

Knight's Get Involved! If your council is not leading this event at your parish or local Church, please make an effort to Rally the Troops in support. These events will begin at 6:30pm with the exposition of the Eucharist. The Men and Boys present will leave to hear the Battle Ready presentation from Doug Barry, while the Ladies and Girls participate in Holy Hour and Confession. When the Men and Boys return they will participate in Holy Hour and Confession while the Ladies and Girls hear the Valiant Woman presentation. A local Knight will deliver the St. Joseph pulpit announcement following the conclusion of the Holy Hour. The local council is also asked to provide hospitality following the close. Approach these events like a Church Drive. This is a great opportunity to show prospective members how their local council is relevant to the Mission of their parish.

Contact State Secretary Tim Guski if you have any questions. (715)821-5295, tguski@wikofc.com

State Deputy's Message My Dear Brother Knights Thank you for a truly remarkable example of ser- vice. As I briefly scan the Annual Surveys of Fra- ternal Activities that are being submitted by your councils, I see that every council has a distinct per- sonality. Some of you are performing way beyond expectations. I also see that some of you are struggling. And having watched for these last several years, I can tell you that Winston Churchill had it correct when he said "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."	State Chaplain's Message My Brother Knights, With Lent beginning, I wanted to share something I wrote about "striving." You see, as men, that "striving" is hard-wired in all of us. And, Lent is a perfect time for us to retool our manly desire to "strive." I was a kid in the 1960s, or as we like to refer to it in Wisconsin: "The Lombardi Era." Inspired by Coach Vince Lombardi and the many titles his Green Bay Packers won for our state, (continued on page 3)
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(State Deputy Continued) I have seen councils fall from on high while others have risen from the ashes. I cannot tell you why, in God's plan, that this happens. But I can tell you that, when you are down, if you have faith, it can be pretty exciting. You just can't wait to see what God does with your situation! In my experience, when a council is down, that is when they are on the verge of something greater than themselves. So look around and invite a friend to share the experience of what is about to happen and trust that God will not disappoint.

And if you are on top right now, let me tell you that there are some councils in our order who are doing some amazing things. We will hear about them when the awards are given for the best programs in the order. They will be an inspiration to all of our brother knights. Maybe that inspiration will come from you! Have you submitted your program? What are you waiting for? You need to lead when you are on top. God's gifts are given to share.

There is a great darkness overtaking many in our world. But just like Saint Joseph, who quietly and faithfully made an unbelievable difference, so, too, do you make a difference. When you come to our annual convention in Green Bay this year you will help us to celebrate some of the extraordinary families among us and some of the extraordinary brother knights in our order. I am always both humbled and inspired by their stories, and I know you will be too. But please know that, when we celebrate them, we also celebrate you. Each and every knight is a man of value beyond the ordinary in our world. Never underestimate your impact. The secret of success does not lie in the big events. It lies in our daily habits. Every time you sacrifice, every time you pray, every step forward that you take in faith, you share in the great work of redemption. Father McGivney's dream of Catholic men united in brotherhood lives because of you, a literal army of St. Josephs.

For our army to conquer, and conquer we must in the name of all that is pure and holy, we need to each win our individual battles. And to do that, we need to take advantage of every opportunity to put on the full armor of God. To that end I could not be more thrilled to have a new, strong spiritual leader on our state team in the person of our new State Chaplain and Sir Knight, the Very Reverend Father Rick Heilman. Watch for his daily reflections for Lent as we prepare for Easter.

The best way for you to get the most of this great gift is to take advantage of what your Worthy State Advocate, Jack Wrbanich, is providing to you. Simply sign up to receive messages from our new, modern message board called FlockNote. It is effective. It is timely. And it is free to you, our Brother Knight. To top it off, Jack has made it very simple for all of us. Just go to www.wikofc.com and signup to receive our monthly newsletter. When you do you will automatically be added to our FlockNote network.

I have two more messages for you this month.

The first is that every time you submit those pesky forms, especially your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, you make it possible for us to maintain our tax exempt status. And that makes it possible for those of us who are insurance members to provide arms and legs to children in Haiti, and fishing boats to fishermen in the Phillipines. Thank you for faithfully submitting those forms. The second is that, over the years, we have been blessed to welcome to our ranks many brother St. Josephs. Sadly, we have lost track of far too many. Some to the point where we can no longer find them. I implore you, do not let this happen in your council. Help your retention committee to make personal contact at least twice every year with each brother knight; once on their birthday as we value every life, and once on the anniversary of their becoming a knight.

