5397, 8985, 12609 (new Council 16298)

115th Annual Meeting Official Notice

The 115th Annual Meeting and State Convention of the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus will convene at Chula Vista Resort and Convention Center, 2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. Beginning Friday April 29th, 2016 registration will be open from 3:00 – 7:00p.m. and attendees will be Welcomed with entertainment and a social from 6:00 – 9:00p.m. Ladies are encouraged to attend the Convention and participate in all social activities and programs prepared for them. This is a family oriented convention

Saturday April 30th, 2016 starts at 7:30a.m with the Opening "Blue" Mass., honoring civilian and military service Men and Women in Uniform followed immediately by the Public Civic Opening at 8:45 a.m. at the Chula Vista Resort with Knights and their Families.

The 115th Annual Business meeting will convene Saturday, April 30th, at 10:00a.m. for the State Deputy's address and break at 11:30a.m. for lunch. The business session will reconvene at 12:30p.m. followed at 2:30p.m. by Caucuses to nominate delegates for the 2016 Supreme Convention to be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

There will be a reception and dinner for all Chaplains at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29th. Please call the State Office at 608-274-5740 to reserve a space for your Council Chaplain.

We will celebrate the Convention Memorial Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday with all clergy attending the convention invited to concelebrate. Following Mass a social leading up to the State Deputy's Banquet at 7:00 p.m.

The Convention Business session will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1st, to include the Annual Meeting od Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., the election of State Officers and other business as properly proposed..

State Secretary, Tim Guski

April - Family of the Month Report

Since we are still in the Easter season, I hope all of your experiences with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the salvation that He bestowed on us, will enlighten your lives forever.

Something else that we as Knights of Columbus are looking forward to is the State Convention.

Of course I will be there, and will have a table set up with the Family information. I hope that if anyone has any questions that they can see me at the convention, and I can try to answer any questions you may have. I am thinking of trying to put together a short questionnaire, on why or why not your council may or may not participate in the Supreme or State Family of the month programs. I am trying to see if there is anything that I can do to help with the understanding, and participation in the family programs. I hope everyone will remember that families is why Father McGivney started the Knights of Columbus, and that families is the backbone of the Knights of Columbus. If you look at all the programs in the Knights of Columbus, none of the other programs would exist without a strong family unit. I hope to see you at the

DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH February 2016 Green Bay Diocese Council D

Green Bay Diocese	Council	District
Michael & Mary Kinderman, Appleton	12269	9
La Crosse Diocese		
Robert & Marie Wonsil, Mosinee	5488	28
Madison Diocese		
David & Kathy Hockenberry, Sun Prairie	4879	51
Milwaukee Archdiocese		
Kenneth & Ginny Leitner, Waupun	11301	60
Superior Diocese		
Karl & Joyce Kontyko, Eagle River	7827	85

The recipients of the Holy Family Plaques from Supreme are:
Marvin & Robyn Krall
1957
Two Rivers
Mark & DeAnna Jelinek
3492
Richland Center
Paul & Maureen McAvoy
5514
Neenah
Michael & Maureen Kinderman
12269
Appleton

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

convention.

State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

I've just returned from the Eastern District 4th Degree Exemplification in Milwaukee where 76 candidates became new Sir Knights and experienced the true beauty and dignity of that ceremony initiating them into the Patriotic Degree of our Order! Every Knight should experience that lesson of Patriotism; it is so impactful on you! Yet, that Degree flows out of and is based on the 1st three of our KC Degrees and the virtues which they represent – Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We cannot truly live and spread those values to our parishes, communities and nation unless we <u>all</u> strive to build our Honored Order through increased membership (church drives and recruiting), stronger parish ties with our priests and parish organizations and stronger, vibrant programming (family, youth, CUL, charitable and community service, etc.). During April and May, let's do all we can to do that!



Two of our prime focus points this month are the ID Drive and the Charity Raffle. Every Tootsie Roll we hand out (and donation accepted) gives us the chance to further aid the intellectually disabled, Special Olympics or other organizations who work with the intellectually disabled on a daily basis. Every Charity Raffle ticket we distribute allows the State to further assist a family or individual in major crisis or need – illness, disability, accident, fire or other tragedy in their life. It may often be someone in <u>your</u> community or parish! We <u>all</u> need to do as much as we possibly can – <u>every Council</u>, <u>every Knight</u> (family members and friends as well) to make these programs which culminate this month a huge success! Again, the more we do here to promote these programs, the more it can help to convince other to join our ranks!

