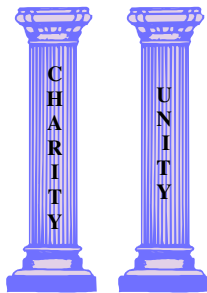




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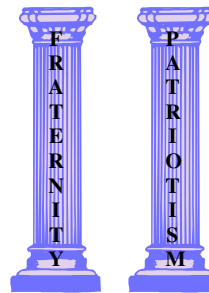


# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - December 2015

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



Fr. Rick Heilman,  
State Chaplain

Me Too! I had to be back to my Parishes before the photo happened. **Merry Christmas!** What a wonderful time of year. We see so many beautiful manger scenes depicting the Holy Family. There is St. Joseph, who will now be the spiritual leader of his family, and foster father to Christ for all of the 30 years leading up to his ministry. What an amazing privilege. What an awesome responsibility. (continued page 2)

*Merry Christmas!* from State Deputy Ron and Gail Faust, Immediate Past State Deputy Tim and Mary Jo Genthe, State Treasurer Gordy and Susan Kremer, State Advocate Jack and Lisa Wrbanich, State Warden Pat and Therese Reiff, State Secretary Tim and Angi Guski



**THE BEST WAYS TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS IS TO KEEP MASS IN CHRISTMAS**



Pope Francis initiated the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a mass and a ceremonial opening of the "Holy Door" at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. "It shall be a holy year of mercy" said Pope Francis. He has declared a Jubilee year of Mercy to begin on December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and end on November 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King.



**My Dear Brother Knights**

I expect as I am just writing this on the 21st of December, by the time it gets to you it will be time to wish you a Merry Christmas!! It is a lot of fun, every year, to wish people a Blessed Advent as we approach Christmas, and then to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from Christmas until the feast of the Epiphany. It is a simple little habit I cultivate to help me to keep Christ in Christmas by honoring a charming and meaningful Catholic tradition that is all but lost in our day.

Speaking of traditions, did you ever notice that sometimes that which is old is rediscovered and is new again? That is what is happening in our order right now. Some call it a renewal; others call it a return to our roots. In his address to the State Deputies gathered November 20th in San Antonio, our Supreme Knight called it a sharpening of our focus.

So what is our focus? It is to be the strong, right arm of our parish priest; or priests, if our council serves more than one. And how do we do that?

First, Worthy Grand Knights, give your District Deputy adequate time at your officers meeting and at your general meeting to bring home to your council the message he received at this year's recently completed mid-year meeting. He has a lot to tell you!

Second, if you were not able to attend your winter, district meeting, arrange for extended time for your district deputy with your officers.

Third, Worthy Grand Knights, view our Supreme Knight's address to the State Deputies gathered November 20th in San Antonio. View it with your officers and/or with your whole council. You will find the video of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's address on the front page or your Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website.

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

OK, so after all that, what action do we take? For starters, our Supreme Council is giving us two excellent tools in the form of the programs: Building the Domestic Church and Solidarity Cross. Just last week I was told that a local council was allowed to offer the crosses after Mass and they disappeared fast!

One last thing. One of the greatest gifts a man can ever receive is the gift of membership in our honorable order. Ours truly is a mission great; one worthy of our time and talent. Unfortunately, too many of our brothers lose sight of that as we lose contact with them. Let us do all we can to share the precious gift of membership with new men. And let us also do all we can to re-evangelize those with whom we have lost touch, and re-invite them to our noble mission.

Worthy Grand Knight, task your Council Retention Committee, headed up by your Deputy Grand Knight, to do all they can to make personal contact twice each year with every member of your council; once on their birthday and once on the anniversary of their exemplification into our order.

If personal contact cannot be established send a card. Send it with return requested so you can know if they are no longer at the address that you have on file. Your Financial Secretary has tools at his disposal for finding our "Lost Sheep," and training in the use of those tools has been, and will continue to be, made available to him. Let us together commit to finding our lost sheep and leading them back home into our Brotherhood.

**State Chaplain's Message (continued)**

Echoing the words of Worthy State Deputy Ronald Faust, "What our world and our families need right now are saints: Saints like St. Joseph!" This training in holiness we have slated for Lent 2016 promises to go a long way in helping us all become the best St. Josephs we can be!

During this thrilling Packer season, the rallying cry as we enter into this training in holiness - "Chase Perfection, Catch Excellence!" - comes from our own legendary coach Vince Lombardi, who said, "Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence." Of course Lombardi, a brother Knight and daily Mass goer, was himself inspired by the very words of Christ: "Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

Those entering the training for 54 days will be asked to simply pray one rosary per day, and meditate on the 1-2 minute daily reflections. As I wrote in last month's newsletter, the first 27 days will be drawn from Holy Scripture, quotes from saints, and inspiring passages from the Catechism, all on the qualities of excellent found in the Theological Virtues, Cardinal Virtues, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The second 27 days are drawn from excerpts from the Church Militant Field Manual: Special Forces Training for the Life in Christ.

While these reflections will be offered online (Here is the link <http://flocknote.com/knightswise>), they will also be offered in book form, with my newly published, 54 Day Basic Training in Holiness. We would like to get these books into the hands of all of our brother knights in Wisconsin. These are offered for only \$3.00 each, when ordered in bundles of 20 books at [roman-catholicgear.com](http://roman-catholicgear.com). All proceeds from sales of this book go to the Knights of Columbus. Please help promote this training.

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has asked that in every diocese and in churches and shrines designated by the diocesan bishop, there would also be a celebration of the rite of opening of the Holy Door in unity with the Universal Church so all can participate and obtain the indulgences promised in this Jubilee Year.

Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. And, help us to train to be the very best St. Josephs we can be!!

Merry Christmas to all my brother knights and their families!!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.