OK, one more thing and then I'll stop. Please visit <u>Fathers for Good</u> and procure some of the free, <u>Saint Joseph Series</u> booklets for the men of your council and your parish. <u>http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html</u>

Vivat Jesus my Brothers,



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Ron Faust, State Deputy

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

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.

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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(State Chaplain continued) I worked very hard in high school and became an all-state lineman. From there, I headed off to college, fully intending to work my way up to become a Green Bay Packer someday, until a neck injury ended my football career in the first year of college.

While I never spent one day in the military, I believe those early years on the gridiron sowed the first seeds of a warrior spirit that prepares well for battle, empowered to combat the forces of evil and fight for souls. I've come to believe that the desire to enter the fight is a desire to enter into a genuine training in holiness, pursuing the goal of becoming one of God's champions. St. Paul put it this way:

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" (1 Cor 9:24-27). St. Paul talks about a strict training and a desire to run in such a way as to win. Vince Lombardi would've heard these words from St. Paul many times in his life, as he went to Mass every day. In fact, he admitted, "I derive my strength from daily Mass and Communion." As Coach Lombardi describes what it takes to be number one, see if you don't recognize a bit of St. Paul in his words: "And in truth, I've never known a man worth his salt who in the long run, deep down in his heart, didn't appreciate the grind, the discipline. There is something in good men that really yearns for discipline and the harsh reality of head to head combat. I don't say these things because I believe in the 'brute' nature of men or that men must be brutalized to be combative. I believe in God, and I believe in human decency. But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour — his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear — is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle — victorious."

Yes, in this namby-pamby, "everyone-gets-a-trophy" world in which we now live, many have lost the "drive to strive." And yet, this striving cuts to the very core of who we are. The Church Fathers of Vatican II stated significantly, "All the faithful of Christ are invited to strive for the holiness and perfection of their own proper state. Indeed they have an obligation to so strive."

Sadly, far too many people have become conditioned to cower when they hear the words, "strive for perfection." In the coddled culture in which we live, the reflex response is, "I'll never be perfect." Yet, Coach Lombardi said, "Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence."

In whatever way God is calling you to "strive for perfection" this Lent, let us gladly accept the call, and continue to grow as God's Champions! Happy Lent!

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



Training in Holiness

Lent, 2015

Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus - 114th Annual Meeting and Convention April 25 and 26, 2015 Radisson Hotel & Conference Center - Green Bay, Wisconsin Ron Faust, State Deputy Presiding

State Deputy Ron Faust welcomes Knights and their families to participate in the Convention. Opening Mass, honoring Military and Civil Emergency Services personnel, commences Saturday, April 25th at 7:30 a.m. followed, by a Welcome, Civic Opening and Awards Ceremony beginning at 8:45a.m. The 114th Annual Meeting will be called to order Saturday, April 26th, 2015 at 10:00a.m. We will celebrate Memorial Mass, offered for deceased Knights, Saturday at 4:00p.m. All Clergy in attendance are invited to concelebrate with the Bishop. Saturday evening a 5:30 p.m. a Social will precede the State Deputy's Banquet which will be served at 7:00p.m. Register at https://kofcknights.org/StateConventionSite/?CN=US&ST=WI

Note: There have been changes made to the ladies program. The ladies brunch has been moved to Saturday instead of tours and Sunday Morning will offer a chance for ladies to socialize with hospitality provided.

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Madison	257	150	107	71.4	51	56	37	27	,	24	31.
Milwaukee	401	234	131	56.0	49	82	30	47	,	25	30.
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State Membership Coordinator - Jon Olson

Brother Knights,

We are very close now to our second order-wide Church recruitment drive. As all of the District Deputies and Grand Knight have received some sort of communication (e-mail, Flocknote, Postcard, phone call, or face to face) about the importance on doing this drive on March 14-15 in honor of Father Michael J. McGivney. Drive kits are available on the KofC.org site for free. We as Knights have taken up tasks to improve our area, because who else would if we do not speak out and show others that the need for the task. From food for families, to the tootsie roll drive, we are out in our communities raising awareness of the need and raising money to help improve the lives of the needy. These tasks are not done on their own. They all need people to raise the money or complete the task.

From the start of the fraternal year July 1 to February 1, we have lost 535 members to death. As a state we have recruited 531 new members in that same time period. So if just look as those two numbers, we are only 4 below in membership. However the issue of suspensions and withdrawals are also taken members out of our order at a rate of 250 during the same time period. This is where we need more diligence to keep or fellow members engaged and active in the local activity that he and his family is interested in. Without his and our entire member's help we are not as strong as we could be with their help.

