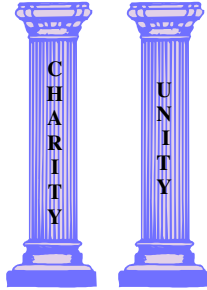




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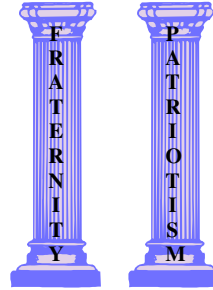


Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - February 2016

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Editor: Timothy J. Guski



State Deputy - Ronald F. Faust

My Dear Brother Knights, As I write this Lent has begun and with it a visit from me and from your State Chaplain, Father Rick Heilman, to every diocese as we call men "Into the Breach." This is a call to all good men and I will not be at all surprised to find that the men who answer the call are by and large already Knights.

Having witnessed the first of these evenings I can tell you that you do not want to miss this! Yes, I had the privilege of being at an incredible evening at Holy Hill Friday night, February 12, and I feel compelled to do all that I can to encourage you to attend when this comes to your diocese.

But don't just come - bring everyone you can. The "Into the Breach" evening of devotion and inspiration will supercharge you for the days ahead when we claim victory for Christ and His Holy Church!

Brothers, we have all been there, haven't we? Where is that? We have all been to an event and then kicked ourselves for not doing more to bring others. Is it your son? Your dad? Your brother? One of your Grand Knights or other council leaders? Or just a brother Knight or good friend and the fellow in the pew near us every Sunday? Whoever it is, don't get to the end of the evening regretting that you did not do more to bring everyone you can. Your State Chaplain and I look forward to seeing you there.

If you have one of the books written by your State Chaplain, bring it along and get it signed! And if you do not, we will have them available, especially his latest: "54 Day Basic Training in Holiness". Also, for fans of the popular Relevant Radio program, "The Inner Life", you will recognize Father Rick as a long-time spiritual director of that program. This is an extra special chance to meet him in person.

Like I said, you do not want to miss this!

Now, don't take this as an out for not doing all you can to bring someone with you, but if you simply cannot get them to come, offer to bring something of theirs with you, such as a rosary or a holy medal. At the end of the evening you will have a rare opportunity to supercharge that item with the grace of becoming a third class relic of 13 awesome Saints! The list includes Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Dominic, and Saint Louis de Montfort. I won't tell you the rest - you have to be there or send someone to find out.

Now, dear brothers, on a completely separate topic, I am going to shamelessly ask you for money!

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State Chaplain - Very Reverend Fr. Rick Heilman



WISCONSIN INTO THE BREACH TOUR

This past September 29, on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix, AZ, promulgated an Apostolic Exhortation calling men to step "Into the Breach." Bishop Olmsted began his exhortation with,

"I begin this letter with a clarion call and clear charge to you, my sons and brothers in Christ: Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our own homes.

The world is under attack by Satan, as our Lord said it would be (1 Peter 5:8-14). This battle is occurring in the Church herself, and the devastation is all too evident. Since AD 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith, parish religious education of children has dropped by 24%, Catholic school attendance has dropped by 19%, infant baptism has dropped by 28%, adult baptism has dropped by 31%, and sacramental Catholic marriages have dropped by 41%.

This is a serious breach, a gaping hole in Christ's battle lines." More and more bishops, Catholic writers and speakers are recognizing this "serious breach." Personally, I have been engaged in men's faith formation for most of the last half of my 28 years of priesthood. Just about the time we began the Knights of Divine Mercy apostolate here in the Diocese of Madison, many other men's apostolates began to spring up. Two of the larger ones here in Wisconsin are Men of Christ in Milwaukee and Esto Vir in Green Bay. Catholic Men are hungry for faith formation.

Those of us who have been at this for a while are recognizing with greater clarity that the underlying challenge is the need to reclaim the surrendered ground of the supernatural. This is the antidote. An antidote is defined as "a substance that can counteract a form of poisoning." The poison we have ingested for at least 50 years is the poison of secular humanism, inside and outside of the Church, which has made men "spiritually sick."

In a recent article by Bishop Robert Barron, entitled "What Makes the Church Grow," he points to the dramatic growth of Christianity on the continent of Africa. To what does Bishop Barron attribute this growth of Christianity on the continent of Africa?

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IF THE RIGHT TO KEEP BEAR ARMS IS INFRINGED, THERE IS NO MANNER TO DEFEND THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION.

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(State Chaplain continued) Bishop Barron writes that it is “because the version of Christianity on offer there is robustly supernatural ... African Christianity puts a powerful stress on the miraculous, on eternal life, on the active providence of God, on healing grace, and on the divinity of Jesus.”

Men are called to be St. Josephs; the spiritual leaders of their families. But, in order to do this, they must be ignited by the Holy Spirit; they must believe in and cooperate with the power of supernatural grace. But, if men are not seeking this power or, worse yet, are not even aware of such a power, they are lacking the only real power capable of making them effective spiritual leaders.

Bishop Olmsted is correct when he calls this a “spiritual battle.” As St. Paul says, “Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the armor of God so you can stand against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces in the heavenly realm” (Ephesians 6:10-11). But, if we are not seeking the power and armor of God, we stand naked on the battlefield – no spiritual armor, no spiritual weapons - prone to every deception the devil sends our way.

We are convinced that the antidote to the modern tactics of the devil – especially the militant secularism thrust upon us – must begin by giving men a “taste” of what a “sense of the sacred” actually looks like. We believe this comes by way of powerful regular evenings for men.

These are evenings that offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a beautiful golden monstrance, swirls of incense, Latin hymns (O Salutaris, Tantum Ergo), Gregorian Chant softly in the background, men on their knees before Christ the King, men in line to receive that “state of grace” through the Sacrament of Confession. These are evenings that assist men in being open to and cooperating with the power of supernatural grace.

Through these monthly Holy Hours – the antidote to the sickness of spiritual sloth – priests will gain an army of men who “get it” ... who now understand that reverence is due our Eucharistic Lord. We can try to “teach” men all we want about the different parts of the Mass, but until they truly encounter our Lord in a setting like this, they will rarely, if ever, truly “get it.”