Vivat Jesus and Merry Christmas to All,

Ronald F. Faust, State Deputy

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



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State of Wisconsin: July 1 to November 30 Year-to-Date Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goals	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Ins. Members	Lost Ins. Members	%
Green Bay	300	125	63	79.2%	49	50	39	18	28	33.0
La Crosse	260	109	87	96%	8	96	28	47	19	40
Madison	271	113	52	62.9%	20	51	36	27	20	26.2
Milwaukee	422	176	43	34.1%	60	0	39	32	19	14.2
Superior	147	62	41	96.3%	22	37	27	14	8	40.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>28.1%</b>



Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status
1400	1325
	393

32.75%

Circle of Honor Net
840
234

27.86%

Circle of Honor Net/Net
100
-113

-113%

# Deceased Members
347

**Jonnie O says,**

**“I Wants You to Leap into 2016 by Recruiting 24/7/366!”**

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

**“One First Degree - Per District - Per Month”**

Member-ship as of	Current Member-ship as of
7/1/2014	12/1/2015
36,319	36,206

#### Membership

Big congratulations to you and our state on a great month of recruitment. In the month of November we recruited 9% of our yearly goal and we were awarded \$595 in the Winter Tournament Incentives. That money will be set aside for further advertising signs and material for membership recruitment.

As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, we had our third new council early this past month. That makes Madison and Milwaukee Dioceses that have yet to bring in a new member this year. I have asked our District Deputies in these to Dioceses to look for potential sites and make sure we look into every opportunity to make Father McGivney’s vision of a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish become a reality.

The race to be the best Diocese in the state is getting close. Only .3% separates Superior and Lacrosse in their percentage on goal to date. Green Bay is a few points behind inching closer to be in the mix. Madison and Milwaukee are lagging behind, but not out of the mix yet. We have 6 months left and we do not give up in this state on our goals. I know we will continue to fight and achieve our goals and rise to the top pile in membership recruitment.

The district races are continuing to be close. In Green Bay we have District 13 fresh off a new council with 95% of its yearly membership goal with District 9 and 12 in a close race for second. In Lacrosse we have District 28 at 86% of its yearly goal with District 30 and District 26 in almost a tie for second. Madison has District 48 close to the 50% minimum mark for the cash at 47% with Districts 43 and 49 close behind. Milwaukee has District 69 in the lead with 35% but still a ways off from the minimum mark for the cash. Superior has District 87 in a big lead with 116% and District 85 and 83 in a close race for second.

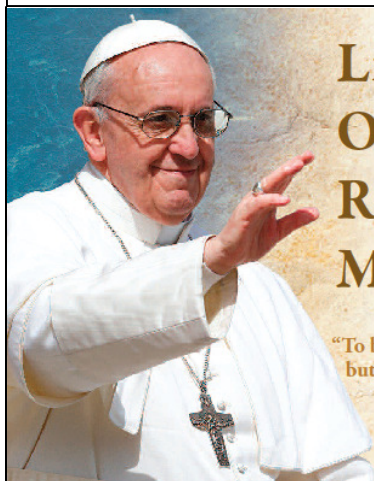
This past Mid-Year training meeting that the District Deputies attended focused how to recruit and the steps in a successful recruitment drive. We asked all the DD’s to go to a Church in Sheboygan and assist in a Church Drive. I believe all the District Deputies learned a great deal in how easy it is to recruit and why it is so important to have faith in the recruitment process. Please ask your District Deputy on how you also can become a positive attitude recruiter.

I hope that all of us and our families are filled with the true meaning of Christmas and have a chance to show everyone in our communities that with our first principle of Charity as our banner, we can improve our community’s faith and build a Domestic Church that can continue to bring new and past Catholics back to our Church.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



**Live Out  
Our Mission.  
Recruit a  
Member Today!**

*"To be saints is not a privilege for the few,  
but a vocation for everyone."  
~ Pope Francis*

In honor of Pope Francis, recruiters will be awarded with a commemorative medallion if they recruit at least one new member\* during the first six months of the fraternal year (July 1-Dec. 31, 2015).

**Bonus:** All recruiters will be awarded 2,000 VIP points for all members they recruit this same period.

Examples:

1. Recruit One Member =  + 2,000 VIP Points
2. Recruit Five Members =  + 10,000 VIP Points

\* Former or inactive insurance members count toward incentive awards.



### Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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

#### *One of our founding goals: to protect widows*

As a member of your local council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. We know today this is done through our insurance products which are designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact us today.

Fraternally,

The Supreme Council General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin:

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**Ed Knolmayer**  
715-425-0773

**Joe Molosky**  
715-938-5632

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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

This Holiday season has brought to us the words of our Supreme Knight instructing all Councils to make every effort to be the strong right arm of their pastor and their parish, to be more active and visible in the activities and programs of their parish. We need to review and assess our programs to determine whether they duplicate or impede parish efforts in the areas of youth, family, Culture of Life, Faith Formation, Human Concerns/Social Justice, etc. This will certainly be an ongoing process, but now is the time to begin as we enter 2016.

Nevertheless, I do hope that your "Keep Christ in Christmas" efforts (Light Up for Christ, yard signs & magnets, youth Poster Contests, etc.) have gone well. Remember that "True Meaning of Christmas" poster winners are due to you DD by December 31; all Supreme "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster winners are due to me by mid-January.

Your plans for Knowledge & Free Throw Contests should be well underway, with Council programs in December and January, District Free Throw in late January-mid February, Diocesan Contests mid February-mid March. We still plan on holding the State Knowledge & Free Throw Contests on Saturday, March 19 at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids. More on timing for that next month.

Other programs you should be working on include Coats for Kids (if not already done), Food for Families (February-March), Charity Raffle ticket sales, orders for your Tootsie Rolls to name just a few. Be sure, also, to get your Special Olympics form and Fraternal Survey in on time. They are so very important for getting proper information to Supreme on our activities and earning money from Supreme for Special Olympics (\$2000-\$10,000 for our state depending on how many Councils turn in the forms as they should)! So, get yours in soon!

Remember that the goals of every Council should be to earn Star Council and the State Complete Council Award. We had only about 2 dozen out of 295 Councils earn Star in 2014-15 and about 18 win Complete Council. We ought to have 4-5 times that many at least attain those honors for 2015-16! So, do make use of the checklists you received in your District Meeting packets on a monthly basis to track your programs toward those 2 awards! I am asking all DDs to be checking with you and monitoring your Councils' progress monthly, starting in January.