Remember that it should be the goal of your Council, and every Council, to earn the Star and Complete Council Awards. Now, in the last 3 months of the Fraternal Year, it's time to put on the "full court press" toward reaching that goal. Review your checklists with your Council and your DD. Work with your DD, Field Agent, General Agent, Diocesan Program Coordinator and Diocesan Membership Coordinator(s) to help you in that task. Contact them or any of your State Directors for advice or assistance.

I hope to see <u>all</u> of you April 29-May 1 at the State Convention. While you're there, check out the many displays which may give you information and fresh ideas for both your 2015-16 and 2016-17 programming. There will be displays highlighting youth, family, CUL, church, council, technology, membership, charitable programs to name only a few. We'll have those History Books on display along with Supreme/State Program Service Award entries. There'll also be a big display board showing progress toward Complete Council to date, Star Council also.

Every Council should be present at the Civic Opening of the Convention, 8:30-10 AM on Saturday morning, prior to the first Convention business meeting. At that Opening session, many hard earned and well deserved awards will be given out to Councils and individuals who've done an outstanding job in 2015-16, something you should strive to achieve/emulate! Our International Youth Soccer and Christmas Poster champions will be honored there also! Awards for the most recent State, Diocesan winners of the Culture of Life Essay Contest (2015) will be handed out to Grand Knights and District Deputies. The new 2016 theme for this year's contest will also be announced and packets for schools, Councils, etc. will be available. Plan to be there!

Have a great spring. Let the peace of the Risen Christ empower you to lead your Councils to their best program year ever and to build on that success for 2016-17.

Vivat Jesus! Go To Joseph!

Fraternally, Bill Frayer, State Program Director



WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2016 STATE GOLF OUTING July 23 & 24, 2016

Greetines

As host chairman, I welcome all of you to Menasha for the 2016 Knights of Columbus State Golf Outing. This year's event is sponsored by Nicolet Council 1838 of Menasha.

The golf outing will be held at Westridge Golf Club in Neenah, WI. Westridge is an 18 hole course. The course is a pleasure for golfers of any skill level to play. Westridge will challenge you while providing a relaxing, picturesque backdrop. Test your accuracy with their fairways, water hazards and newly repaired sand traps; they have everything to challenge you and improve your game.

The Saturday golf outing includes 18 holes of golf with cart, golf souvenir, lunch and a Saturday night dinner at the Menasha Council Club House, 746 Third St., Menasha, WI. Whether you are a golfer or not, join us on Saturday evening for a delicious dinner. If you would like to join us for the dinner, the cost is \$16.00 per person.

A Mass schedule from our local churches and hotel information is attached.

I hope you enjoy your stay in our community.

Respectfully yours, Terry Zielinski State Golf Chairman, 2016 State Golf Outing

A Special Message from the **Supreme Council General Agents**:

Knights of Columbus Named a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company

The Knights of Columbus has been recognized as a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company® by the Ethisphere® Institute, for the third consecutive year.

The World's Most Ethical Companies® designation recognizes companies that align principle with action, work tirelessly to make trust a part of their corporate DNA, and help shape future industry standards by introducing tomorrow's best practices today.

The Knights of Columbus is one of only two in the life insurance category, underscoring the Knights' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"The Knights of Columbus was founded on providing financial security to our members and their families in keeping with Catholic values," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Those principles continued to guide our company as we grew into a top-rated insurer with the same ethical commitment in every aspect of our business, our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments and our day-to-day business operations. It is this commitment to our Catholic principles that is the key to our ethical, sustainable and successful business model."

"Those that demonstrate leadership in areas like citizenship, integrity and transparency create more value for their investors, communities, customers and employees, thus solidifying a sustainable business advantage," said Ethisphere CEO Timothy Erblich. "Congratulations to everyone at the Knights of Columbus for being recognized as a World's Most Ethical Company."

The World's Most Ethical Company® assessment is based on the Ethisphere® Institute's Ethics QuotientTM (EQ) framework, developed over years of research and vetted and refined by the expert advice from Ethisphere's World's Most Ethical Company Methodology Advisory Panel. The EQ offers a quantitative way to assess a company's performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way.