With the assistance of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus, we are bringing this formula to every Cathedral or Basilica in our State. <http://www.romancatholicman.com/into-the-breach/> This “Into the Breach” tour began on the first Friday of Lent at Holy Hill in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. It was a great night. Followed by Green bay and:

Friday, February 26 – Diocese of La Crosse

Friday, March 4 – Diocese of Madison

Friday, April 1 – Diocese of Superior (Weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday)

PLAN TO JOIN US! ASK OTHERS TO JOIN US TOO!

The men are given such supernatural tools as Holy Water, Blessed Salt, Brown Scapular and a Combat Prayer Book. Also, I brought 12 First Class Relics of saints such as St. Francis of Assisi, St. Benedict and St. Dominic. The men were encouraged to touch their religious articles to each of these relics, making them a Third Class Relic of each of those 12 saints.

Along with Cardinal Burke, who said, “This is exactly what is needed in our times,” we are building an army of men, ignited by the power of supernatural grace, to stand in the breach and be the spiritual leaders; the St. Josephs they are called to be.

WE ACCEPT BISHOP OLMSTEAD’S CHALLENGE!, for men to “step into the breach”

... “Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is culture, and even in our own homes ... One of the key reasons that the Church is faltoften hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and ering under the attacks of Satan is that many Catholic men have not been willing to “step into the breach” – to fill this gap that lies open and vulnerable to further attack.”

“And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before Me for the land ...”

Ezekiel 22:30

MEN ... these are the times in which you and I live ... this is the hand we have been dealt. What are we going to do about it?

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Go to Joseph!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.



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~ Pope Francis

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(State Deputy continued) I am asking for Money, not for myself, but for someone who serves your council much more immediately, let me explain.

This is the time where many of you are involved in the choosing of the delegates to our Annual Meeting, otherwise known as your State Convention. Most councils defray the cost of the delegates that they choose in appreciation for the service rendered by those brothers to their council. But how many of you know that another who has accepted a leadership position in our order and who serves your council does not have his costs covered?

I am speaking of your District Deputy. Here is a brother who has accepted the mantle of leadership and who does his best to serve you. He keeps you connected to the great mission of our order; now so beautifully embodied in the two latest programs from Supreme: "Building the Domestic Church" and the "Solidarity Cross Program."

In my home district, it is the tradition of our councils to each chip in to cover our District Deputies expenses for State Convention. I have learned that is not the case everywhere. If that is a foreign idea to your district, I highly encourage you to begin this year. And if that is your tradition, don't let it slip! Now is the time to get that done.

As for you, dear District Deputy, thank you for stepping up to lead. Your leadership is needed and appreciated. Continue to exercise it vigorously. You have a unique opportunity to exercise your leadership for a higher calling. I pray you fully embrace this opportunity without reservation so you may know the joy that comes with fulfilling a great mission.

May God Bless the Knights of Columbus and our Holy Mission!

Vivat Jesus,



Ronald F. Faust, State Deputy



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

Signup at: <https://new.flocknote.com/knightswisc/TraininginHoliness>

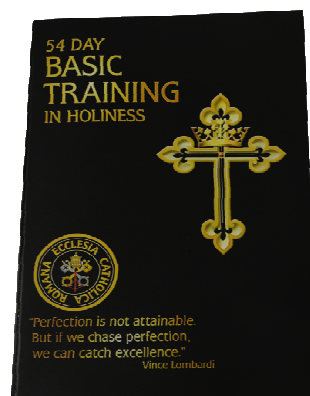
"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness" -Pope Benedict XVI

We are calling all of our Catholic men to enlist in this battle. The Basic Training for this army of spiritual warriors will begin during Lent, 2016 (**Join Us in Progress**). Trainees will be provided with a 1-2 minute daily reflection on the qualities of excellence. The first 27 days, trainees will read from passages in scripture, quotes from saints and the catechism on one of the following: Theological Virtues, Cardinal Virtues, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The second 27 days will be excerpts from the book I wrote entitled, Church Militant Field Manual: Special Forces Training for the Life in Christ. We will also ask each trainee to pray a daily rosary, as we offer our prayers together in the very powerful 54 Day Rosary Novena. There are a number of ways for you to receive your 54 days of daily reflections ...

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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Choose one or more of these options ...

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Receive daily emails with these reflections.

<https://new.flocknote.com/knightswisc/TraininginHoliness>

Find them posted each day at RomanCatholicMan.com

<http://www.romancatholicman.com/>

You can join the Special Forces Training Facebook group, where they will be posted each day.

Join <https://www.facebook.com/login.php?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F1525909717679090%2F>



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State of Wisconsin: July 1 to January 31 Fraternal 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	175	159	90.9%	64	95	30	31	38	53
La Crosse	260	152	163	107.5	23	140	22	65	30	62.7
Madison	271	159	97	61.4%	30	67	29	32	27	35.8
Milwaukee	422	247	124	50.4%	85	39	27	43	26	29.4
Superior	147	86	72	84%	28	44	26	16	16	49
Total	1400	817	615	75.3%	230	385	134	187	137	43.9%



Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status
1200	615

51.25%

Circle of Honor Net
840
385

45.83%

Circle of Honor Net/Net
100
-161

-161%

Deceased Members
546

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”

Membership

Member-ship as of	Current Member-ship as of
7/1/2015	2/1/2016
36,319	36,158

Brother Knights,

This Past month we made a great push toward our goals for recruitment. We achieved over 9% of our yearly goal this past month. We also recruited a higher percentage of members than any other jurisdiction in Division 2 (states with membership 25,000 to 50,000 members). I thank all the members that helped bring in a new member. Your help with recruiting is what will help our order continue to make an impact is our Church and community for years to come.

The race for best Diocese in the state is getting close. The members in La Crosse are still on top with over 100% of their year to date goal. Close behind and back in second is Green Bay with 90% of the year to date goal. Falling to third is Superior with 84% of the year to date goal. In fourth and way behind is Madison with 61% of their year to date goal. Finally Milwaukee made some strides this month but still is off the pace with 50.4% of the year to date goal. We need to keep the momentum up and push through to June 30 with recruitment. Keep your schedules of the your first degrees and let no obstacle keep you from recruiting to the first degree date.