Don't forget to be working on your Family of the Year and Medallion Award nominations – due by February 15! You all have great families and Knights who deserve these honors. Likewise, Supreme Service Award forms need to be in to the State Office by March 1. Nominate the best program you have in each of the 6 areas, fill out the forms (downloaded off the State of Supreme website) and get them in. Again, we annually get only 5-10 nominations per category each year when we should have many dozens of them from our 295 Councils!

History Books are due to your DD by February 1. Be sure to download the proper forms for 2015 off the State website and use only those! Follow the instructions closely. The History Book is a great recruiting tool and also a requirement for the Complete Council Award. If you've not done one recently, at least try to get something together to submit – completed forms, Council newsletters, photos and articles, etc. and it'll not only fulfilled that requirements but perhaps jump start you to do better for 2016.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate those Councils who participated in the annual Sentiments for Seminarians program. We had a huge supply of donations again at the Winter DD Meeting in Sheboygan. The seminarians are so grateful for all the gifts they received, especially for the \$1000+ in gift cards that each Diocese received. Well Done!

In conclusion, Ginny and I would like to wish you all a Very Merry, Blessed, Joyful Christmas, filled with the pleasure of good times with family and friends. May the Peace of Christ be yours in the New Year – 2016. Happy New Year! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Bill Frayer, State Program Director

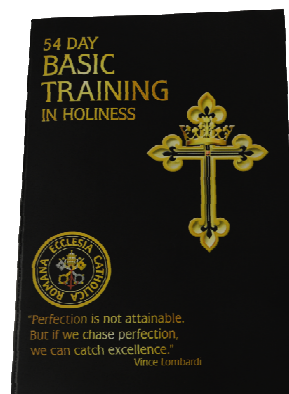


*"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the wicked rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens."*

Ephesians 6:12







## 54 Day Basic Training in Holiness CHASE PERFECTION - CATCH EXCELLENCE!

Before we enlist in this Basic Training, we need to seek the amazing supernatural graces afforded us by Consecration. This will all be done online, and will be the shorter Kolbe 9 Day Preparation for Consecration. Once St. Maximilian Kolbe learned about St. Louis de Montfort's consecration to Mary, called the "surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means" to becoming a saint, he called it a "secret weapon for the world," a "shortcut to holiness." And so, on day one, we turn to St. Joseph, asking him to walk with us and inspire us in this training.

**Before all else:** GO TO CONFESSION

**January 23** - We consecrate ourselves to the chaste heart of St. Joseph (This will be done online)

**January 24** - Begin a 9 Day Preparation for Consecration. This is St. Maximilian Kolbe's preparation (This will be done online).

**February 2** - The Feast of the Presentation. Consecration to the Immaculate and Sacred Hearts Of Mary and Jesus (This will be done online).

**February 10** - Ash Wednesday. Begin the 54 Day Basic Training in Holiness (Book & online).

**April 3** - Our Basic Training in Holiness concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday in the Year of Mercy.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Go to Joseph!

### PREPARING FOR THE TRAINING

1) Order the 54 Day Basic Training in Holiness books for your membership. These books retail for \$8.00, but are offering to our brother knights for \$3.00. We'd like to see every Knight in our State possess their own copy of this training book. While the daily reflections will also be offered online and by email, the book affords each man the ability to highlight texts, flag pages, etc. for future reflection. It's a powerful book!

These books need to be order in bundles of 20 books each, in order to get this special rate. The company we are working with is even offering the possibility of having you order your books, collect a free will offering from your membership, and paying the books within 30 days. I recommend asking for a \$5.00 free will offering, giving you the best chance to retrieve the expense.

(If a Knights chapter wants terms (credit), they can email [mfehr@majesticworks.com](mailto:mfehr@majesticworks.com) or call 1-877-635-2244. They will need to provide a copy of their sales tax exemption certificate (for the Knights chapter or the parish) as well as the name, address and phone number of the institution and the name of the person to call for outstanding bills)

2) Please do all you can to encourage your membership to sign up for the emails as well. I will send a future email with the link for sign-up.

3) Please do all you can to get the word out and promote this Training in Holiness campaign for the Year of Mercy!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.  
State Chaplain

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### December - Family of the Month Report

When good Christian, Catholic men are associated together many great things can become of their works. When these men become members of the Knights of Columbus, their works are multiplied across councils, across states, and across the whole United States. When these members remember why the Knights of Columbus was started by Father McGivney, they know why they joined the Knights of Columbus.

Since the Knights of Columbus was started for families, how important is the family in your council and in your community? Where would the Knights of Columbus be without families? Would or could the Knights of Columbus exist without families? How much time does your council spend on Families? How does your council recognize families and their good works in your community? How can your council help families become recognized for what they do? How can your council grow in membership, retain members, and grow in vitality with the help of your council's families?

Remember to keep Father McGivney's vision in perspective, and do what you as fathers, husbands, and children of God are good at, and take care of your families. Start the new fraternal year out right and begin gathering information for the Family of the Year nomination from your council. Continue to send in your Family of the month nominations each month to myself.

Remember that your council can have an enormous impact on your church, and local community, by supporting council families that are forming their lives, by living the word of Jesus Christ. These are the families that live their faith, by letting Jesus guide their thoughts and actions. Remember, compassion is like a cold, and is very contagious. Let us all be contagious and show compassion to all those around us, so our communities and our country can become more compassionate. This is what we all need, compassion to our neighbors.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season. Let us all keep Christ in our hearts, become contagious and share Jesus Christ with our fellow workers, neighbors and all those we come in contact with.

