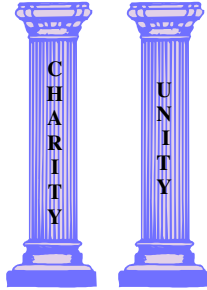




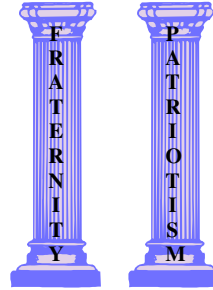
One Nation Under God!



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus

Notes - January 2016

GO TO JOSEPH



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Editor: Timothy J. Guski



State Deputy - Ronald F. Faust

My Dear Brother Knights,

For this month's article I have decided to share with you the address your State Deputy was privileged to give to the Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee just over a month ago on December 5. It is a long article, so I will launch into it without preamble except to say that I began with thanking Archbishop and those in attendance for this rare privilege. The longest historical memory of your State Officers, Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy, did not remember it ever happening before.

I also thanked your State Faith Formation Director, Michael Raboine, as I began the address saying, "For two years now, Mike has been telling everyone within earshot that there is no lay organization of Catholic men in a better position to act on the call for a lay-led re-evangelization than the Knights of Columbus. Those words are echoed in a very important address delivered by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to all of the State Deputies from around the world gathered in in San Antonio on November 20th."

I then asked them who among them was a Knight, or the wife, sister, daughter or mother of a Knight? I then asked the Knights who they say we are, and I asked the others who they say we are. What about you, my Brothers reading this, who do you say we are? I shared with them that Saint John Paul II, when he was Pope, said we are "The Strong Right Arm of the Church."

By way of explaining what that means, I shared the following excerpts from the address of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's address to the State Deputies gathered from around the world in San Antonio, Texas, November 20, just 15 days prior. (For the full address visit your State Council website.)

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

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

"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 (**Ash Wednesday, February 10**). 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 ...



Choose one or more of these options ...

Order your Basic Training book <https://romancatholicgear.com/54-day-basic-training-in-holiness-pre-order.html>

Order in bundles of 20 <https://romancatholicgear.com/54-day-basic-training-in-holiness-20-book-bulk-bundle.html>

Receive daily emails with these reflections. <https://new.flocknote.com/knightswisc/TraininginHoline>

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>

My brother knights ... let's "Step Into the Breach!"

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Go to Joseph!

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

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State Chaplain - Very Reverend Fr. Rick Heilman



My Brother Knights,

This past September, Bishop Thomas Olmsted issued a clarion call, in his Apostolic Exhortation, for men to “step into the breach” <http://www.romancatholicman.com/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?

WE ACCEPT BISHOP OLMSTEAD’S CHALLENGE!

54 Day Basic Training in Holiness (details on page one)

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ANNOUNCING! Step Into the Breach Wisconsin Tour

In company with our bishops from around the State, I will be traveling to every diocese to rally men to accept this challenge to “Step Into the Breach” (more details will follow). Mark your calendars!

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)

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)

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

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Go to Joseph!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.

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

Before all else: GO TO CONFESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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Supreme Knight Anderson said:

“In his Apostolic exhortation *Evangelium Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, Pope Francis called for a new missionary spirit among Catholics. “By her very nature the Church is missionary,” the Pope wrote. “She abounds in effective charity and a compassion that understands, assists and promotes” (179). This challenge has special resonance for Knights of Columbus, especially throughout North America, where we have benefited in so many ways from the sacrifice of countless missionaries. The great Catholic institutions of our country were built by men and women filled with a great missionary spirit. Although Father Michael McGivney would probably not have described himself as a missionary, throughout his lifetime the United States remained “mission” territory in the eyes of the Vatican. In this regard, we remember the words of Pope Benedict XVI during his 2008 visit to the United States when he named Father McGivney as an example of the missionary spirit that built the Catholic Church in America.

On that occasion, Pope Benedict urged Catholics in America to “move together toward that true spiritual renewal desired by the (Second Vatican) Council, a renewal which can only strengthen the Church in that holiness and unity indispensable for the effective proclamation of the Gospel in today’s world.”

The Pope continued, “Was not this unity of vision and purpose – rooted in faith and a spirit of constant conversion and self-sacrifice – the secret of the impressive growth of the Church in this country? We need but think of the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.”