Make sure that you order your supplies for your March recruitment drive. The directions on where to find the order blank on the Supreme website were in you winter council packets you received from your District Deputy. Please make an effort now to organize with your local Parish Priest to have a recruitment drive soon. Always remember to help him and he will be in a better position to help you recruit and expand your presence in the parish.

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

DATA TO BE AWARE OF:

Green Bay DD 13 @ 116.7%
 DD 8 and 9 making a move
 La Crosse DD 26 @ 111.11%
 DD 28 next up
 Madison DD43 @ 52.78%
 DD 48 and 49 are close
 Milwaukee DD69 @ 75%
 DD 61 in second
 Superior DD87 @ 133.33%
 DD85 making a move

DD at 50% or more: 8, 9, 13, 26, 28, 43, 61, 69, 87
 DD under 0%: 3, 5, 6, 7, 42, 45, 46, 64, 66, 71, 86, 90, 91
 Councils at 75% to 99%: 697, 4706, 11301, 12468, 12644, 13880
 Councils at 100% to 200%: 2770, 4505, 5438, 6444, 8985, 9230, 10714, 14362, 15659, 16244
 Councils at 200% or above: 5127, 12269

Orderwide Church Drive

March 12 & 13



Jubilee Year of Mercy

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

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

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



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

Calling All Men to join with other Men of the Cross in a Holy hour of Adoration filled with the reverent sounds of Gregorian chant and a rousing charge from Father Rick Heilman, titled: **"Calling Men into the Breach; Awaken Sons of God."** The evening will include an opportunity for confession, passing through the Mercy Door, fellowship and refreshments. (no sign-up required)

LA CROSSE – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH - 6:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN CATHEDRAL
530 MAIN STREET, LA CROSSE, WI 54601

MADISON DIOCESE ONE NIGHT MEN'S RETREAT
CALLING MEN INTO THE BREACH
ST. PATRICK'S, MADISON
FRIDAY, MARCH 4
6:00-9:00 PM

The **"Into the Breach,"** event at includes:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrament of Confession
- A Welcome followed by the talk by Fr. Richard Heilman
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Concluding with an Opportunity for Fraternity (social)

Pope Francis decreed that everyone who makes a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in their diocese will receive a Plenary Indulgence! This year, our Diocesan Men's Retreat will be held *at the Holy Doors.* Please plan to join us for this amazing night of prayer and fellowship with our own Bishop Robert Morlino and Fr. Richard Heilman. Also, Aristotle Esguerra and the Knights of Divine Mercy Schola Cantorum.

All men who attend will receive - free of charge - the following spiritual weapons ... 1) Epiphany Holy Water, 2) Blessed Salt, 3) Combat Prayer Book, 4) Brown Scapular - touched to First Class Relics. First Class Relics will be with us All who attend will be encouraged to touch their religious articles to these First Class Relics, making them a Third Class Relic of each of these saints.

Superior - Friday, April 1 – Diocese of Superior (Weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday) Christ the King Cathedral
Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus More Information at: www.romancatholicman.com/into-the-breach/



CALLING MEN INTO THE BREACH

AWAKEN Sons of God.
Ite ad Ioseph!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - LENTEN TOUR
MADISON • MILWAUKEE • LACROSSE • GREEN BAY • SUPERIOR

WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

The rallying cry as we enter into this training in holiness "Chase Perfection, Catch Excellence!" comes from legendary coach Vince Lombardi's quote: "Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence."

Here, in Wisconsin, in company with our bishops from around the State, Fr. Heilman, the Wisconsin State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, will be traveling to every diocese to rally men to accept this challenge to "Step Into the Breach".

This is offered to all men!

- Friday, February 12 – Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- Friday, February 19 – Diocese of Green Bay
- Friday, February 26 – Diocese of LaCrosse
- Friday, March 4 – Diocese of Madison
- Friday, April 1 – Diocese of Superior (Weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday)

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CHASE
PERFECTION
CATCH
EXCELLENCE

"Perfection is not attainable.
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-Vince Lombardi



Friday, February 26 – Diocese of La Crosse
St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral
Friday, March 4 – Diocese of Madison
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Friday, April 1 – Diocese of Superior
(Weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday)
Christ the King Cathedral

"Plenary Indulgence"
for going through the holy doors

Every evening during this tour, in each of these dioceses, will be an amazing night for enlistment in this battle:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrament of Confession
- Talks by local Bishop (if available) and Fr. Richard Heilman
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Concluding with an Opportunity for Fraternity (social)

In this Year of Mercy, by Papal Decree, a plenary indulgence is granted for all those who pass through the Holy Doors designated by the local bishop.

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115th Annual Meeting Official Notice

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

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

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

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

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

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

State Secretary, Tim Guski

Resolutions Notice

All Resolutions must be received by the State Advocate no later than February 29th, 2016

Resolutions to be considered at the State Council Meeting may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, State Deputy, State Officers as a group, or by standing State Committees. Resolutions submitted by standing State Committees must pertain to the work of their committee.

As required by Wisconsin By-Laws, the following individuals are members of the Resolutions Committee in connection with the forthcoming Annual Meeting. Chairman Jack Wrbanich, State Advocate Green Bay, Very Rev. Richard Heilman State Chaplain Cross Plains, Ronald Faust State Deputy Cross Plains.

State Deputy Ronald Faust will appoint the remaining members from Past State Deputies, District Deputies and Grand Knights prior to the first formal meeting of the Resolution Committee, scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016 in Plover, WI.