I wish all councils running drives in March the best of success and my prayers are with you. I thank you for taking up this important task of keeping the flow of new members into the Knights of Columbus a priority in your life. Please spread the word of our good works in all of our communities so that people know who we are. We are a family who cares about **everyone** in our community.

God bless you and your good works Jon Olson, State Membership

REMEMBER: ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH

 "Together we could be an enormous force for good in a world that so obviously needs the love of God and love of neighbor, which are reflected in our work." Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight

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State Program Director, Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

I hope that your 2014-15 programs are well on their way to completion, for a successful fraternal year; that you've been utilizing your monthly planners. Did you get your Fraternal Surveys, Special Olympics Reports, semi-annual Audits in on time? We'll be contacting you if you have yet to do so.

If you've been doing well with your programming, have your forms in and are keeping up with recruiting - both Associate and Insurance members - you're well on your way to Star Council! We'd like to see every Council have a shot at Star Council this year and every Council earn the Columbian Award and Complete Council Award! Beginning this month, we'll be sending you information on the Columbian Award and checklists for Star Council, Complete Council! Be sure to utilize them on a monthly basis; DDs and Diocesan Coordinators will be checking with you regularly.

Remember that History Books and Tootsie Roll orders were due to DDs February 1. Medallion and Family of the Year applications are due February 15. Service Program Awards (every Council should have at least 1 nomination) are due to State Office by March 1! Also, you should have your planning well under way for the Orderwide Church Drive March 14-15, Orderwide 1st Degree Week March 15-22, Orderwide Outreach Week in honor of Fr. McGivney March 22-29, KC Day of the Unborn March 25 and Founder's Day Weekend Corporate Communion March 28-29! Wow - a lot to look forward to in March!

Finally, we focus this month on another of Supreme's 8 featured programs: "Habitat for Humanity." Community activities like this give a Council visibility. The Council can truly make a difference in the lives of individuals in their parish or community. By involving members and non-members alike in projects to build/rehab homes through this worthwhile program, you can bring both fulfillment to Council members <u>and</u> recruitment opportunities for membership!

Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty, poor housing and homelessness one family at a time. The organization assists in providing quality-built, affordable homes to needy families by cooperatively involving the future homeowner with community volunteers and suppliers to build/renovate the home. In the last 3 years, Knights and their families have contributed nearly 4.3 million hours and donated nearly \$2.5 million to Habitat projects. Such projects are excellent opportunities to show prospective members what Knighthood is all about.

To get involved, contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in your community. Visit <u>Habitat for Humanity Int'l</u> or e-mail <u>volunteer@habitat.org</u> for information. They will be able to brief you on the volunteer opportunities available to Council members, prospects and families.

Involve the entire parish community in the project. This will increase exposure for both the Council and project; and help volunteers develop the skills needed to build a home. Also make this a family project; wives and children can help build and enjoy the camaraderie that such projects can develop.

Develop a calendar of Habitat build dates; advise Knights and parishioners well in advance so they can participate.

Be sure to hold a "Thank You" or "Open House" event for all that participated in the build. Make a presentation on other programs and activities the Council is involved in; ask the prospects to join and arrange for a 1st Degree.

Projects like this can truly enhance your Council, help it to grow and flourish! Be sure to have a great Valentine's Day for you and your Lady!

Vivat Jesus, Bill Frayer, State Program Director

P.S. State Free Throw and Knowledge Contests, Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High School, Saturday March 28. Free Throw registration/practice 10-11:30 AM; competition starts at 11 :30 AM (girls first). Math/Spelling registration 11AM-12:15 PM; competition starts at 12:30 PM.



Our Marriage Prayer – Thank You! www.ourmarriageprayer.com

Worthy Brother Knights!

I want to thank all the councils that celebrated the Our Marriage Prayer in any of your parishes on February 8th. Please remember to include any pictures that you took in your council's history book.

For the councils that were not able to celebrate it on that weekend, feel free to celebrate it after Easter weekend and into the summer. You can always celebrate it again in the February timeframe again next year.

Next year, the World Marriage Sunday is February 14th, 2016 so that will be the preferred timeframe to celebrate the Our Marriage Prayer. We will want to make this an extra special event as this is also Valentine's Day.

To help prepare for the needs of all churches in Wisconsin, please let me know about any churches that celebrate the mass in a language other than English or Spanish.

Please contact me if you have any questions or have any feedback, especially from your event.

The marriages you will treasure more than your own will be those of your children and grandchildren



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 hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive.