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

### DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH October 2015

	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>
<b>Green Bay Diocese</b>		
Donald & Ann Biese, Neenah	5514	10
<b>La Crosse Diocese</b>		
Edward & Judy Stashek, Junction City	4646	27
<b>Madison Diocese</b>		
Myron & Marilyn Schuller, Orfordville	9230	49
<b>Milwaukee Archdiocese</b>		
David & Loretta Lechner, Waupun	4897	71
<b>Superior Diocese</b>		
Gary & Gail Maier, Roberts	1762	81

The recipients of the Holy Plaques from Supreme for October are:

Jerry & Mary Cinker	2055	Menomonie
Chris & Becky Herb	5008	Tigerton
Dennis & Brenda Brandt	10914	Onalaska
John & Mary Vodra	13880	Plover

### Considering Fear

The media reports that one of the Paris terrorists entered Europe disguised as a refugee. In California two terrorists had roots in Pakistan: the husband a U.S. citizen, the wife a new immigrant. These three people have succeeded in creating a tsunami of fear across America. Wisconsin's governor along with 25 other governors have declared they will not cooperate with the settlement of Syrian refugees in their states. Three people.

There are over 11 million Syrian refugees in the world; half the population of Syria. A catastrophe of biblical proportions. Mostly families with children. Will we walk past these bleeding, dying "Samaritans" on the roadside? Three people have turned the hearts of an otherwise generous people into hearts frozen in fear. Have you noticed it? Haven't we lost something precious?

How easy it is to forget Jesus' words, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid" (Mt 14:27) Wasn't it fear that put Japanese-Americans into internment camps and denied entry to Jews fleeing Nazi terror during the war? Wasn't it fear that forced African-Americans into segregated schools and housing, Irish immigrants into ghettos, and Native Americans onto reservations far from their homes? Fear contracts the human heart, shortens our vision, restricts our listening, and closes our minds. In other words, it snuffs out the light of Christ in us. Fear is not rational, an emotional reaction to real or imagined threats. So we circle the wagons and quietly serve those in need who are closest to us all the while saying by word or deed that "I have done my Christian duty, and as for those people "over there", well, maybe the Europeans or Arab countries can feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, teach the illiterate. Yes, let someone else take care of "those people"; we'll take care of our own.

Many of our governors are saying, "We don't want 'those people' living in our neighborhoods!" Is that the best we can do? Is this what we are, a people tied up into knots by fear. Yes, it is true, the Knights of Columbus have always been generous in supporting relief efforts for refugees around the world, but can't we as Catholic Christians do a little more? For example, can we be a soft voice of reason with family, friends, and colleagues? Can we write and tell our political leaders we are a better people than they want to believe. Can we proclaim from the "house tops" that we will not be led by fear, that we will help the wounded Samaritan on the roadside even if there is danger lurking nearby. Why? Because that's who we are. That's what we are meant to be. "Be not afraid."

In His holy name, Richard Porior, Culture of Life - Green Bay Diocese

**Who do You say  
that  
I am ?**



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

**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**

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# Wisconsin

## Rolling in a New Century

***Be a part of Wisconsin History!***

*The State Bowling Tournament will be held during the months of*

February, March and April 2016

**Fond du Lac**

- Entry blanks have mailed to Council Bowling Chairman and/or Grand Knights.
- Entries close December 31st for the \$18.00 fee per event cost, after that date the fee is \$20.00 per event. There is a link on the [State Council Web Site](#) for printing out the entry form
- Contact person for reservations and shift availability is Sean Michels:  
**920-284-1579** and email address is [smichelskofc@gmail.com](mailto:smichelskofc@gmail.com)

**District Deputies can get a \$25.00 Visa Gift Card if they have at least one team from each of the Council's in your district.**

Grand Knights should help your District Deputy get this gift card by supporting the tournament with a team.

**We are looking for a lot of teams as this is a milestone in the State Knights of Columbus having reached the 100<sup>th</sup> tournament.** There will be special prizes and awards to commemorate this tournament.

If there are any questions about the tournament you can contact me at (920) 921-1802. Thanks for your support in the past years and hope you will support us this year.

Greg Michels, State Bowling Chairman

### State Officer Candidate Resume

The election of State Officers is one of the most important jobs of the delegates to the Annual State Meeting of the Wisconsin State Council, and council members should be given the opportunity to direct their delegates as to whom they believe are the best-qualified candidates.

In order to ensure both council members and delegates are well informed of the qualifications of each candidate for the State Officer positions and in order to minimize the cost of printing and mailing resumes in a timely manner candidates who are proposed by their respective council may submit a resume to the State Office of the Wisconsin State Council by February 15th, 2016 for dissemination. All resumes will be included in a booklet arranged according to the office in the following order: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and State Warden. Booklets will be mailed to the Former State Chaplains, Past State Deputies, current State and Diocesan Coordinators, District Deputies, and the Grand Knights of each subordinate council. The cost of printing and mailing this booklet shall be shared equally among all of the candidates listed.



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### 2016 Knowledge Contest

#### Council Level

The countdown to the State Contest at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids begins on January 2, 2016. Participating councils may obtain **master copies** of the **2016 Math and Spelling Contest Booklets and Answer Sheets from their District Deputies AFTER the December D.D. Meeting**. Be sure to fill in the **Council** and **District Numbers** and the **Diocese** on the COVER PAGE of each Master Copy BEFORE you have the booklets printed!

Council Knowledge Contests must be completed by **February 15<sup>th</sup>** and the **First Place winners** and the **number of participants at each grade level must be submitted** to the **Diocesan Coordinator promptly!** Use the Knowledge Contest Report Forms on the State Council Web Site or create your own Spread Sheet.

“Double” winners in Math, Spelling or Free Throw Shooting must choose ONE event at the Diocesan level.

Winners advancing to the Diocesan Contest must be given a TRAVEL CARD to be shown at the registration table and to be used to gain admission to the contest room. The cards are to be collected after the contestants have filled out the cover page of the contest booklet.

Efforts should be made to send **an alternate** (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner) if the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner opts out of the Diocesan Contest.

#### Diocesan Level

The **place, date** and **times** of all **Diocesan Contests** must be made known to all participating councils so that NO eligible contestants miss their opportunity to compete!

**Diocesan Coordinators** – Your Diocesan Contests must be held by **March 15, 2015**. The tentative date of the State Contest makes this change necessary!

First and Second Place winners at the Diocesan Level are eligible for ONE event at the State Contest.

Each contestant must have a specific TRAVEL CARD with them when they register for the State Contest.

Diocesan Coordinators must make sure that their winners have enough time to make travel arrangements for the State Contest.

Arrange for **alternates** if necessary in a timely manner.