All resolutions must be prepared in writing and sent to:

State Advocate Jack Wrbanich
3152 Barley Circle
Green Bay, WI 54311
or email to jwrbanich@wikofc.com

RESERVATIONS: Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center has a block of room being held. Call the Host Hotel (855)595-4904. PLEASE CALL THE HOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE AND MAKE YOUR INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS FOR THIS UPCOMING EVENT. The rooms are being held at the group rate. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Reservations should be made no later than March 15, 2015. *Note: it is common practice for these hotels to bill your credit card immediately for the first night room.*

[Preferred Registration on-line at wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com)

REGISTRATION: All Council Representatives, State Officers, Past State Officers, District Deputies, State and Diocesan Coordinators, State Committee Chairmen and Guests **must send** the registration form to the State Office **or register on-line** at wikofc.com, no later than March 15, 2016. Tickets and registration packets can be picked up at the registration desk upon your arrival at the Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center.

CERTIFICATION: A **Delegate Certification** form must be completed by each Council. The current Grand Knight and a past Grand Knight are to be designated as the delegates. Alternates may be selected from any of the Council’s 3rd Degree members.

REGISTRATION PACKETS HAVE BEEN SENT TO EACH COUNCIL

An questions or concerns can be directed to the
State Officers or the State Council Office:

Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus
4297 West Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53711
(608) 274-5750
www.wikofc.com

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

Now that Lent is here, we need to step up our charitable efforts as part of our personal and Council penance/sacrifice in this Year of Mercy. Practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy is a major step in that direction. The Food for Families program in February and March, perhaps coupled with the "40 Cans for Lent" initiative is a great way to do that. Habitat for Humanity, Coats for Kids, the Solidarity Cross Campaign along with the recent "40 Bucks for Lent" initiative from Supreme, Ultrasound initiative, Special Olympics, planning for the ID Drive, selling lots of those State Charity Raffle tickets are just a few of the ways that we can do this.



Another important way to step up your Lenten charitable efforts is to promote and give greater assistance to your parishes' Lenten programs. Whether it's fish fries and pancake breakfasts, clothing drives, helping the homeless shelter or soup kitchen, giving greater assistance to the parishes' Lenten Faith Formation programs or the Bishop's Charity Drive, etc., these efforts can only help to aid those in need; strengthen our Councils and parishes; promote evangelization and mercy while aiding our spiritual growth!

They will certainly help us to carry out the recent mandate of our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, to more closely align our programs and efforts with those of our parishes. In addition, they'll certainly help to attract more men to join our Honored Order! So, keep up your efforts and continue that good work as best we possibly can!

Let me remind you that the State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests are set for Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, March 19. Free Throw registration will be 11 AM-Noon with competition starting at Noon. Math and Spelling registration will be 11:30 AM-12:30 PM with competition starting about 12:45 PM. Be sure that all contestants have a properly, completely, filled out, legible orange travel card! All competitors for District Free Throw and Diocesan Knowledge and Free Throw Contests (which must be completed by March 12) must have an accurate, completely filled out, legible green travel card! Remember also that no special accommodations can be made to compete early or late instead of the scheduled times. At the Diocesan and State levels, a student can only compete in 1 contest – Free Throw, Math or Spelling since they are run simultaneously! Also, Free Throw contestants need to bring their own practice ball!

I hope that your Fraternal Surveys and Special Olympics forms (due January 31), History Books (due February 1), semi-annual Audits (due February 15), Medallion and Family of the Year nominations (due February 15), Tootsie Roll orders (due February 1 to DD) and Supreme Service Program Award forms (due March 1) are all in!! If you missed the deadline for a history book, I urge you to put together whatever you can as best you can and submit it to your DD or Diocesan Program Coordinator ASAP, no later than March 19. While it may only earn an Honorable Mention sticker, it will keep you in the running for the Complete Council Award.

I strongly urge all of you to submit 1 or more of your excellent programs that you have carried out during the year for the Supreme Service Award! Check the State or Supreme website, download the form(s) and get them in! There are 6 categories – Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, Culture of Life. Get yours in soon!

You should be working hard on attaining the Star Council and Complete Council Awards! You've received checklists for both to work with; DDs and Diocesan Program Coordinators have tracking sheets/grids to work with. Work on these at your Officer/Council meetings. Use your planners to schedule the programs you yet need to do. Forward this information to your DD monthly, who'll then get it to your Diocesan Program Coordinator and on to me. Check your progress on the State website starting March 1; also on the "big charts" at the State Convention. We want to see 75-100 or more Star and Complete Councils in Wisconsin this year!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, **Bill Frayer, State Program Director**

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

Our State Charity Raffle is off to a good start. Council Raffle Chairmen's should be promoting this worthy cause. We receive many grants weekly and want to help all those in need. Council Chairman please make at least one deposit each month of February, March and April to your Diocesan Charity Coordinator to help reduce the amount of money brought to the convention.

Make sure to fill out and send in your Council's Charity Grant Form no later than the convention.

Those Councils and District Deputies who are submitting State Charity Request for State Consideration, I would like to bring to your attention the following: Many of these request are delayed due to poor penmanship, incomplete forms or missing Grand Knights signature to mention a few. At the top of the form it clearly states to Write or Type clearly. If your handwriting is poor, please have someone from your council type the information on the form. Make sure that all boxes are filled in. A Knight must fill out the form not the recipient. Also, if the recipient is a minor we need the name of the parent or a guardian who is in charge of the minor. Grand Knights read the form over before signing to make sure that all of the information has been given.

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

Mark Wagner - State Charity Director

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

February - Family of the Month Report

Lent is here and we are called on to step back and examine our lives and how we are carrying on the works of Jesus Christ. You hear people say at times "I don't know if a particular person is a Christian.

I did not talk to them, to know if they are a Christian or not. Well the one true way to tell if one is a Christian is to see how they operate. In a nut shell, are they doing the works of Jesus Christ, or are they selecting only the things that fit their lives. Are they trying to use all the works of Jesus to guide their lives? There are many that will say I didn't break any laws, it is perfectly legal. Well to that statement I have to say, you may not have broken any man made laws, but these are not real laws but rules.

Remember rules are made to be broken, and are written to help some people with "loopholes" that get them what they want. The only laws that we have are the Ten Commandments, given to Moses, by God.

When things happen in our lives, certain things have an influence that never stops. You need to take these experiences, share them with others and hopefully help them in their lives. I hope that as Christians, you share the experiences in your lives with your neighbors, and those you work with.