Dear Lord,

we put our marriage into Your hands.



Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey! (Jesus Lives, Long live Christ the King!) Joe Uchytil 920-757-5138 - JUCHYTIL@outlook.com

A Message from Dan Miller – Culture of Life

The Knights of Columbus are leading the way in Wisconsin on pro-life issues. We do that by educating you and your neighbors, encouraging our individual Knights to do their civic duty and vote for pro-life legislators and inspiring you to use your God given, unique talents to make your voice heard. There is also the Ultrasound Project – which has purchased 16 machines that truly save lives. For as much as you hear the Knights speak out against the crime of abortion, there is another topic that really doesn't get equal time. It is a slow and discreet killer. It is euthanasia.

We need to be concerned about this issue – because that concern may save your own life one day. According to a 2011 <u>Wisconsin</u> <u>DHA</u> report, we are dying at a rate of 132 per day or 48,101 per year. 36,897 of which were 65 years of age or older. That's 76% of the entire picture!

I know what you are thinking. Euthanasia isn't legal in Wisconsin, Dan! Well, you should know that the Wisconsin Democrats have drafted a bill, searching for sponsors – to legalize euthanasia. They are calling it "Compassionate Choices" – bill <u>LRB-0888/1</u>. Are you reaching for your <u>phone</u> yet?

So, barring this bill's passage, we should be fine, right? Wrong. We call it, "Stealth Euthanasia." If you have a child with disabilities or a bed-ridden relative, you may already have experienced this to some degree. It's when the powers that be give up on the patient – and do the bare minimum to advance their health status. In their eyes, the care they *could be* giving "doesn't matter" – because it is not going to change the fact that the child with disabilities will still have them, or the bed-ridden relative will probably remain bed-ridden. They may even think they are doing society a favor by "helping them along," ridding the world of nonproducing persons. How is that lack of care "Stealth Euthanasia?" If the medical facility isn't willing to care for those people when they are just a little bit sick, what kind of care do you think they will get when something critical comes along? Some medical facilities have internally adopted policies which have redefined nourishment and hydration as "medical treatment." Three days without adequate water is all it takes – for a healthy person! Most of us would consider being fed and hydrated in the hospital as standard care. Not so – always ask.

If you are reviewing your end of life care criteria and are considering executing a power of attorney – please give this free one a look from Pro-Life Wisconsin (PLW). It's called the *Protective Power of Attorney for Health Care* (PPAHC). You can <u>download</u> one from PLW's website – FOR FREE! If you prefer it be mailed to you, packets are all set to go – complete with informative brochures and a very handy wallet card. If you would like a kit mailed to you – call me anytime! My cell phone number is (262) 993-6262.

Through Christ,

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

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A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

Ask eligible men to join

Today, we want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus General Agents, we look forward to helping you grow in fraternity in any way that we can.

Fraternally,

The Supre	eme Council Insurance Ge	neral Agents serving the	State of Wisconsin;
Dan Baxter	Ed Knolmayer	Joe Molosky	Ken Sosnowski
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Your United Wisconsin Benefits Team Pictured from left to right in the back row are, Immediate Past State Deputy -Tim Genthe, Dan Baxter -General Agent Southwest Wisconsin, Ed Knolmeyer -General Agent Northwest Wisconsin, Joe Molosky -General Agent Northeast Wisconsin, Ken Sosnowski - General Agent Southeast Wisconsin. In the front row from left to right are State Warden -Pat Reiff, State Secretary -Tim Guski, State Deputy -Ron Faust, State Treasurer -Gordy Kremer, State Advocate -Jack Wrbanich.

State Family Coordinator -Larry Julson

I hope you all are now finishing your nominations, for the Family of the Year. Make sure that you include a completed, Family of the Year form, in your booklet. I am sure the Family of the Year Committee is looking forward to going over and selecting the families for the dioceses and selecting the State Family of the Year. This is a very exciting, challenging, and rewarding time for the committee, and this is a time when we get to see, what great Knight families we have in Wisconsin. The Family of the Year nominations should be submitted to me, by the 15th of February, 2015. My address is:

Larry Julson N47042 Semingson Road Strum, WI 54770

State Family Coordinator -Larry Julson

Worthy District Deputies,

On behalf of our State Deputy, I wish to convey the following information and ask for your assistance in obtaining information from your assigned Councils regarding **Home Corporations**.