#### State Level

**the TENTATIVE DATE for this contest is SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 at ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL in WISCONSIN RAPIDS.** I respectfully ask **Diocesan Coordinators** to send me the names of their **First and Second Place Winners** and the **number of Council Participants at each grade level PROMPTLY!!** By all means use **E-mail if you prefer to use a spread sheet instead of the Diocesan Report Forms**. Please fill out the TRAVEL CARDS for the State Contest **completely and accurately**. Contact Bill Frayer for the times for REGISTRATION and the START of the CONTEST. With everyone’s cooperation this State Council Youth Program will be a success. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

**EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO KEEP ALL CONTEST MATERIALS SECURE AT EVERY CONTEST LEVEL!**

Peter J. Schulteis, State Coordinator  
Knowledge Contest  
414-355-4094  
peterschulteis@att.net

### Our Marriage Prayer

Celebrate marriage by holding an Our Marriage Prayer event on or around **World Marriage Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

To learn about how to hold an Our Marriage Prayer event, go to

<http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

I am working through the process of making the prayer cards available on Amazon and will hopefully have them available yet this month. Until then, please fill out the following form

<http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Portals/0/OMPEvent/Our%20Marriage%20Prayer%20card%20order%202015.pdf>

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Joe Uchytel  
[juchytel@outlook.com](mailto:juchytel@outlook.com)  
920-757-53138

#### Our Marriage Prayer

*Lord help us to remember when we first met  
and the strong love that grew between us.  
To work that Love into practical things  
so that nothing can divide us.*

*We ask for words both kind and loving  
and for hearts always ready to ask  
for forgiveness as well as to forgive.*

*Dear Lord, we place our Marriage into Your hands.  
Amen*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Culture of Life

Brother Knights,

So many amazing things have happened in 2015! Thank you for being a part of it, whether with your prayer, your leadership or your direct involvement!

The LifeSavers4Life program was a great success! Thanks for participating! Thousands of dollars were raised for local pro-life charities through this endeavor! Plus, you were able to satisfy the sweet tooth of thousands of donors with a great product!

The Culture of Life Essay Contest is humming right along! Hundreds of students from throughout our state got involved with what many thought to be a subject matter that was just too complex. Comparing abortion to slavery could be seen as being too controversial – but it really begged the question: Are unborn children tantamount to property, the same as slaves once were in America?

The State Council Culture of Life Grant Fund is depositing thousands of dollars thanks to YOU! If every Knight pulled \$10 out of his pocket to donate to this fund – we'd have over \$350,000 to grant out to DOZENS of worthy pro-life organizations who are fighting the battle for life at the front lines. Last year, we received just over \$116,000 for the fund. We hope to top \$200,000 this year, but it can only happen if YOU GET INVOLVED! DO IT TODAY!

Slowly, but surely, Councils are getting on board with becoming a 100% Culture of Life Council. You can do this by simply sending a check into the State Council Culture of Life Grant fund in the amount of \$3.50 per dues paying member. It's that easy!

Local Knights councils are working on their 25<sup>th</sup> Ultrasound Machine purchase for a local Pregnancy Resource Center in Milwaukee! If you want to get involved in this particular fundraiser, send your check to: Knights of Columbus - Council #2035 - c/o George Ploof - 1140 Auburn Road - West Bend, WI 53090

There's one more thing I need your help with.

Pro-Life Wisconsin is chartering SIX busses who are leaving from key areas of the state to travel to the Chicago March for Life on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. La Crosse, Wausau, Green Bay, Madison & Brookfield. For \$25, you can join over 10,000 pro-lifers from the mid-states area to stand up for life! If going to the DC March for Life won't work out, why not show your support for the pro-life cause by sharing your Sunday with THE MOST PRO-LIFE GENERATION we have seen as of yet! Babies were saved last year as a result of this public demonstration decrying abortion on demand! They saw that we are a joyful and joy-filled people! As Great St. John Paul II once said, "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" You can sign up online at <https://www.prolifewi.org/>

Thanks for being a pro-life. With the push for legalizing physician assisted suicide in our state – the life you save may be your own! Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!

Through Christ,

Dan Miller, State Coordinator  
Culture of Life – State Council (262)424-8787

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS - TEAM WISCONSIN 2018 - YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Don't forget to turn in your Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics report Form 4584 Click on the link to download and fill out today. [http://kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/olympics\\_ques4584\\_p.pdf](http://kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/olympics_ques4584_p.pdf)

Save the form to your computer, fill it out, send it to: [fraternalservices@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalservices@kofc.org) and [forms@wikofc.com](mailto:forms@wikofc.com)

Form 4584 is due by the end of the January 2016. Help the State Council receive "free" money from Supreme - did I say we get free money? Fill it out today, we are looking for 100% from our 290 plus councils - did I mention about the free money?

#### PLEASE fill out form 4584

We all contribute time and energy to Special Olympics. If your council donates part of their Tootsie Roll check to Special Olympics, they have donated time to Special Olympics.

ALL COUNCILS, Please fill this form out so we may get the most back from Supreme. If you just fill the form out and send it to Supreme, we will get credit!!!! If you need dollar totals for your council, I have them.

I will be sending reminder e-mails with dollar amounts, if I do not have a copy of your 4584, Contributions to Special Olympics.

Each of us is needed to achieve our \$100,000 commitment to Special Olympics

Councils and Assemblies may donate from their General Funds, Charity funds, Recycling income, Tootsie Roll refunds, as well as Special Project receipts.

All donations are preferably run through the Knights of Columbus Charity account, which is a 501(c) (3) account. Councils, Corporations, Foundations, individuals, and members donations are then tax deductible.

Please, Checks should be made out to: WI K of C Charities.

And be mailed to;

Bryce Lisowski, Knights of Columbus, 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

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Western District 4th Degree Exemplification - February 6, 2016

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at Saint Patrick's Church-School Onalaska, Wisconsin on February 6, 2016. Registration for the exemplification is 11:00 A.M., men's lunch at 11:00 A.M. and the degree will start at 12:30 P.M. Registration for the Ladies is at 11:00 A.M. and the Ladies Program/Luncheon starts at 12:30 P.M.