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator



"The True Meaning of Christmas"

These are the **GOLD, SILVER, or BRONZE MEDALLION** winners of the 2015-16 competition. Their posters will be displayed at the state convention in Wisconsin Dells.

	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Diocese</u>	
<u>Grade One</u>				
1 st	Nessa Noll	Alma 6789	La Crosse	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.
2 nd	Rebecca Sanders	Cross Plains 3924	Madison	
3 rd	Victor Sikora	Schofield 4628	La Crosse	
<u>Grade Two</u>				
1 st	Lucy Schnitz	Milwaukee 4240	Milwaukee	Next year's council level contest will begin on December 1st and end on December 15th . The deadline for submitting council 1 st Place posters and report forms to the Diocesan Coordinators is December 30th . The deadline for submitting diocesan winners and report forms to the State Coordinator is January 15th . These deadlines will place most of 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 in a timely manner.
2 nd	Jessa Engelhart	Fennimore 12644	Madison	
3 rd	Emma Snider	Spooner 5397	Superior	
<u>Grade Three</u>				
1 st	Ava Stader	Lancaster 2820	Madison	
2 nd	Grace Bauman	Rhineland 2032	Superior	
3 rd	Julia Holthaus	Rice Lake 2137	Superior	
<u>Grade Four</u>				
1 st	Lizzie Dzwonkowski	Marathon 5488	La Crosse	
2 nd	Jader Kuchenbecker	Verona 11155	Madison	
3 rd	Sofia Cabada	Fox Point 6646	Milwaukee	

DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

December 2015

Green Bay Diocese	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>
Marvin & Emily Koslowski, Green Bay	4735	13
La Crosse Diocese		
David & Lora Zebro, Mosinee	5488	28
Madison Diocese		
David & Peggy McCarthy, Verona	11155	52
Milwaukee Archdiocese		
Jerry & Monica LaFleur, Campbellsport	11301	60
Superior Diocese		
Thomas & Sue Meyers, Minocqua	7827	85

The recipients of the Holy Family Plaques from Supreme for November are:

David & Peggy McCarthy - 1909, Highland
 James & Linda Brauer - 2478, Sturgeon Bay
 Glenn & Sandra Perlock - 5488, Mosinee
 Bernard & Doreen Severin - 7030, Hammond
 James & Heidi Kinney - 11155, Verona

December

David & Connie Crosby - 1069, Wausau
 Michael & Barbara Schmitt - 4897, Waupun
 Al & Judy Hoida - 6689, Coleman
 Thomas & Sue Meyers - 7827, Woodruff
 Jerry & Monica LaFleur - 11301, Campbellsport
 Michael & Ann Burant - 12467, Polonia

Peter J. Schulteis, State Coordinator
 Christmas Poster Contest

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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

Caring for Our Own



The Knights of Columbus isn't just an insurance company. It's a brotherhood, and so we do things differently.

If we were just another insurance company, you'd be nothing more than customers – or potential customers – who only add value based on the products you purchase. But you're not. You're brothers, and so are we. After all, Father McGivney founded the Knights 132 years ago so that we could help each other – that's what insurance for brother Knights by brother Knights is all about. So we offer you products and services that are rare in our industry because we care deeply about you and your families, and your wellbeing.

For starters, we extend to each of our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The program – which is only available in insurance jurisdictions – provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions).

The program was launched at the 113th Supreme Council Meeting in 1994, and has continued to the present day, providing more than \$12.5 million in benefits.

In addition to the Accidental Death benefit, the Knights of Columbus offer a number of free services to our members and their families.

First and foremost, we agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one.

Most commercial agents would fill out the necessary paperwork and move on, but not Knights of Columbus agents. We will stand by you and help you contact your attorney to sort out the will, help you make funeral arrangements, help you notify and coordinate with the council, help resolve any financial matters, help you file *any* claims (including claims with companies other than the Knights of Columbus), and will help file for survivor benefits or Veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Secondarily, we offer two additional services to help Knights' families plan. The first is Profiles & Forecaster, a comprehensive and complimentary industry tool that helps you evaluate your family's financial situation, and to determine what insurance protection – if any – may be needed. The second, the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, will help you record your final wishes and important information (including accounts, passwords, funeral arrangements, etc.) for your survivors. Both of these services are free.

To our insurance members,* we offer two additional programs: the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program.

The Family Fraternal Benefit Program offers two distinct benefits. The first offers insurance eligibility to uninsurable children. Through the Program, a member can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance policy for an otherwise uninsurable child at *standard* rates before the child is 61 days old, or at a rated premium if before the child's 18th birthday. A member can also purchase a \$5,000 policy for a mentally impaired child at standard rates, between the ages of 3 and 18 years old.

The Program also offers death benefit coverage to members who have lost an infant child less than 61 days after birth, or who have lost an unborn child in a stillbirth, after the 20th week. (The Order affirms that life begins at conception. In this instance, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, hence the 20-week rule.)

The second fraternal benefit program available to insured members is the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program. This extensive program also provides two benefits. The first is an \$80 monthly benefit for each eligible orphan, until their 19th birthday. The second is a scholarship program, which grants eligible orphans up to \$1,750 per year for a four-year period.

In a letter addressing the programs, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that "These benefits augment the tradition of fraternity established by Father McGivney, namely, that *the Order cares for its own*; it expands upon a basic reason for which he founded the Order: 'of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families.'"

They are part of what makes us unique.

So get to know all of our fraternal benefits, and the ways in which you may benefit from them.

Contact us today to learn more.

Fraternally,

The Supreme Council General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin:

Ed Knolmayer
715-425-0773

Joe Molosky
715-938-5632

Michael Roznowski
608-721-4057

Ken Sosnowski
262-242-3350



**To be eligible for both the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program, the member must be in good standing, and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150, or providing at least \$5,000 in permanent life insurance coverage. Eligibility for the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program is also contingent on the child being covered by an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.*

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Intellectual Disabilities (I.D.)

The annual meeting on the WI KC Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee was held in January. The ID Committee along with the State Officers evaluated 72 applications seeking \$421,000 in funding. The Committee worked very hard to do the best we could to wisely dispense the \$145,000 the councils of the state made available through the yearly ID Drive. A full list of approved groups is available on the state website.