This missionary spirit has been a constant dynamic throughout our history. It has always encouraged us to seek new challenges and to adapt to new situations – and to do so always in faithful service responding to the needs of our Church.

THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL – Following the Second Vatican Council, it became clear that the vitality of our parishes and of our Catholic families was being tested as never before. Thousands of priests and religious left their ministries and vocations to the priesthood and religious life plummeted. The widespread scourges of no-fault divorce, cohabitation outside of marriage, single-parent families and abortion made Catholic family life appear at times as the new “terra incognita.” At the same time, the Second Vatican Council called upon the laity to assume a greater role in meeting these challenges.

The Knights of Columbus responded with dramatic new initiatives to better meet the needs of our families and our parishes. For example, we initiated one of the largest vocations programs in history. Through our Refund Support Vocations Program and scholarships, we have provided more than \$68 million to more than 115,000 men and women pursuing vocations.

We also began a shift away from establishing local councils dependent upon home association facilities. Instead, we promoted the establishment of parish-based councils aligned with Father McGivney’s original vision for the Order. The result has been a tremendous success. This shift has opened the door to thousands of new councils.”

During this same time the Knights of Columbus sharpened its mission to better support Catholic family life. This was always one of the core missions of the Order envisioned by Father McGivney. It was the reason the Order developed fraternal benefits to support widows and orphans. It led to the establishment of thousands of youth and family activities, to our support of parish-based Catholic schools, and to developing our spiritual and catechetical programs directed to families, such as our Catholic Information Service, our Pilgrim Virgin Icon program and Fathers for Good.

More recently, the Order has implemented a new program that brings together both our support of parishes and our support of families. It is titled Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive. Already, many thousands of local Knights of Columbus councils and families have begun participating in this program.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE – In its 2012 document titled *Disciples Called to Witness*, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops made clear the connection between the parish and the family in the new evangelization.

Regarding parish life, the bishops’ document stated, “It is the responsibility of both pastors and laity to ensure that (the doors of the parish) are always open. Evangelization must remain rooted in the parish. It is in the parish that one becomes engaged with the Church community, learns how to become a disciple of Christ, is nurtured by Scripture, is nourished by the sacraments, and ultimately becomes the evangelizer. Successful evangelization and catechetical initiatives must be focused on the parish.”

It further noted, “The family, called the domestic Church, is often the first place where one experiences and is formed in the faith.” And it concluded by quoting Pope Benedict XVI’s 2011 address to the Pontifical Council for the Family that “the new evangelization depends largely on the domestic Church.”

Thus we see a providential convergence of three initiatives of the Knights of Columbus: the development of thousands of new parish-based councils; new programs to strengthen family life, all leading to a deeper understanding of the family as domestic church; and our increasing commitment to serve the Church’s mission of a new evangelization through the parish. Indeed, each of these three initiatives points to the Knights of Columbus as the organization best situated to enliven and strengthen parish life. We are truly positioned today to move to a new level of service as the strong right arm of our parish churches.

Now the time has come for us to accelerate these initiatives as they affect our work in parishes and our work to strengthen Christian family life.

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The family as domestic church is central to both the work of the new evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes – as well as the future sustainability of the Order. But the Catholic family cannot perform this important mission on its own. The reason is simple: As Blessed Paul VI observed, the family can only truly be a domestic church when its daily life “mirrors the various aspects of the entire Church.” And for this to become a reality, the family must be more fully integrated into the sacramental life of the parish.

Our councils do this by more fully integrating families into the life of the parish through the many programs of our parish-based councils.

We continue the legacy of Father McGivney – a legacy which, as Pope Benedict observed, was to promote spiritual renewal among Catholics by strengthening them in holiness and unity. And as a parish priest, Father McGivney saw that this renewal could be assisted in powerful ways in the parish by the new organization he had established.

THE RENEWAL OF PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE – Today, we are determined to continue this work of renewal and unity. In this way, we will also realize the mission that St. John Paul II identified in *Ecclesia in America*: “The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. Therefore they are largely responsible for the future of the Church.” (44).

Today, the Knights of Columbus is *providentially* positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis.