The qualifications to join the Fourth Degree, a member must be a third degree member in good standing. For more information contact Master Ronald J. Shymanski 2951 15th St. South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, (715) 423-0939 or 3grandsons@solarus.net.

The cost for the exemplification is as follows \$70.00 per candidate, \$35.00 for Priests, which includes candidate banquet ticket, social baldric, Fourth Degree Lapel Pin and American Flag Pin. Cost for banquet tickets \$25.00 per person, Ladies Luncheon \$12.00 per person, Men's Luncheon \$7.00. Assemblies pay for candidate's luncheon.



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM WISCONSIN 2018



### **HELP make a difference !!**

PLEASE!

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**Fill out and submit the form 4584**

It is very **important** that **Each Council** in the State of Wisconsin, fill out the form 4584, from Supreme!!!

The form asks for information about each council's contributions to Special Olympics.

We have received between \$2000, and \$7000 from Supreme, depending on our State's response.

Wisconsin is one of twelve states that make up Division II in the Knights of Columbus.

In the Division, the State that earns the most points will receive the **most money**, and the state that earns the fewest points will receive the **least money!!!!**

**We are given points for the following categories;**

Percentage of councils showing involvement

Total volunteer hours

Total volunteers

Total number of events

Total dollars contributed

It is critical to our mission to get the most help we can from Supreme, (especially for work we have already done).

The more 4584's we submit, the more dollars we can expect in return.

**Deadline** for submission to Supreme is **December 31**.

(presently, the Supreme site is down for submissions, however, you may send the hard copy (usps) or scan the completed 4584, and attach it to an e-mail sent to ; <fraternalservices@kofc.org>

My records for your council's total dollar contribution, YTD, will soon be found on the State K of C website, or give me a call.

**So, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE,** have your councils take the time to submit this form 4584 to Supreme.

Presently, more than 10,000 special athletes are affected by what we do.

Our present commitment of \$100,000 to team Wisconsin 2018, requires only \$0.75 per member, per year, over the 4 year period.

**More money from Supreme would really help us reach this goal!!**

All donations should be run through the Knights of Columbus Charity account, which is a 501(c)(3) account. Checks should be made out to **Wisconsin K of C Charities**, and be mailed to:

Bryce Lisowski, Special Olympics Coordinator, K of C  
S 1345 County Road NN  
Alma, WI 54610

*" Let us work even harder for those who need help most in our society"  
Pope Francis*



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Schedule

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

**December 6, 2015 through January 9, 2016**

District 71                      District 6                      District 85

**January 10, 2016 through February 6, 2016**

District 64                      District 3                      District 86

**February 7, 2016 through March 5, 2016**

District 63                      District 28                      District 80

**March 6, 2016 through April 9, 2016**

District 70                      District 27                      District 91

**April 10, 2016 through May 7, 2016**

District 69                      District 20                      District 83

**May 8, 2016 through June 4, 2016**

District 68                      District 44                      District 87

**June 5, 2016 through July 2, 2016**

District 67                      District 5                      District 89

**July 3, 2016 through July 30, 2016**

District 72                      District 10                      District 88

**July 31, 2016 through August 27, 2016**

District 49                      District 14                      District 81

**August 28, 2016 through September 24, 2016**

District 50                      District 9                      District 21

**September 25, 2016 through October 22, 2016**

District 48                      District 8                      District 22

**October 23, 2016 through November 19, 2016**

District 51                      District 7                      District 29

**November 20, 2016 through December 17, 2016**

District 47                      District 13                      District 25

### Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

Contact Coordinator Kevin Blau (608.697.9758 or 608.697.0364)  
email: blaufamily11@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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

**December 18, 2016 through January 21, 2017**

District 42                      District 4                      District 26

**January 22, 2017 through February 18, 2017**

District 45                      District 12                      District 23

**February 19, 2017 through March 18, 2017**

District 43                      District 11                      District 46

**March 19, 2017 through April 22, 2017**

District 52                      District 61                      District 30

**April 23, 2017 through May 20, 2017**

District 40                      District 62                      District 24

**May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017**

District 41                      District 60

**June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017**

District 66    District 1

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

Our State Charity Raffle should be one of our top projects from now until the drawing at our State Convention in April. A good sign is that many councils are asking already for additional tickets to sell. Large Charity Raffle Posters were made available to the District Deputies at their State District Deputies meeting. If you would like a large poster please contact your district deputy, or your Diocesan Coordinator.

In January you will be receiving your convention packet. Watch for the Council Charity Request Form found in the packet. Take the Council Charity Request form to your next officer's meeting, fill out the form and send to the state office.

When filling out a Charity Request from the State for an individual or family, print a copy of the form found on the Knights of Columbus State Web site. Type or print legibly. Make sure that a Knight of Columbus fills out the form and that the Grand Knight has signed the form. We receive many incomplete forms and this only delays the process of helping those in need.

“Remember – We make a living by what we do. We make a life by what we give.”

Mark Wagner State Charity Director

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run

<http://www.runningoftherose.org/en/index.html>

The 2016 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run will probably be announced by Supreme the later half of January with Wisconsin receiving it for about three weeks in June. The following councils have volunteered to host the Rose, more than necessary. But we would like the Rose to cover the whole State.

It would be nice to have one or two more volunteers in the Green Bay Diocese and the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Contact State Coordinator John Sustar, 608 847-1140 or [jsustar@hughes.net](mailto:jsustar@hughes.net), if your council is interested.



## The Pro-Life Declaration: [www.prolife.org](http://www.prolife.org)

### 1. I believe every life has dignity and limitless potential.

Despite age, physical ability, or vulnerability, everyone should be given the opportunity to live and make their mark in the world.

### 2. I believe the “right to life” is the most fundamental right protected by America’s founding documents.

America’s forefathers recognized the importance of the “right to life,” citing it as the first of all rights given in the Declaration of Independence.