A decision was made at the 2016 ID Meeting which be hard and fast for all councils. All Tootsie Roll collection money in the hand of the ID Director Mark Jelinek by June 30 will be returned to the council in the Fall Diocesan Packets. Any money turned after June 30 will be returned in the disbursements the following year. There will be no exceptions.

Tootsie Roll orders are coming in daily for the 2016 drive. All orders are due by February 15. Candy will arrive in late March and early April. The drive dates will be April 15-May 15. Please start setting up your local drives with your local collection points. Remember to say Thank You, no matter what they tell you.

In 2015 the ID collection raised the highest amount ever with every diocese in the state raising more than the year before. Let us see if we can do it again.

Thank you for all you do for the Order.

Mark Jelinek, I. D.

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 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.

“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 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 13, 2015**. The 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 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

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.
- Entry fee is \$20.00 per event. There is a link on the [State Council Web Site](http://www.wikofc.com) for printing out the entry form.
www.wikofc.com
- Contact person for reservations and shift availability is Sean Michels:
920-284-1579 and email address is 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 100th 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

INVITATION TO BID ON HOSTING THE 2018 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Article V - Section 1 of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Bowling Committee, Structure and Guidelines, states that any subordinate Council may present a bid for a future bowling tournament. Said notice must be in writing, signed by the Grand Knight of the Council and forwarded to the Secretary of the State Bowling Committee William A. Plante prior to May 1.

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

Each Council shall have the privilege of appearing before the Committee to present its claim as to the advantages of its respective Council for holding such a tournament and shall be heard alphabetically according to cities. "Only literature from bidding Council or Chamber of Commerce material shall be brought to the meeting. No other gifts or gratuities will be allowed distribution at any time.

The Committee shall at the Spring Meeting to be held on May 7, 2016 at KC Council #664 Club House, 795 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI, 54935, decide by a majority vote where the 2018 Annual Tournament shall be held.

Bidding will begin about 12:30 pm following lunch. The State Committee Meeting will start at 9am, and break for lunch about 11:30 am. Please plan to be there by 9am or arrive at lunch time.

If after making application you find that you cannot host the event for any reason you must contact the State Bowling Committee Secretary prior to the spring meeting.

William A. Plante
1820 Hagen Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
(715) 421.1698 day
(715) 570.0751 cell
planteb@live.com

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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

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

Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

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

Schedule

<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
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



<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
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



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

Save the form to your computer, fill it out, send it to: fraternalservices@kofc.org and 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.

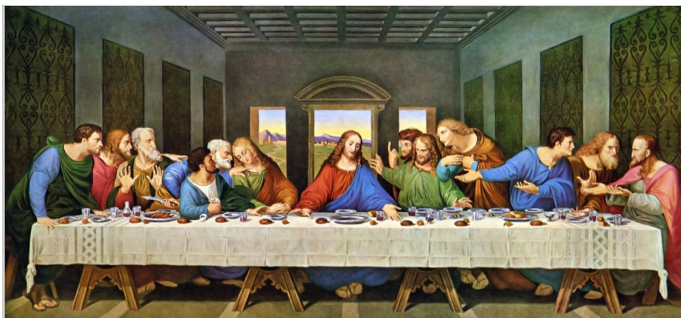
And be mailed to;

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

The Living Last Supper

Performed March 11, 12 and 13, 2016
Richland Center Auditorium, Richland Center, WI



Father McKeivitt Council 3492, Richland Center and the Richland County Ministerial Association will present, The Living Last Supper, at the Richland Center Auditorium, 182 N. Central Ave., Richland Center on Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. Admission will be by a free will offering. All proceeds will be donated to: Lydia's House Homeless Shelter, Council 3492 and the Richland County Performing Arts Council. The Living Last Supper is a reverent portrayal of Jesus and His disciples on the night before His betrayal. Seated and dressed just as in Da Vinci's famous painting, each disciple rises to express his thoughts after hearing that there is a traitor in their midst. To add to the emotion of the evening, specially chosen hymns are sung by a mixed choir.

The Pro-Life Declaration: www.prolife.org

Who do You Say that I Am?



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.



Culture of Life Committee



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!

New Ultrasound Initiatives!! Local Knights councils are working on their 25th Ultrasound Machine purchase.

Pregnancy Resource Center Council #12709-St. Mary Help of Christian’s, Sullivan WI. (Diocese of Madison), Council #1709-South Milwaukee, South Milwaukee, WI (Diocese of Milwaukee) and Council #2035- Ozaukee County Council, Port Washington WI. (Diocese of Milwaukee) are pleased to announce a new Ultrasound initiative. We have received permission from Supreme Council to begin raising funds to place an Ultrasound in the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Milwaukee. The center is located at 2917 N. Oakland Ave. Milwaukee located near the UWM campus and the River West schools. Council 13880 Plover (Diocese of La Crosse) for First Choices Pregnancy Resource Center.

Make all checks out to KofC council 2035 and mail all donations to:

KofC Council #2035
c/o George Ploof
1140 Auburn Road
West Bend, WI 53090

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!

Through Christ,

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

CALLING ALL MEN

MARCH *with* JOSEPH

SATURDAY MORNING
MARCH 19TH

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH

LAMBEAU FIELD TO ST. NORBERT'S COLLEGE

GO TO JOSEPH

Join men on a short walk from Lambeau Field to the National Shrine of St. Joseph.

START TIME:
9AM at LAMBEAU FIELD



"Plenary Indulgence"
for going through the holy doors

In this Year of Mercy, by Papal Decree, a plenary indulgence is granted for all those who pass through the Holy Doors designated by the local bishop.



Register at: www.MarchwithJoseph.com

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.**

The 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

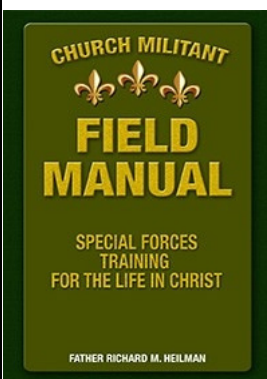
Familiaris Consortio, §21

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?*

March - Psalm of the Month (Psalm 78)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable;
things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders which he has wrought.