To meet this need, we will have to do some things differently. Our councils will have to become even more active in our parish communities. We will have to stop duplicating activities that are more appropriately done by and through the parish. We will have to focus more on programs that support Catholic families in their mission as a domestic church. For many councils, doing these things will require making choices between what is good and what is better. Often they may choose between what our Catholic community may have needed in the past and what it needs today *and in the future*.

A NEW K OF C INITIATIVE – Therefore, I am announcing a new Orderwide initiative to strengthen both our parishes and our families. It is titled *Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish*. ”

Following Supreme Knight Anderson’s words, I continued with, “In Wisconsin, we have already been taking steps to put real action behind those words. We have been traveling the state exhorting our councils’ leaders to share the Family Fully Alive edition of the Building the Domestic Church initiative; not only with their members, but with every parish family of the parishes they serve.

And we wrote to Brother Sir Knight Jerome Listeki, your Archbishop, seeking permission to offer this booklet to every parish family whether served by a council or not. Obviously, the answer is yes! And so every parish will be sent a letter, along with this booklet, inviting them to participate.

We are delighted to be called to this great work of Building the Domestic Church, and we humbly ask your kind indulgence as we work to earn the title bestowed upon us by Saint John Paul II.”

I went on to explain a little about the Solidarity Cross program; about how it is a concrete way that we do not need to merely lament the horrendous genocide our brothers and sisters in Christ are at the hands of radical Islam, we can actually do something about it. I said this while holding up one of the 5-inch crosses from the Holy Land, the only one that I had brought with me that day.

Archbishop did not let me leave with that cross, and he insisted that I accept his \$10 donation. He also asked that we work together to connect our District Deputies with the leaders of the archdiocesan deaneries, that they might work together to forward these programs.

My dear Brother Knights, wherever you are in Wisconsin, I invite you to join in this renewal of Christian Family Life, and with it, the renewal of our Order and of our Church.

Vivat Jesus,



Ronald F. Faust, State Deputy



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



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State of Wisconsin: July 1 to December 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	150	122	81.3%	63	59	39	26	36	40.7
La Crosse	260	130	138	106.2	8	130	28	60	24	53.1
Madison	271	136	82	60.5%	28	54	36	29	22	30.3
Milwaukee	422	211	89	42.2%	81	8	39	37	24	21.1
Superior	147	74	67	91.2%	27	40	27	15	14	45.6
Total	1400	700	498	71.1%	207	291	169	167	120	35.6%



Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status
1200	1325
	41.5%

Circle of Honor Net
840
291
34.64%

Circle of Honor Net/Net
100
-153
-153%

Deceased Members
444

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
7/1/2014	12/1/2015
36,319	36,166

Happy New Year Brother Knights,

We finished the end of the calendar year strong. We have recruited almost 500 members in the first 6 months, which is 41.5% of our circle of honor goal. You can also see that we are losing members to death and suspension quicker than we are recruiting them. If we had no suspensions and withdrawals in the first 6 months we would have had a 54 member increase in our overall numbers. This is why we are asking all members to keep up the recruitment and to work harder on retention.

Retention is our big failure these first 6 months racking up a huge 207 members to suspension and withdrawal. These suspensions are happening without a genuine effort on saving these members and finding out why they are not being active. I ask that you and your fellow Knights work hard on retaining members and achieve the goal of no new suspensions or withdrawals the rest of the fraternal year.

Best Districts in each Diocese

These districts are areas in the state that are doing well in terms of membership intake and working hard on retaining the members they already have. My congratulations to these districts are hope they spend their \$150 prize money well to continue to increase our order's ranks

Green Bay DD13 95.8% (no others made the goal)

La Crosse DD28 91.6% (DD30 51.2% is only other one that made the goal)

Madison None (DD48 close at 47.8%)

Milwaukee DD 69 55% (no others made the goal)

Superior DD87 133.3% (no others made the goal)

Diocese Bishop check Incentive

At a meeting of the State Officers this year they passes the incentive to give \$500 to the Bishop of every Diocese that make their year to date quota on the dates of 10/1, 1/1 and 4/1, also if they get 110% of their goal on 6/30, they can get an additional \$500. This year we have had the La Crosse Diocese achieve the first 2 quarters of this incentive. Congratulations to the La Crosse Diocese on this achievement and wish them continued success for the rest of the fraternal year.