Our Ethical Commitment

The Knights of Columbus remains steadfastly committed to providing ethical service to members and their families in three important ways:



Ethical Selling

We professionally train our agents, and hold them to the highest ethical standards. Each agent, when contracted, must sign a Code of Ethics, which is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is: "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.."

"Our fraternal ties to our members," the code states, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are utmost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs."

Ethical Business

As indicated by our recognition as a "World's Most Ethical" company, the Knights of Columbus is committed to ethical business practices. We firmly believe that these practices have helped propel us to the successes we've enjoyed, and have helped us to be consistently awarded the highest possible rating for financial strength from ratings agency A.M. Best.

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Ethical Investing

Our investment strategy is both safe and Catholic-based. We will not purchase "junk" bonds. We will not purchase derivatives. We will not invest in companies that deal in: abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit healthcare that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has yet again acknowledged our ethical commitment. It is what makes doing business with the Knights of Columbus truly different.

Fraternally,

The Supreme Council General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin:

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Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities (ID)

Thank you all for getting your Tootsie Roll orders in on time. Only one district was late and it was only by one day. Your timeliness make my job much easier and it will allow everyone to get the candy on time. Candy should begin to arrive in mid-March and every district should have the Tootsie Rolls by the first week in April. Any DD who does not have candy by April 8, please call me.

We are planning the ID Drive from April 15-May 15. Now is the time to start lining up your collection locations and making any changes your council would like to do this year. I would like to see each council improve in some aspect. Some ideas are: asking different members you don't know well to help, increasing the money raised per member, adding/changing collection locations/ times, having someone from the group receiving the funds stand next to you during your collection, or other ideas to improve your drive, church and council.

The ID Committee is trying to listen to the membership and has made the following changes over the past two years:

District orders can be emailed in. (Less paperwork and postage)

Approved State Grant Applications are published on the State website.

Checks from the councils are not required to be certified.

All forms associated with ID program are on the State website.

In turn the committee is asking your council to: Mail in your council report and check as soon as your drive is complete. (All money received before June 30 will be in the fall packets)

Distribute the checks in the fall packets to your groups in a timely manner.

As we are not requiring certified checks and in turn do not allow your council checks to bounce. If we do have checks bounce we will go back to requiring certified checks.

Thank you for running this worthy program to assist Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

Mark Jelinek

Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities



SPECIAL OLYMPICS WISCONSIN - SUMMER GAMES, JUNE 9-11, 2016

On June 9, 2016, we will again have an opportunity to show our colors and be a part of Wisconsin Special Olympics Summer games. Last year, we had more than 35 4th Degree Honor Guard present to usher in the more than 1500 athletes that participated in the 2015 Summer games. (If you are honor guard and wish to participate in this year's special opening, contact Ron Shymanski or Roland Ransom)

If you want to see the difference we are making by supporting our **Special Athletes** of Wisconsin,

ALL ARE WELCOME

Come to Stevens Point June 9-11, and witness the good we do!!

Our contributions support Special Olympics Wisconsin's goal to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of Society.

And through sports training and competition increase the public awareness of their capabilities and needs.

Special Olympics is a worldwide movement of more than 4.4 million athletes in 170 countries, where one can act locally, but make a global impact.

As Knights and Catholics, we are committed to helping these Special Athletes achieve their goals.

Our commitment of \$100,000 to team Wisconsin 2018, requires only 75 cents per member per year. (not even a can of pop or a can of beer!!) All donations should be run through the Knights of Columbus Charity account, which is a 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

God Bless you for all you do for our Faith, our Order, and for Special Olympics

INVITATION TO BID ON HOSTING THE 2018 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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 William A. Plante prior to May 1.

Information available at wikofc.com or http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=181

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 7, 2016 at KC Council #664 Club House, 795 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI, 54935, decide by a majority vote where the 2018 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.

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Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis declared a Jubilee year of Mercy to from December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, to November 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King.

In calling for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to know the face of God's mercy — Jesus Christ Incarnate — and to show that face of mercy to our friends and neighbors (as well as our enemies!).