He established a testimony in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.



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

February
27 - 5514, Neenah
March
7 - 3955, De Pere
21 - 2556, Chilton
21 - 10243, Green Bay

April
4 - 3955, De Pere

La Crosse Diocese

March
5 - 11832, Fountain City
21 - 13880, Plover
April
25 - 6789, Alma

Madison Diocese

February
28 - 6997, Poynette
March
8 - 4879, Sun Prairie
10 - 10363, Janesville
April
5 - 605, Beloit
12 - 1609, Columbus

Milwaukee Diocese

March
8 - 524, Milwaukee
8 - 3562, Pewaukee
15 - 1709, South Milwaukee
15 - 5438, Mequon
17 - 697, Racine

Milwaukee Diocese (cont.)

March
17 - 3702, Brookfield
17 - 15659, Racine
28 - 13733, Big Bend
28 - 15090, Waukesha
April
12 - 524, Milwaukee
13 - 6646, Brown Deer
13 - 6719, Milwaukee
21 - 697, Racine
21 - 3702, Brookfield
21 - 15659, Racine
25 - 13733, Big Bend
25 - 15090, Waukesha

Superior Diocese

March
2 - 7030, Hammond
10 - 1133, Merrill
14 - 5397 Spooner
15 - 12609, Balsam Lake
April
4 - 6560, Gilman
5 - 1762, Hudson
20 - 8985, Webster

Second Degrees: Unity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March 5, 2016	11:00am	973	Kenosha	Jason Rusnak	(262)344-9797
March 12, 2016	10:00am	664	Fond du Lac	Don Charapata	(920)948-3517
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
April 2, 2016	10:00am	16280	Marathon	Jacob Grzywacz	(715)574-9461
April 2, 2016	10:00am	9369	Janesville	Mark Lessner	(608)290-9170
May 21, 2016	11:00am	3396	Fort Atkinson	Robert Pizur	(608)285-0175
May 21, 2016	10:30am	1964	West Bend	John Flynn	(262)366-5082

Third Degrees: Fraternity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March 5, 2016	1:00pm	973	Kenosha	Jason Rusnak	(262)344-9797
March 12, 2016	1:00pm	664	Fond du Lac	Don Charapata	(920)948-3517
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		3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
April 2, 2016		16280	Marathon	Jacob Grzywacz	(715)574-9461
April 2, 2016		9369	Janesville	Mark Lessner	(608)290-9170
May 21, 2016	1:30pm	3396	Fort Atkinson	Robert Pizur	(608)285-0175
May 21, 2016	12:30pm	1964	West Bend	John Flynn	(262)366-5082

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>
April 16, 2016	Milwaukee	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232



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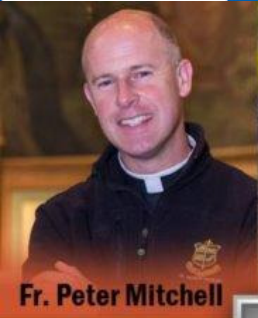
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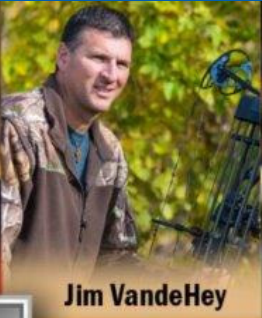


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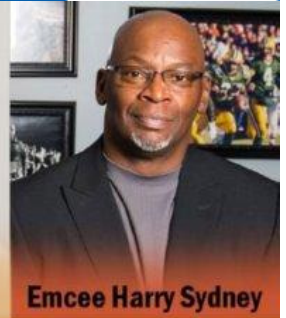
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Men for All Seasons Green Bay Men's Conference

March 5, 2016

KI Convention Center, Green Bay, Wisconsin

www.gbmenconference.com

REGISTER NOW!

Green Bay Men's Conference The theme is a "Men For All Seasons" Courage-Faith-Action, a day of prayer and engaging talks. The conference takes place Saturday, March 5 at the KI Center. Go to www.gbmenconference.com for more information and to register.

Badger Honor Flight with Bucky



Bucky Badger joined the Honor Guard members of Bishop William P. O'Conner Assembly #1200 - Madison and Holy Trinity-Tri-County Assembly #1948 - Waunakee for the tribute to our veterans returning to Madison from Washington, D.C.



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Installation Mass for the Superior Diocese New Bishop James Patrick Powers



Western District Honor Guard prepares to lead the procession. Master Ron Shymanski inspects Commander Jim Michaelson of Lawrence P. Gherty #1947 - New Richmond and Former Master Jacob Grzywacz greets attendees.

Our common call TO UNCOMMON GREATNESS

MEN OF CHRIST, TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
9:00 A.M. | 12 MARCH 2016 | MILWAUKEE THEATRE | MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



Powerful speakers will open hearts.



Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme
Bishop Doeme of Nigeria was gifted with a vision that Boko Haram will be stopped through the power of praying the Rosary.



Jeff Cavins
Creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study, currently over 5,000 groups are using his Bible studies around the world to engage in scripture in a life changing way.



Fr. Richard Simon
Relevant Radio host of the popular "Fr. Simon Says." He has also been involved in the Charismatic Renewal since the 1960s.

Bring your boys! Age-appropriate sessions for youth 8th grade and below, high school-age and college-age young men.



A day that will change your life.

- We start and end with Christ! Optional Mass at 7:00 A.M. Optional evening Mass at 4:00 P.M.
- Our Conference emcees will be Fr. Matt Widder and Fr. Eric Nielsen.
- Outdoor Eucharistic procession led by Bishop Doeme as we take Our Lord into the streets of Milwaukee.
- A call to greatness—a call to a vocation. We will honor young men who feel they may be called to a priestly vocation.
- 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+ priests will hear confessions throughout the day.
- Build a special bond with a powerful Father/Son blessing.



The impact will leave you renewed.