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

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Membership Information continued



Stats of Interest

- 10 Councils are 100% or higher
- 28 Councils are 50% to 99%
- 31 Councils are 25% to 49%
- 61 Councils are 1% to 24%
- 176 Councils are 0% or lower
- 144 Councils have not recruited a new member this year.

Councils at 100% or above of their goal (1/1/16)

5127	Colby	225%
10714	Green Bay	171%
6444	Brussels	150%
16244	Greenville	150%
2770	Mauston	142%
12269	Appleton	140%
4706	Milwaukee	100%
5438	Mequon-Thiensville	100%
8985	Webster	100%

Year to date percentage of net goal by Diocese (1/1/16)

La Crosse	106.2%
Superior	91.2%
Green Bay	81.3%
Madison	60.5%
Milwaukee	42.2%

Districts at 0% or lower for the year in membership

- Green Bay Districts: 3, 5, 6, and 7
- La Crosse Districts: No districts are below 11%
- Madison Districts: 42, 45, 46, and 51
- Milwaukee Districts: 64, 66 and 71
- Superior Districts: 86, 90 and 91

A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

Insurance check-up for 2016

Where did 2015 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

We hope you and your family had a great finish to 2015. Now, the first month of 2016 is speeding by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. We've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. We don't know exactly how this works, but we've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. We recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and we should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with us, your professional Knights of Columbus Agents, and we'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did we mention our check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call us today.

Fraternally,

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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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 Cir.
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

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 ARE BEING SENT TO EACH COUNCIL

An questions or concerns can be directed to the
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State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

I trust that as we enter 2016, your Program plans and efforts are going well. Continue to use your Fraternal Planning Calendars to aid you in this process. Also, be sure at your monthly meetings to utilize the checklists you have received in your District meeting packets to monitor your progress toward Star Council and Complete Council! What do you already have done; what's on tap for this month; what's yet to be done? Your DD will help monitor your progress. Remember, **EVERY COUNCIL SHOULD BE A STAR AND COMPLETE COUNCIL!** In January, your Fraternal Survey and Special Olympics Participation forms are due to Supreme by January 31. They're very important – be sure you get yours in on time even if you had no information for the Special Olympics form! In February, your Family of the Year and Medallion Award applications are due to State Office by February 15. Be sure to honor someone from your Council/parish for these prestigious awards which I'm sure they deserve! Remember, also, that your History Books are due to your DD by February 1 and your Service Program Award nominations are due to State Office by March 1. Download the forms for both these programs from the State website. A History Book is required for the Complete Council Award, as best you can do. Every Council has great programs deserving of recognition, so pick the best from each category and get those applications in soon to AA Tony Schreiner at State Office. We have received confirmation that the State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests will be held on Saturday, March 19 at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids. Times figure to be registration and practice for Free Throw 11 AM-Noon with competition starting at Noon. Registration for Math and Spelling will be 11:30 AM-12:30 PM with competition beginning at 12:45 PM. Council, District Free Throw and Diocesan Contests will need to be completed by March 13. Remember that, as you advance, students/athletes to higher levels that they are required to have an **ACCURATE, LEGIBLE, COMPLETELY FILLED OUT** travel card for registration at the District, Diocesan and State competitions. The left and right sides of the card and the bottom **MUST** be completely filled out. If you have questions on this, please feel free to contact your Diocesan Program Coordinator, IPSD Tim Genthe or me. Also note that at Diocesan and State levels, a student/athlete can compete in only 1 contest! They could do Math and Spelling or Knowledge and Free Throw and the Council level. But, since the competitions are held simultaneously at the Diocesan and State levels, they have to choose 1 competition only! We cannot accommodate those who wish to compete before, after or at some other time than when they are scheduled due to tie-breaker and awards procedures. As you prepare your February-June programming and look towards your Columbian Award applications, don't forget about our 8 featured Supreme programs, participation in which can not only do so much to advocate our charitable works, but also fulfill significant sections of the Columbian Award, if done on a major level. Those programs are: Coats for Kids, Food for Families, RSVP, Marches for Life, Ultrasound Projects, Special Olympics, Global Wheelchairs and habitat for Humanity. The Marches for Life and Ultrasound Projects are especially appropriate this month of January with the January 22 Roe v. Wade anniversary in the middle. Given the weather at this writing, Coats for Kids is highly appropriate. Food for Families has always been stressed for February-March when pantry supplies are often reduced after the Holiday season but demand is still great. With Lent beginning February 10, it's a great time to organize a "40 cans for Lent Drive" as part of your Food for Families program. Work with your parish or cluster, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference or County Council, and make it happen! Check with the State or Supreme websites to find more information on these programs and how they relate to the Columbian Award. Significant financial rebates can also be earned for Councils with the Food for Families program, up to \$500. Finally, continue to use your programming as a way to attract new members and retain the ones you have! Include your prospects, parents, parishioners and community members in your programs to see the good that we do through united action. Give them a role and they'll want to become one of us. Likewise, get your new members involved in a project or 2 that they enjoy. For your older, less or uninvolved members, use that interest survey and semi-annual phone calls to reconnect with them; find out areas they are interested in so you can get them back into action again.