Supreme Council Resolution No. 340 "SUBORDINATE UNIT OBLIGATION TO HAVE TERMS OF USE AGREEMENT AND CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH HOME CORPORATIONS" was approved at the 2014 Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL. The resolution stipulates that all Subordinate Units (Councils) using premises of Home Corporations for meetings and other functions must have a signed terms of use agreement and a charitable distribution agreement (collectively the "Model Agreements") in place with the Home Corporation. "Home Corporation" is a generic term for what are variously known as Permanent Homes, Home Associations, Council Halls, Columbus Clubs, KC Clubs, Knights of Columbus Clubs, etc. In order to ensure that each of our Council which use Home Corporation facilities have access and are made aware of the new policy,

it is requested that each District Deputy report which councils currently have an association with a Home Corporation.

State Advocate -Jack Wrbanich

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Building the Domestic Church "The Family Fully Alive" http://www.kofc.org

Because the joy of all parents is to teach their children the art of living, as parents we want to be the primary educators of our children.

 ${\sf T}$ he Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason too it

can and should be called "the domestic church." All members of the family, each according to his or her own gift, have the grace and responsibility of building, day by day, the communion of persons, making the family "a school of deeper humanity": this happens where there is care and love for the little ones, the sick, the aged; where there is mutual service every day; when there is a sharing of goods, of joys and of sorrows.

A fundamental opportunity for building such a communion is constituted by the educational exchange between parents and children in which each gives and receives. By means of love, respect and obedience towards their parents, children offer their specific and irreplaceable contribution to the construction of an authentically human and Christian family. They will be aided in this if parents exercise their unrenounceable authority as a true and proper "ministry," that is, as a service to the human and Christian well-being of their children, and in particular as a service aimed at helping them acquire a truly responsible freedom, and if parents maintain a living awareness of the "gift" they continually receive from their children.

> St. John Paul II Familiaris Consortio, §21

1. What are some similarities between how we learn to live in the family and how we learn to live in the *Church*?

2. What are some differences between what we learn to live shallowly and what we learn to live in a more deeply human way?

3. Realizing that God has not only given me my life, but also particular parent-child relationships, how do we each give and receive from each other?

4. What are some of the "graces and responsibilities" I think I have to contribute to making our family more Christian and more human?

"And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." - Malachi 4:6

March Psalm of the Month (Psalm 78)

Pray the Psalm of the Month during every Sunday of the month at your family prayer space.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; He established a testimony in Jacob, incline your ears to the words of my mouth! and appointed a law in Israel, I will open my mouth in a parable; which he commanded our fathers things that we have heard and known, to teach to their children; that our fathers have told us. that the next generation might know them, We will not hide them from their children, the children yet unborn, but tell to the coming generation and arise and tell them to their children, the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, so that they should set their hope in God, and the wonders which he has wrought. and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

To recoil before an enemy, or to keep silence when from all sides such clamors are raised against truth... such mode of behaving is base and is insulting to God...This kind of conduct is profitable only to the enemies of the faith, for nothing emboldens the wicked so greatly as the lack of courage on the part of the good... Christians are, moreover, born for combat.''

- Pope Leo XIII, 'Christians as Citizens' -

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2015 Knowledge Contest

Council Level

The countdown to the State Contest at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids has begun. Participating councils may obtain **master** copies of the 2015 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 15th** 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.

- 1. "Double" winners in Math, Spelling or Free Throw Shooting must choose ONE event at the Diocesan level.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Efforts should be made to send **an alternate** (the 2nd Place winner) if the 1st 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!

- 1. First and Second Place winners at the Diocesan Level are eligible for ONE event at the State Contest.
- 2. Each contestant must have a specific TRAVEL CARD with them when they register for the State Contest.
- 3. Diocesan Coordinators must make sure that their winners have enough time to make travel arrangements for the State Contest.
- 4. Arrange for **alternates** if necessary in a timely manner.

State Level

This contest will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2015..** 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!**

Eastern Wisconsin District 4th Degree Exemplification April 11, 2015

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Attention Madison Diocese Councils

Council program forms (free throw, Christmas poster, knowledge contest) should be forwarded to Richard Schwartz.

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U-KNIGHT INTERACTIVE

Your Council Website is ready for you to activate!

We have started to build an effective way to communicate on a statewide scale. However, as robust as the UKnight system is; it is only as good as the information presented and only as powerful as the number of councils active on the system. The State Council highly encourages each council in our jurisdiction to consider activating their UKnight interactive website to ensure that we are connected and together we will continue to grow our Order.