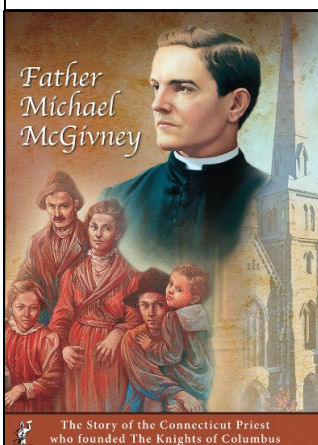
### 3. I believe life should be protected and defended from the moment of conception until natural death.

Abortion must be prevented at every stage of development. Every human has the right to a full life.

### 4. I believe grace, compassion and understanding are essential to protecting life.

We must be committed to working across racial, ethnic, religious and economic divides to restore the sanctity of human life in communities across the world.

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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>

### 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/>

*"On the street I saw a small girl shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. I became angry and said to God,  
"Why do You permit this?  
Why don't You do something about it?"  
And God replied,  
"I certainly did do something about it. I made you."*

Sister Mary Rose McGready

### Father McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*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/)



### 5 "Truth Bombs" About Marriage from the Catechism

<http://www.churchpop.com/2015/06/25/5-truth-bombs-about-marriage-from-the-catechism/>

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring." (1601)

"The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. . . . God himself is the author of marriage.' The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. (1603a)

"Since God created them man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man . . . And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation." (1604)

"Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: 'It is not good that the man should be alone.' The woman, 'flesh of his flesh,' his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a 'helpmate'; she thus represents God from whom comes our help." (1605)

The experience [of evil all around and within us] makes itself felt in the relationships between man and woman. Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. To heal the wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God in his infinite mercy never refuses them. (1606, 1608)



**Building the Domestic Church**  
**“The Family Fully Alive”**

<http://www.kofc.org>

**Because God is the Lord of mercy, we want to help heal our family wounds and promote forgiveness.**

**F**amily communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation. There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of “reconciliation,” that is, communion reestablished, unity restored.

**St. John Paul II**  
*Familiaris Consortio, §21*

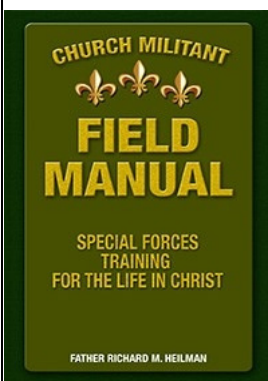
1. *What is one moment I felt truly forgiven and reconciled with another person? How did I know that person had forgiven me?*
2. *Remembering that going to confession not only reconciles us with God but also gives us grace to be better, how often should our family try to go?*
3. *When there is a rift between me and another person, what does it take to reconcile? How can I forgive when someone isn't sorry?*
4. *Does reconciling mean I have to believe that what was done is right?*
5. *Remembering that the fruit of God's forgiveness is that we become closer to him again, how*



**January - Psalm of the Month (Psalm 51)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love;  
according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
and done that which is evil in thy sight,

so that thou art justified in thy sentence  
and blameless in thy judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which  
thou hast broken rejoice.



*We are the Church Militant. One of the three parts of the Catholic Church. The other two are, The Church Suffering and The Church Triumphant. The Church has always taught that while we live in this world we are at war with spiritual enemies, most clearly expressed by temptations and attacks that come from the world, the flesh and the devil.*

The Church Militant Field Manual will test you in your resolve to become strong in the Lord and His mighty power. You will also learn the special operations (special ops), techniques and procedures for search and rescue missions of fallen comrades (family and friends whose faith has grown weak). Although rarely wielded by Catholics today, this supernatural strength and these techniques are truly authentic gifts of the Church that are field-tested and battle hardened. <http://www.romancatholicgear.com/product-p/cmfm-1.htm>



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2015 - 2016 Scheduled Degrees:** see updated schedule at  
<http://www.kofcKnights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>  
 (Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

**First Degrees by Diocese: Charity**

**Green Bay Diocese**

*January*  
 4 - 3955, De Pere  
 14 - 12393, New Holstein  
 18 - 10243, Green Bay  
*February*  
 1 - 7732, Hilbert  
 3 - 10714, Allouez  
 4 - 5382, Green Bay  
 20 - 12393, New Holstein

**La Crosse Diocese**

*December*  
 28 - 6789, Alma  
*January*  
 18 - 13880, Plover  
 25 - 1654/6789, Alma  
*February*  
 11 - 1170, Stevens Point  
 23 - 2787, Independence

**Madison Diocese**

*January*  
 7 - 9360, Janesville  
 12 - 531, Madison  
*February*  
 16 - 9230, Janesville

**Milwaukee Diocese**

*December*  
 28 - 13733, Big Bend  
 28 - 15090, Waukesha  
*January*  
 11 - 4520, Grafton  
 11 - 4897, Waupun  
 12 - 524, Milwaukee  
 12 - 3562, Pewaukee  
 12 - 13583, Milwaukee  
 14 - 1964, West Bend  
 21 - 697, Racine  
 21 - 3702, Brookfield  
 21 - 15659, Racine  
 23 - 4240 Menomonee Falls

**Milwaukee Diocese (cont.)**

*January*  
 25 - 13733, Big Bend  
 25 - 15090, Waukesha  
*February*  
 9 - 524, Milwaukee  
 16 - 4614, Milwaukee  
 18 - 697, Racine  
 18 - 3702, Brookfield  
 18 - 15659, Racine  
 22 - 13733, Big Bend  
 22 - 15090, Waukesha  
 23 - 4706, Whitefish Bay

**Superior Diocese**

*January*  
 5 - 1762, Hudson  
 11 - 5397, Spooner  
 12 - 1744, Medford  
*February*  
 7 - 6370, Frederic  
 11 - 4954, Glenwood City

**Second Degrees: Unity**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 10, 2016	1:00pm	10914	Onalaska	William Jaekel	(608)792-6757
January 23, 2016	9:30am	4240	Menomononee Falls	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 20, 2016	10:00am	12393	New Holstein	Jack Wrbanich	(920)465-3485
March 13, 2016	11:00am	3955	De Pere	Corey Coonen	(920)819-9409
March 19, 2016	10:30am	3464	Elkhorn	Dennis Bednarek	(262)470-4477
April 2, 2016	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916