Have a great January, stay warm and Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally, Bill Frayer, State Program Director

Our Marriage Prayer - World Marriage Day is Sunday February 14th, 2016

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

The marriage is the foundation of the family. Our prayer is to start a movement where every married couple globally will pray the **Our Marriage Prayer** daily during their family prayers. By being reminded daily to love each other, to forgive each other and ask God to protect the marriage, it will strengthen the marriage so that it can endure the challenges that will be faced in life.

But more importantly, by your praying the Our Marriage Prayer in front of your children every day, they will start memorizing it and hopefully they will also pray it with their spouses when they get married someday. This will allow the strengthened marriages and God's protection to be passed down to your grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The next World Marriage Day is Sunday February 14th, 2016. On this day, we prayerfully ask that **Our Marriage Prayer** be published in your church's bulletin or flier for that Sunday.

We ask you for your prayers in helping make this movement a reality!

Joseph and Mary Uchytel
juchytel@outlook.com

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

January - Family of the Month Report

I hope everyone had a glorious Christmas and happy New Year. Well with me saying this I also hope all councils have a good start on all of those, Family of the Year nominations. These nominations are to be sent to the State Family Coordinator by February 15th. My mailing address is N47042 Semingson Rd. Strum WI. 54770. I hope to see many applications because there have been times in the past, where there were no nominations from some diocese jurisdictions. To me this is very sad that councils are too busy, to acknowledge a family from their council. I know that to make a very good nomination, a lot of time is used to research and document, the achievements of families chosen for the FOY nomination. All the FOY committee members all agree that a good nomination consists of a 2-3 inch Binder filled with information on the family. The information that this binder contains is the only information we use when choosing the family for each of the diocesan winners.

Now how does a council choose a family to complete a nomination for? First think of what the family does for the Church, the Knights of Columbus, for the youth, for our communities, and pro-life.

The most important quality a family can exhibit is how they demonstrate to others their Christian faith. Are they doing the work of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by helping others in need? Do they show mercy and understanding to others, and are willing to support the works of Jesus Christ, regardless of how it changes their lives. We all know that this is always a positive effect on the lives of everyone. Please remember that any of the Knights of Columbus families in Wisconsin, with the right documentation, could be the next International Family of the Year recipient. Choose your Family of the Year, and document their achievements, with a winning nomination in mind.

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH November 2015

	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>
Green Bay Diocese Donald & Caryl Onesti, Tigerton	5008	3
La Crosse Diocese Joseph & Sandra Perlock, Mosinee	5488	28
Madison Diocese David & Peggy McCarthy	1909	52
Milwaukee Archdiocese David Lorenz, Allenton	11301	60
Superior Diocese Bernard & Doreen Severin, Hammond	7030	81

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run 2016

Supreme has sent out the plans for the 2016 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run. Wisconsin is part of Route 3 from Canada to the Basilica in Monterrey Mexico. Our part is during July rather than June. We will receive the Rose from Iowa and transfer it to Illinois, having the Rose for four rather than three weeks. We have thirty-three councils desiring to host a prayer service, covering all four corners of the State. The following is Route 3 with the States and their receiving dates.