Please visit our new site www.wikofc.com and see how your council can become active. Brother Knight Leonard Labriola from UKnight will be contacting Grand Knights in our jurisdiction to offer each council the opportunity to become a part of the growing UKnight family. His purpose is to make himself available to support your effort to join our network of councils on the web. Please take time to work with Brother Knight Leonard Labriola. <u>www.wikofc.com</u>

History Book, Coordinator - Charlie Silver

Brother Knights,

I learned how to find the forms. I am sure someone told me, but there is nothing like doing it yourself. For all I know it's been this way since the last History Book competition.

Get to the home page and directly under the picture of the State Office is a button – STATE FORMS. Hit that and provides a list by service program area. The History Book is Under COUNCIL. The 2014 and 2014 forms are posted. Only use the 2015 form for this year. The current History Book is for 2014. I know that sounds pretty simple reasoning, but I have found to never be surprised at the questions to be asked.

2014 History Book

The 2014 book is for the CALENDAR year 2014.

Both an Excel and PDF version is available in the Programs section on the State website.

There is a 100 point bonus for using the correct form.

Council's using their own form or older versions risk missing points available on the current form.

The Photo Section is the primary location to award points for photos, newspaper articles, etc. The team makes every attempt to award points for pictures outside this section, but they could be missed. Pictures throughout the book help make the book attractive and interesting, but also much more difficult to judge.

2015 History Book

The 2015 form will be available soon after January 1 in the Program section on the State website. Please note that a change is being made to the Telephone section to add email communication. The final version of that will not be available till later in 2015.

District Deputies

Grading Forms are available on the State Website in the Program section.

Books are due to you by 2/15.

Graded Books are due to your diocesan program director by 3/1.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE. Final judging will take place on 3/21.

Grading HINT: On page "D" at the bottom, you can enter 1) Your top programs for 10 points; 2) If you entered it for the <u>Supreme</u> <u>Service Program</u> you get 10 more points. Note, we check if you did or not.

By doing the history book competition and the 10 year supplement, I have read about the great programs the councils in Wisconsin do year after year. Please consider completing the Supreme Program Service form <u>(STSP)</u> in the 6 different areas, Council, Church, Family, Culture of Life, Community and Youth. First, it lets the State Officers see the great things your council does, but you might also get recognition from Supreme for your council and Wisconsin. Last year, my council in Hudson won 4th place nationally for a program that your council probably does as well.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - TEAM WISCONSIN 2018 <u>YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE</u> 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 form 4584 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: Wis K of C Charities.And be mailed to; Bryce LisowskiKnights of Columbus, Special Olympics CoordinatorS 1345 County Road NNAlma, WI 54610

God Bless you for all you do for our Faith, our Order, and for Special Olympics Bryce Lisowski, Special Olympics - State Coordinator

2014-15 Christmas Poster Contest

In "The True Meaning of Christmas" poster competition there was at least one state finalist from each diocese. Gold, silver or bronze medallions were mailed to these 12 winners. Their posters will be displayed at the state convention in Green Bay. Thanks and a tip of the hat to the many Brother Knights and Ladies who promoted this program at the Council level. Special thanks to the Diocesan coordinators for the timely submission of their posters and reports. Next year's council level contest will begin on December 1st and end on December 15th. The deadline for submitting diocesan winners and report forms to the State Coordinator is January 15th. These deadlines will place the poster contest between the beginning of Advent and the Feast of the Epiphany and allow the winners at all levels to receive their awards sooner.

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

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Grade One	Name	Hometown	Council	Diocese
1 st	Jessa Engelhart	Fennimore	12644	Madison
2 nd	Natalie Graham	New Richmond	2845	Superior
3 rd	Katerina Barczak	Blair	3825	LaCrosse
Grade Two				
1 st	Erin Clare Shannor	Evansville	10920	Madison
2 nd	Grace Bauman	Rhinelander	2032	Superior
3 rd	Mia Wiebel	Menomonee Falls	4240	Milwaukee
Grade Three	•			
1 st	Rayna Thiel	Little Chute	10919	Green Bay
2 nd	Shelby Warmka	Beaver Dam	1837	Milwaukee
3 rd	Cailyn Sommers	Hewitt	1799	LaCrosse
Grade Four				
1 st	Marissa Cleary	Highland	1909	Madison
2 nd	Sage Weisensel	Sun Prairie	7775	Madison
3 rd	Olivia Naser	New Richmond	2845	Superior

2014-2015 CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST RESULTS



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2015 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: Charity