- “ Reinvigorated my ambition to stand up as a man.”
- “ Made me realize the power of prayer and confession.”
- “ Refreshed my vision of my Catholic identity.”
- “ Strengthened my resolve to be a better father.”
- “ Reignited my faith ...I now have a fire in my belly to follow Christ.”

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LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY



Bishop Powers greets State Round Table Coordinator Tom Hoffman and his Lady Karen at the reception following the Installation

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“Strike Out Hunger”

Council 614 Our Lady of Lourdes, Oshkosh

40 bowlers, including our Congressman, Glenn Grothman, (R) of the sixth district of Wisconsin, partook in the Knight’s Second Annual individual 9 Pin Tap Tournament at the Rec Lanes 710 South Main Street in Oshkosh on Saturday afternoon, January 30th. Thanks to the big hearted bowlers who participated and the generosity of Knight “Mike Putzer”, of council 614, owner of the Rec Lanes, \$700 was raised for Fr. Carrs and St. Vincent De-Paul’s Pantries. Mr. Putzer donated the cost of bowling back as a donation to the funds being raised for the pantries. A good number of the bowlers either gave back all or a portion of their winnings. The Knights would like to thank Congressman Grothman for taking the time from his busy schedule to bowl with us, as well as making a donation. Another thanks to Bob & Ryan Wolf (both are Knights of Council 614) Owners of The Roxy Restaurant, for donating enough BBQ to feed all of us.

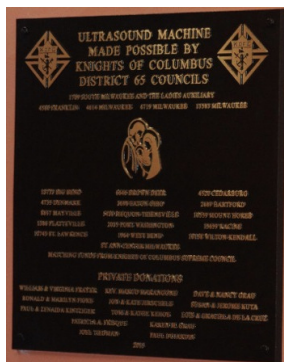
This was the Second Annual and surely not the last 9 Pin Tap Council 614 will hold. Mike Putzer came up with the idea of holding it between the last NFL Playoff game weekend and the Super Bowl weekend, Mike said there is really nothing going on, on that Saturday! So we will be doing it again next year, same Saturday at the same place. The people who bowled had a great time! So hopefully the tournament will continue to grow, because the needs of the pantries is always in need of more. So please plan on joining us next year. Mark it on your calendars and watch for advertising in community calendar.



U.S. Congressman Glenn Grothman and Dick Forseth Grand Knight of Council 614 Our Lady of Lourdes, raising money for the food pantries.



Bowlers for Council 614 Our Lady of Lourdes Second Annual individual 9 Pin Tap Tournament at the Rec Lanes, Oshkosh



**THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!
WE ARE SAVING BABIES!!!**

from District 65 Ultrasound Initiative. That Ultrasound Machine went in service at Life's Connection in Waukesha in January



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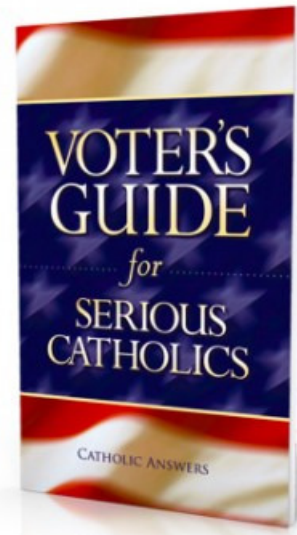
Knights in Action



District Deputy 51 Mike Tomsyck (R) catches Sir Knight Joseph S. Skalitzky (L) in the kitchen preparing for fish fry in Sun Prairie and presents him with his 4th Degree Certificate.



State Deputy Ron Faust congratulates District Deputy 87 Jeff Stellrecht on leading the number one District for the first half of the year for the Superior Diocese. Both were in attendance for the Bishops Installation in Superior



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"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

A Vital Prayer Chain

Dear Beloved God in Heaven,
 Please give us a president that loves this country and everything it stands for.
 Please give us a president who respects you as the one true God.
 Please give us a president who will, with your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way you created her.
 Please help us to respect what you have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again.

Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without.
 May our eyes be opened.
 In Jesus' name, Amen

God Bless America

As never before in the history of this country has this plea been so vital."
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

Psalms 46:10

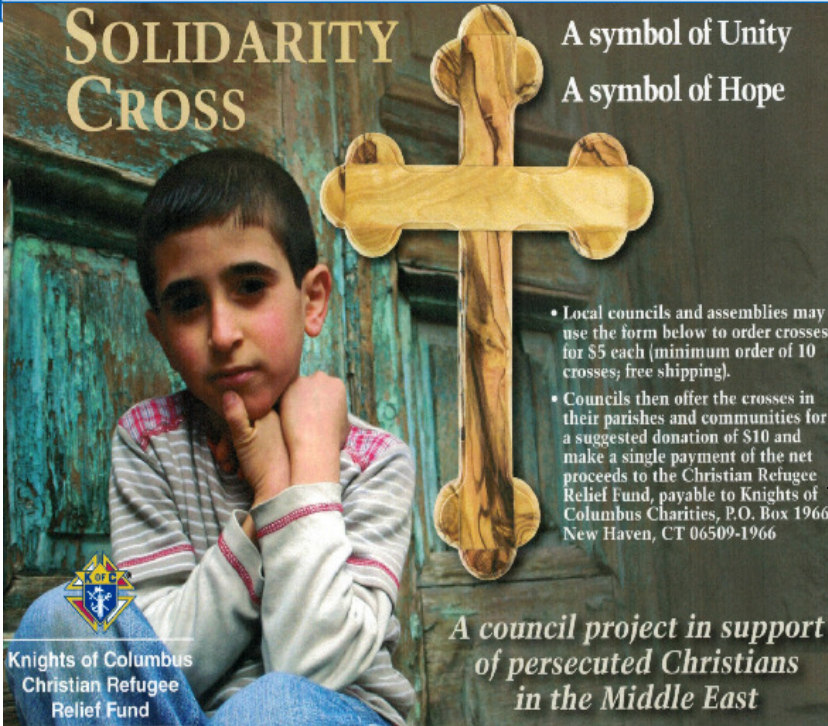


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SOLIDARITY CROSS

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 and making a direct contribution.

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

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

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