Manitoba	6 March
North Dakota	3 April
South Dakota	24 April
Minnesota	22 May
Iowa	19 June
Wisconsin	10 July
Illinois	7 August
Missouri	4 September
Arkansas	25 September
Texas	16 October
Mexico	10 December
Monterrey	12 December



We have arranged exchanges with Iowa and Illinois. We have put together a route in the State and are coordinating with each of the councils to work out details. We are trying to cover the entire State, minimize travel distances and increase involvement. We are hoping to set a new record in setting up the program in Wisconsin. The route and map will be published in the newsletter as soon as it is completed.

John Sustar, Wisconsin State Coordinator
jsustar@hughes.net, 608 847-1140

State Officer Candidate Resume

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

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

Wisconsin

Rolling in a New Century

Be a part of Wisconsin History!

*The State Bowling Tournament will be held during the months of
February, March and April 2016*

Fond du Lac

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

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

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**

www.kofc.org



The Pro-Life Declaration: www.prolife.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

2016 Knowledge Contest

Council Level

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

Council Knowledge Contests must be completed by **February 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 15, 2015.** The tentative date of the State Contest makes this change necessary!

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

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

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

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

State Level

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

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

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

Western District 4th Degree Exemplification - February 6, 2016

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



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Patriotic degree of the Order.

The qualifications to join the Fourth Degree, a member must be a third degree member in good standing.

For more information contact Master Ronald J. Shymanski 2951 15th St. South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
(715) 423-0939 or 3grandsons@solarus.net

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

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



Special Olympics Wisconsin

Winter Games January 23 and 24, 2016

<http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/state-games/winter-games/>

Venue Sites :

**Nine Mile Forest
8704 Red Bud Road
Wausau, WI 54401**

**Granite Peak at Rib Mountain State Park
3605 North Mountain Road
Wausau, WI 54402**

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

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

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

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

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

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

Mark Wagner State Charity Director

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

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

Schedule

Icon #1

Icon #2

Icon #3

January 10, 2016 through February 6, 2016

District 64 District 3 District 86

February 7, 2016 through March 5, 2016

District 63 District 28 District 80

March 6, 2016 through April 9, 2016

District 70 District 27 District 91

April 10, 2016 through May 7, 2016

District 69 District 20 District 83

May 8, 2016 through June 4, 2016

District 68 District 44 District 87

June 5, 2016 through July 2, 2016

District 67 District 5 District 89

July 3, 2016 through July 30, 2016

District 72 District 10 District 88

July 31, 2016 through August 27, 2016

District 49 District 14 District 81

August 28, 2016 through September 24, 2016

District 50 District 9 District 21

September 25, 2016 through October 22, 2016

District 48 District 8 District 22

October 23, 2016 through November 19, 2016

District 51 District 7 District 29

November 20, 2016 through December 17, 2016

District 47 District 13 District 25



Icon #1

Icon #2

Icon #3

December 18, 2016 through January 21, 2017

District 42 District 4 District 26

January 22, 2017 through February 18, 2017

District 45 District 12 District 23

February 19, 2017 through March 18, 2017

District 43 District 11 District 46

March 19, 2017 through April 22, 2017

District 52 District 61 District 30

April 23, 2017 through May 20, 2017

District 40 District 62 District 24

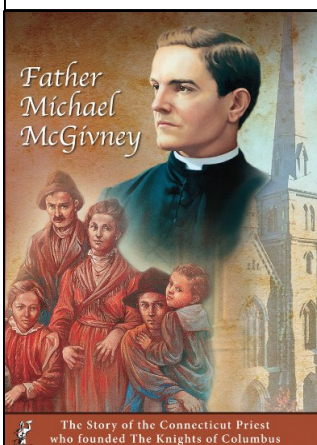
May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017

District 41 District 60

June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017

District 66 District 1

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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

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

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

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

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

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

Sister Mary Rose McGready

Father McGivney Prayer

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



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

www.ourladyofamerica.org/



5 "Truth Bombs" About Marriage from the Catechism

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

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

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

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

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

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

Building the Domestic Church
“The Family Fully Alive”

<http://www.kofc.org>

**Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated,
our family wants to promote the life-giving spirit of our families.**

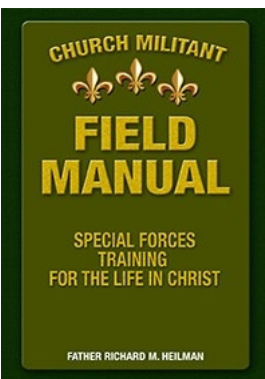
Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what “life” really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await “eternal life” — the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance, has also explained to us what “life” means: “this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we “live.”