To that end, we have prepared for you a to-do list for the upcoming Jubilee:



- Forgive those who have hurt you or have done you wrong. If possible, consider forgiving debts owed you and/or returning collateral.
- Go to Confession regularly monthly or even weekly.
- Read and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Gospel of Luke.
- Perform one or more works of mercy every day.
- Go on a pilgrimage.
- Share the Good News of God's mercy through your words and good deeds.
- Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in your parish, receiving Communion in the state of grace in order to receive the "clean slate grace."
- Place the Divine Mercy Image in a prominent place in your home and venerate it daily.
- Offer a novena of chaplets for the intentions Jesus gave St. Faustina in the nine days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy "on us, and on the whole world."
- Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3 p.m., the Hour of Great Mercy.
- Read Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.
- Fulfill the conditions for plenary indulgences and offer those indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- Resolve to learn more about some saints who are outstanding for receiving mercy or showing God's mercy to those around them.



Honor Our Founder

Father

An hour-long docudrama on Father Michael McGivney that aired nationwide on public television is now available for purchase on DVD. Learn more about the founder of the Knights of Columbus as his cause for sainthood moves forward at the Vatican.

http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html

Join: The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members.

To join the Guild go to: http://www.fathermcgivney.org/



New Rosary Documentary Film "Power in my Hands" Urgent appeal for prayers and financial help Brother Knights of Columbus - Please be generous

America is in spiritual crisis but we have the solution which is Jesus Christ through Our Lady and her rosary.

This new film will be positive, hopeful, passionate & creative to bring the message across in an artistic manner.

The goal is to help bring about a spiritual transformation in America and beyond for the family and peace. This new 78 minute film & trailer will provide a message of hope through the rosary to encounter Jesus Christ.

WHO IS THE ROSARY EVANGELIZATION APOSTOLATE

The Rosary Evangelization Apostolate was founded January 31, 2003 with Dick and Terry Boldin and Archbishop Timothy Dolan who served as Episcopal Advisor until the spring of 2009 and now continues as an Honorary Episcopal Advisor. Archbishop Jerome Listecki of Milwaukee is presently the Episcopal Advisor. Spiritual Advisors are Bishop Don Hying of Gary, Indiana and Fr. James Kubicki SJ.

The Rosary Evangelization Apostolate is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Main website is www.rosaryea.org and email address is info@rosaryea.org

Purpose of the Apostolate is to bring the faithful to Jesus Christ through Our Lady and her rosary. The Apostolate is based in Milwaukee, WI and its work extends across the country.

Rosary Film Participants: :Nationally known Catholic evangelists such as Jeff Cavins, Doug Barry, Fr. Don Calloway, Kelly Walhquist, Sr. Mary Samuel of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Lydia LoCoco, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Bishop Oliver Doeme of Nigeria and Philip Rivers of the NFL San Diego Chargers. Invitations have been sent to actors Eduardo Verastegui and Jim Caviezel and his wife Kerri.

This rosary film will be shown and distributed across America and beyond!

This plea is urgent - please -please to not ignore this plea

Our country and culture are in deep spiritual crisis. People of God need to respond NOW and answer the call to prayer- turn to the rosary - which has the power to change hearts, to change families, to change communities, to change the culture, to transform America. Our Lady needs your help!

This is the Year of Mercy - we ask for your merciful reply. <u>Click here</u> for "secure" online donations Or go to the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate website at <u>www.rosaryea.org</u> and click on the Rosary Film Banner on the Home page to make your online donation.

Or Mail in your donation: Payable to Rosary Evangelization Apostolate and mail to PO Box 305 Oak Creek, WI 53154

IF we could fill the stands we could raise over \$16,000.00 for a great Charity, And have a great time doing it!!!







KOFC AGENT CHARITY FUND, WOMEN'S CARE CENTER, FAMILY WEEK GAME!

July 30th, 2016, Game time 6:35pm

MADISON MALLARDS will play the Green Bay, Bullfrogs

Sponsored by:



Knights of Columbus, and the Madison Area Field Agents Dennis O'Connell, Luke Meinholz & Relevant Radio.

You can purchase tickets over 10 directly through the Madison Mallards.

Councils and churches must purchase the tickets By April 30th, in a group and send one check, to make Will's, already tough, job easier.

C/O Will Martin, Inside Sales Manager, Madison Mallard's and he will be your contact for the tickets. \$13.00 per ticket. Please contact him with any ticketing questions. He can be reached at 608-246-4277 or will@mallardsbaseball.com

\$2.00 from every ticket the Knights of Columbus sell goes to the Women's Care Center on Orin Rd, in Madison.

Last year KofC's raised \$1900.00 dollars with over 650 tickets.