Green Bay March 2 - 3955 De Pere March 16 - 10243 Green Bay

La Crosse

February 16 - 6585 Bloomer March 2 - 974 Chippewa Falls April 20 - 6585 Bloomer

Second Degrees: Unity

Date	Time
February 15	1:00pm
February 21	9:00am
March 1	12:30pm
March 14	10:00am
March 15	11:00am
April 18	10:00am

Third Degrees: Fraternity

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Date
February 15
February 21
March 1
March 14
March 15
April 18

Milwaukee

Council

February 11 - 6646 Brown Deer February 24 - 4706 Whitefish Bay March 17 - 5438 Theinsville April 7 - 605 Beloit April 8 - 6646 Brown Deer

Location

Madison March 12 - 10363 Janesville

Superior April 18 - 1762 Hudson

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10914	Onalaska	William Jaekel	(608)792-6757
5514	Neenah	Charles Rohr	(920)540-4486
1840	Prarie du Chien	Mark Jelinek	(608)604-9302
664	Fond du Lac	Dick Taddey	(920)602-0011
3955	De Pere	Joe Dutkiewicz	(920)217-6104
1762	Hudson	Mike Frase	(715)381-8444
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To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact PSD/FM Roland Ransom (262) 441-1306

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Rev. Richard M. Heilman

Fourth Degrees: Patriotism Date Location February 7, 2015 Deforest April 11, 2015 Appleton

Time 2:30pm 11:45am 12:30pm 2:30pm

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"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord." - Mother Teresa

Men Who Cook



From Left; Event Organizer- Fran Price, with Knights Who Cook Paul Wolters & Tod Raehl

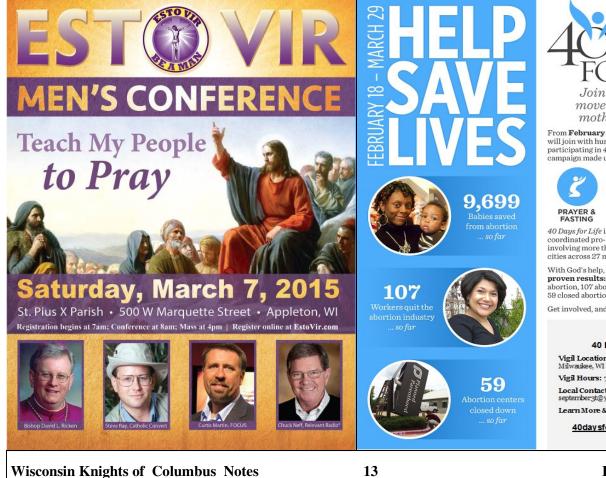
There was a special fund raiser "Men Who Cook" for the Oshkosh based Christine Ann Abuse Services. The event took place on the campus at UW Oshkosh Alumni Welcoming Center, Oshkosh. This is a large fund raiser with about 54 chef's who provide their time and cost of the food for this special event to help those in need in the ar-

ea. Christine Ann houses and protects the abused and with local support, feeds, cloths and provides those with legal help.

Fire Check



Waupun GK Bob Schumaker and Treasurer Roger Gorst present a Council Fire Disaster check to Amber Hopp accom-





Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies

From **February 18 - March 29**, our community will join with hundreds of other cities and towns participating in 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, involving more than 650,000 volunteers in 559 cities across 27 nations.

With God's help, 40 Days for Life has achieved **proven results:** 9,699 babies spared from abortion, 107 abortion worker conversions, and 59 closed abortion centers.

Get involved, and you can help save lives!

MILWAUKEE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE:

Vigil Location: 1428 N. Farwell Avenue,

Vigil Hours: 7AM - 7PM everyday

Local Contact: September (262) 751-0142/ september3t@yahoo.com Learn More & Get Involved:

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John Pridmore From London's criminal underworld, drug deals,

From London's criminal underworld, drug deals, and vicious crime of all sorts, John's powerful story demonstrates God's mercy.



Devin Schadt This husband, father, and author will speak about the necessity and power of fatherhood. Devin is the co-founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph.

Locate and sign up for a local men's group at the conference.

Keep the conference fire burning!



A day that will change your life.

- We start and end with Christ! Optional Mass at 7:00 A.M. with Fr. Rick Heilman. Closing Mass at 4:00 P.M. with Archbishop Listecki.
- Our Conference Emcees will be Fr. Ryan Pruess and Fr. Rick Heilman.
- Bring your boys! Age-appropriate sessions for youth 8th grade and below, and high school age young men.
- Wives and daughters, support your men throughout the day in Adoration.
- Gregorian Chant by the male Knights of Divine Mercy Schola Cantorum will elevate our Masses.
- 90+ prlests will hear confessions throughout the day.
- Build a special bond with a powerful Father/Son blessing.