**Third Degrees: Fraternity**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 10, 2016	2:30pm	10914	Onalaska	William Jaekel	(608)792-6757
January 23, 2016	11:00am	4240	Menomononee Falls	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 20, 2016		12393	New Holstein	Jack Wrbanich	(920)465-3485
March 13, 2016	1:15pm	3955	De Pere	Corey Coonen	(920)819-9409
March 19, 2016	1:00pm	3464	Elk Horn	Dennis Bednarek	(262)470-4477
April 2, 2016	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916

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

**Fourth Degrees: Patriotism**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
February 6, 2016	Onalaska	Western District	(715) 423-0939
April 16, 2016	Milwaukee	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232



Master of the Western District of the Marquette Province of the Fourth Degree

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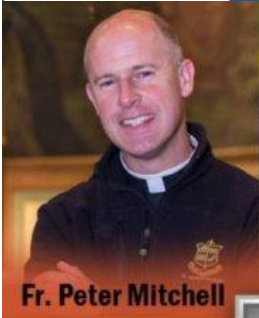
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# Badger Bulletin



Fr. Peter Mitchell



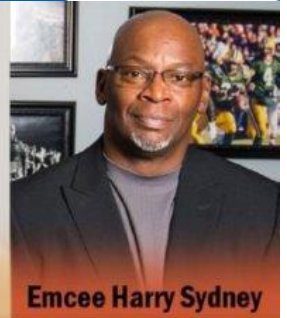
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## Men for All Seasons Green Bay Men's Conference

### March 5, 2016

KI Convention Center, Green Bay, Wisconsin

[www.gbmensconference.com](http://www.gbmensconference.com)

**REGISTER NOW!**

Wisconsin's Top Recruiter and District Deputy Tom Eder  
of Chippewa Falls - LaCrosse Diocese District 24



In appreciation of being the Top District Deputy for 2014-2015 Tom Eder and his Lady Beth were treated to dinner with State Deputy Ron Faust, his Lady Gail, State Treasurer Gordon Kremer and his Lady Susan.

(L to R) Gordon Kremer, Susan Kremer, Tom Eder, Beth Eder, Gail Faust, Ron Faust



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Msgr. Blecha 2055, Council entered a float in the "WinterDaze" parade in Menomonie. We did this to help boost awareness of the Knights of Columbus and potential new members.

We used the float from the Durand Council, one of their members rode with us also. We had some very positive comments. Everyone had fun.



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radio**  
www.relevantradio.com

The Wisconsin State Council supports Relevant Radio. By resolution at the 2015 Annual Meeting, the delegates authorized matching funds from the State Council to accompany contributions from local councils. State Deputy Ron Faust got together with Jim DeSchepper, Relevant Radio Regional Manager at the St. Ambrose Academy Benefit in Madison for a photo-op. The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus recently sent Relevant Radio a check for \$4,625.00.



## Msgr. John R McGinley Council 1170 Distributes Christmas Food Baskets



Brother Knights, their families and friends of Msgr. John R McGinley Council 1170 in Stevens Point deliver Christmas food baskets to needy families within the community. We have partnered with Operation Bootstrap, an emergency assistance organization, to identify households in need. We are able to provide a “basket” of food items worth approximately \$150 to help make the Christmas holidays a little brighter for those in our community less fortunate than we are. We have been doing this for many years now and because of generous donations by Brother Knights, friends of the Knights, and businesses we have been able to increase the number of baskets we are able to prepare each year. This year we will be delivering 75 baskets, which is up 50 percent from last year. Volunteers who deliver the Christmas baskets say that it is a humbling, but rewarding experience and that they look forward to participating again next year.



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## SOLIDARITY CROSS

A symbol of Unity  
A symbol of Hope



- Local councils and assemblies may use the form below to order crosses for \$5 each (minimum order of 10 crosses; free shipping).
- Councils then offer the crosses in their parishes and communities for a suggested donation of \$10 and make a single payment of the net proceeds to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966

*A council project in support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East*

Knights of Columbus  
Christian Refugee  
Relief Fund

**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, Queen 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:supply@kofc.org).

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## “Keep Christ in Christmas”

Dear Brother Knights,

We are excited to announce that we have a new design for our **“Keep Christ in Christmas”** car magnets and decals this year. We are sending this notice to all our past customers to again **“Thank you”** for the thousands of magnets and decals that market our messages for all Christians throughout the United States and the world.

*“Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets/decals products have two important purposes.*

#1 the main purpose is to continue to evangelize what the real reason for the Season is ALL year long by displaying your magnet/decal we will be reminding ALL peoples we support our Holy Family and what the true meaning of the season is.

#2 it’s a great fund raiser As a Christian based organization you can shore up your budgets by making up to 300% plus profit on every magnet/decal order. It would be hard to find a profit like this anywhere.

We all know our Christian faith is constantly under the microscope and for all kinds of reasons. We need to stand up together to protect our faith. We are proud of the message that our “Keep Christ in Christmas” products sends and wish every Christian would display our Holy Family either by our car magnets on their vehicles or decal on their car and home windows.

We also offer a “He IS Risen” magnet/decal that is a great item around Easter, but again wonderful to display ALL YEAR LONG.

We appreciate all your efforts and support of this program. We are offering the same prices as last year and have reduced our pricing on an order of 100, 50 and 25, to help organizations and customers that need smaller quantities. Our best value is a case of 200 for \$290.00 plus \$25.00 shipping, and we can split a case of magnets and decals. (Including “He Is Risen”) Selling a case of 200 for \$5.00 each would net your organization \$690.00, 2 cases would be \$1380.00.

Shipping of Decals is cheaper than magnets and charges will reflect the lower weight cost.

You can contact me at [robkofc@centurytel.net](mailto:robkofc@centurytel.net) or at [www.kcnativitysets.com](http://www.kcnativitysets.com) for more information.

We ask your help by sharing our message with other organizations, youth groups, friends or associates that might be interested with the program.

We appreciate any assistance that you can give us.

If you have further questions, you can call our chairman Rob Kurczek at 920-290-2270. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you very much for helping us with **“Keep Christ in Christmas.”**  
**and “He is Risen”**



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