\$1.00 goes towards the all you can eat tailgate. Thanks to our Tailgate sponsors The Oakey Family, WRL and PLW we had more than enough food for all. Anyone interested in helping sponsor the Tailgate or to donate, please pray and consider donating.

Any moneys left over goes to the Women's Care center.

For more Info, Donations, to purchase less than 10 tickets, or to Sponsor or help with the Tailgate, Please contact Charles Kazmer at 920-220-9149 or email crkaz1@live.com Make Cheques Payable to: KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund C/O KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund 220 Williams St.

Johnson Creek, WI 53038

May God bless you all and thank you for your support.

Donations to "The KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund" are not tax deductable.



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/

"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

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



This is the 56th year of the program which began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The First Rose was a natural rose. The program has continued as a project of Columbian Squires circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies working in unison to promote devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the 1990s Supreme Knight decided to make the Silver Rose a Supreme Council program.

The first effort consisted of one route carrying a Silver Rose from London, Ontario through the central U.S. to Texas for transfer to Mexico. Soon there were three Silver Rose routes, one mimicking the original route; another starting in Manitoba and moving to British Columbia, then down to the Pacific Coast before turning east into Arizona and on to Texas; and a third route starting in New York, then down the eastern seaboard, then to several southern states to Texas.

In 2001 the Supreme Knight expanded the program by establishing the "Running of the Rose" from the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Toronto. The "Running of the Rose" honors not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and the unity of the Order, but reaffirms the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of "One Life, One Rose," it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

This year there are six Silver Rose routes. Routes 1 thru 5 started on 6 March. Route 6 starts on 10 April. They all end on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Not all of the Roses go to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico.

This is the third year that the Wisconsin Knights are part of the program. We are again part of Route 3 as follows:

Manitoba	03/06/16	04/03/16
North Dakota	04/03/16	04/24/16
South Dakota	04/24/16	05/22/16
Minnesota	05/22/16	06/19/16
lowa	06/19/16	07/10/16
Wisconsin	07/10/16	08/07/16
Illinois	08/07/16	09/04/16
Missouri	09/04/16	09/25/16
Arkansas	09/25/16	10/16/16
Texas	10/16/16	12/10/16
Mexico	12/10/16	12/12/16

In Wisconsin, we cover the entire State with at least one prayer service at a different location each day. We receive the Rose from the lowa Knights on Sunday, 10 July at 1:00 pm at the wayside (not visitor ctr) on the island in the Mississippi River on Hwy 18 in Paririe du Chien.

Location of prayer services are shown below. We transfer the Rose to the Illinois Knights on Sunday, 7 August in Beloit at 1:00 pm.

Sun 10 Jul	Lancaster	St Clement, 132 S Washington St
Mon 11 Jul	Verona	St Andrew, 301 N Main St
Tue 12 Jul	Reedsburg	Sacred Heart, 624 N Willow St
Wed 13 Jul	Adams	St Joseph, 166 N Main St
Thu 14 Jul	Wonewoo	St Jerome, 528 N Center St
Fri 15 Jul	La Crosse	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 5250 Justin Rd
Sat 16 Jul	Onalaska	St Patrick, 1031 Main St