The impact will leave you renewed.

- **Seeing so many people—busy** people—finding time and ways to reach out makes me want to challenge myself to do better."
- **ff** I went to confession after 45 years. This event helped me realize that I'm like many other men."
- **ff** It really opened my eyes to how I should live out my faith in Christ."
- **EVERY Catholic man should** participate in a conference like this."



EARLY TICKET PRICING Individual: \$43 | Groups 5+: \$38 | Students: \$22 | Religious: FREE

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Big Bend gets big turnout with help from St. Nick



Council 13733 held the annual Breakfast with Santa at St. Joseph's Parish in Big Bend. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice and milk were on the menu. There was a free will offering for the breakfast. Because of the great weather and Santa's presence, there was a tremendous turnout. Monies will be distributed to our youth, parish, and community. IF we could fill the stands we could raise over \$16,000.00 for a great Charity, and have a great time doing it!!!



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

August 1st, 2015, Game time 6:05pm MADISON MALLARDS will play the Wausau, Woodchucks Sponsored by:

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

This year you will purchase tickets directly through the Madison Mallards. Councils and churches are encouraged to purchase the tickets By April 31st, in a group and send one check, to make Will's, already tough, job easier. Tickets are 13.00 each. To purchase Tickets make the Cheques Payable to the: <u>"Madison Mallards"</u> in the notes write <u>"KOFCAWCCCF"</u>.

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

\$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 \$1.200.00 dollars with only 468 tickets.

\$1.00 goes towards the tailgate. The Burgers alone last year cost about \$1.18 each. Thanks to our Tailgate sponsors, 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 Sponsor or help with the Tailgate

Please contact SK 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. Ionations to "The KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund" are not tax deductable

Past State Deputy and Former Master Roland Ransom, II submitted 5 words on Freedom. Fraternity, Attitude, Integrity, Trust and Honor - F.A.I.T.H. The Milwaukee Journal and Milwaukee Brewer's Jonathan Lucroy asked for 5 words that mean Freedom to you to support Wisconsin Veteran's and the Stars and Strips Honor





Fortes in Fide Annual Diocesan Men's Lenten Retreat True Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus March 6-7, 2015 Bishop O'Connor Pastoral Center, Madison Wisconsin

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Featuring Bishop Robert Morlino, Internationally Renowned Apologist Raymond de Souza, and Fr. John Sasse

"Be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith" (1 Peter 5: 8-9)

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



2015 March for Life



The Knights of Columbus, St. Croix Council 1762 along with parishioners from St. Patrick Church in Hudson and Fr. Phillip Gordon Council 6370 and parishioners from St. Dominic Church in Frederic participated in a pro-life rally at the Minnesota State Capital. The rally began with a Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. From there thousands marched to the Minnesota State Capital. The annual Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) March for Life commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion.



Silver Rose 2015 June 7th - June 28th



We will receive the Rose from Minnesota on Sunday, June 7th, 2015 and pass it on to Iowa on Sunday, June 28, 2015. I contacted the Minnesota coordinator and they would like it at their State convention. The best handoff area is I94 at the State line, the specific location is yet to be determined. I do not have a location yet for Iowa, although Prairie du Chien is my preferred site.

I have sites for the prayer services, but have none for Green Bay Diocese and only one for Milwaukee Archdiocese. **February 23 is the cutoff date** for council's to volunteer to host the Silver Rose.

Contact:

Wisconsin State Council 2015 Silver Rose Coordinator John Sustar (608)847-1140, jsustar@hughes.net

> To Jesus through Mary, John Sustar



Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

"A big thank you to the Menomonie KC's for their help at the Menomonie Polar Plunge last weekend! They helped raised \$52,000 for Special Olympics WI! You're doing amazing things in WI local communities...thank you!"

Karen Kraus, Indianhead Special Olympics



The man in white is Jason Horzewski from council 2055.



Knights handing out towels to the plungers John Strey and Larry Depa.



Miss Liberty is the daughter of Brother Knight Jerry Cinker.

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BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI PILGRIMAGE First Saturday, March 7, 2015 La Crosse,WI

This event of pro-life prayer, pilgrimage, and recreation is open to all.

Youth groups must provide their own paperwork and chaperones.

> For more information contact: Will Goodman 608-798-7443

To register by Monday, March 2 contact Jen Dunnett vitapretiosa@gmail.com or 715-340-2779 t registering by 2/0

(Not registering by 3/2 means that you may not be able to join the group for lunch)





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