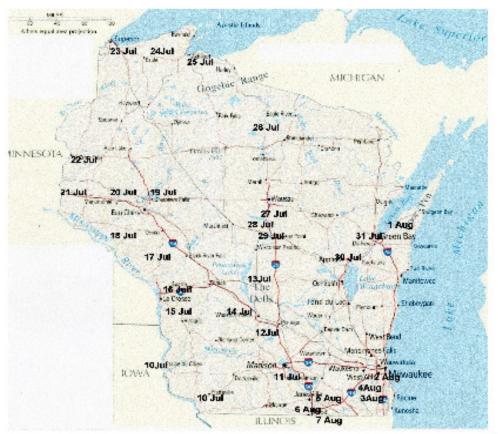




3pm	C2820 D40
7pm	C11155 D45
7pm	C3805 D46
	C6718 D23
7pm	C4295 D20

C10914 D25

Sun 17 Jul	Whitehall	St John the Apostle, 35900 Lee St	2pm	C3825 D29
Mon 18 Jul	Lima	Holy Rosary, N6235 CTH V	7pm	C2422 D22
Tue 19 Jul	Bloomer	St Paul, 1222 Main St	7pm	C6585 D24
Wed 20 Jul	Glenwood City	St John the Baptist, 761 1st St		C4954 D81
Thu 21 Jul	Hudson	St Patrick 1500 Vine St		C1762 D81
Fri 22 Jul	Balsam Lake	Our Lady of the Lakes, 507 W Main St	10:30am	
			pm	C12609 D87
Sat 23 Jul	Superior	Holy Assumption, 5601 Tower Ave (then 5mi walk)	10am	
		Cathedral of Christ the King, 1410 Baxter Ave	2pm	
		St Francis Xavier, 2316 E. 4th St (after Mass)	4pm	C499 D91
Sun 24 Jul	Iron River	St Michael, 68105 S. George St		C12738 D91
Mon 25 Jul	Ashland	Our Lady of the Lake, 201 Lake Shore Dr E	6pm	C832 D80
Tue 26 Jul	Woodruff	Holy Family, 8950 Cty Hwy J	6pm	C7827 D85
Wed 27 Jul	Mosinee	St Paul, 603 4th St	0.000	C5488 D28
Thu 28 Jul	Auburndale	Nativity of the Blessed Mary, 5866 Main St	7pm	C4646 D27
Fri 29 Jul	Stevens Point	St Peter, 800 4th Ave	7pm	C1170 D27
Sat 30 Jul	Greenville	St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, N2385 Municipal	IDr .	C16244 D5
Sun 31 Jul	Green Bay	St Agnes, 1484 9th St	STANCE OF STREET	C617 D7
Mon 1 Aug	Champion	Our Lady of Good Help, 4047 Chapel Dr		
Tue 2 Aug	Milwaukee	St Gregory the Great, S 60 St & Oklahoma	7pm	C524 D64
Wed 3 Aug	Burlington	St Charles Borromeo, 440 Kendall St	7pm	C1578 D70
Thu 4 Aug	Hales Corner	Sacred Heart School of Theology, 7335 S Hwy 100	37.200.0	C4580 D68
Fri 5 Aug	Janesville	St John Vianney, 1250 E. Racine St		C9360 D49
Sat 6 Aug	Clinton	St Stevens, 716 Shula Ln	4 pm	C605 D49

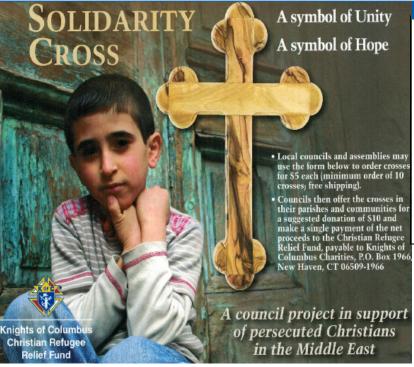






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Prayer for those Persecuted in Iraq and Syria

O God of all the Nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, who in your providence willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son, look with mercy on your servants in Iraq and Syria who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will that we live in harmony. And in all things may we be united in truth and freedom to seek your will in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady, Oueen of Peace, Pray for us. AMEN

Christians in the Middle East face persecution simply for their belief in the one who taught us to love one another. Despite the genocidal persecution against them, they continue to be an inspiration as they remain true to their faith and bear witness to the love of God and neighbor. Yet, regardless of their great witness, they need solidarity and support.

One way we are helping is through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed more than \$4.5 million. These contributions have provided food, clothing, shelter and medical care to refugees. Individuals can contribute to this fund by visiting christiansatrisk.org and making a direct contribution.

Along with financial support, Knights and their families are encouraged to pray for persecuted Christians. To aid in this, the new Prayer for Persecuted Christians prayer card (#10340) is now available. This prayer card is available in packs of 100 cards for \$3 per order, shipping charges included, and can be obtained by sending a completed Form #1 to the Supply Dept. via mail, fax (800-266-6340), or email to supply@kofc.org. You may also order the cards by mailing a check, payable to the Knights of Columbus and addressed to: Knights of Columbus, Supply Department, 78 Meadow Street, New Haven, CT 06519.

Support the Christians Refugee Fund by ordering 5-inch olive wood crosses (\$5 each, minimum order of 10), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. The crosses may be sold in your community, for a suggested donation of \$10, with the net proceeds of the sale given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. For more information, please contact please contact the Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or supply@kofc.org.