Pope Benedict XVI
Spe Salvi, 57

1. *How would our family life be different if we did not love at all?*
2. *In what areas has the faith and God’s love shown me how to love?*
3. *Why is living in relationship with God so important to really “living”?*

February - Psalm of the Month (Psalm 139)

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me!
Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up;
thou discernest my thoughts from afar.
Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,
and art acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
Thou dost beset me behind and before,
and layest thy hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it.
Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?



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

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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

- 1 - 7732, Hilbert
- 3 - 10714, Allouez
- 4 - 5382, Green Bay
- 20 - 12393, New Holstein

March

- 7 - 3955, De Pere
- 21 - 2556, Chilton
- 21 - 10243, Green Bay

La Crosse Diocese

January

- 25 - 1654/6789, Alma

February

- 11 - 1170, Stevens Point
- 23 - 2787, Independence

March

- 5 - 11832, Fountain City
- 21 - 13880, Plover

Madison Diocese

January

- 24 - 3099, Sauk City

February

- 16 - 9230, Janesville
- 28 - 6997, Poynette

March

- 8 - 4879, Sun Prairie
- 10 - 10363, Janesville

Milwaukee Diocese

January

- 21 - 697, Racine
- 21 - 3702, Brookfield
- 21 - 15659, Racine
- 23 - 4240 Menomonee Falls

January

- 25 - 13733, Big Bend
- 25 - 15090, Waukesha

February

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

March

- 8 - 524, Milwaukee
- 8 - 3562, Pewaukee

Milwaukee Diocese (cont.)

March

- 15 - 1709, South Milwaukee
- 15 - 5438, Mequon
- 17 - 697, Racine
- 17 - 3702, Brookfield
- 17 - 15659, Racine
- 28 - 13733, Big Bend
- 28 - 15090, Waukesha

Superior Diocese

February

- 7 - 6370, Frederic
- 11 - 4954, Glenwood City

March

- 2 - 7030, Hammond
- 10 - 1133, Merrill
- 15 - 12609, Balsam Lake

Second Degrees: Unity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 23, 2016	9:30am	4240	Menomononee Falls	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 20, 2016	10:00am	16171	Milwaukee	Jonathan Richter	(262)844-2998
February 20, 2016	10:00am	12393	New Holstein	Jack Wrbanich	(920)465-3485
March 5, 2016	11:00am	697	Racine	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

Third Degrees: Fraternity

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 23, 2016	11:00am	4240	Menomononee Falls	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 20, 2016	10:00am	16171	Milwaukee	Jonathan Richter	(262)844-2998
February 20, 2016		12393	New Holstein	Jack Wrbanich	(920)465-3485
March 5, 2016	1:00pm	697	Racine	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	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916

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

Fourth Degrees: Patriotism

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



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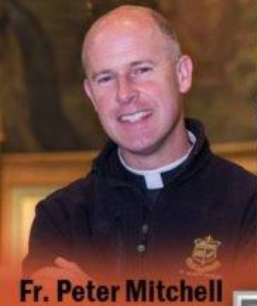
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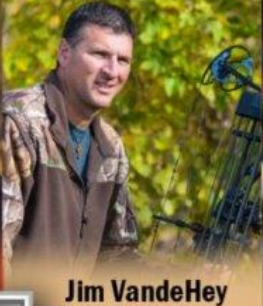


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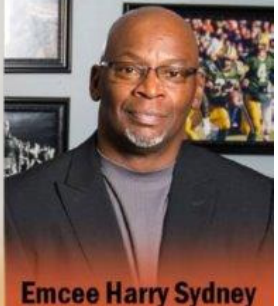
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March 5, 2016

KI Convention Center, Green Bay, Wisconsin

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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.



HOLY LEAGUE

Joining Forces in a Spirit of Marian Chivalry

"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

Special Olympics International Torch Run



Jim Brien of Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 4671 Crivitz is running the torch for the torch run for Special Olympics for the World games in front of Miller Park Milwaukee. The torch started in Athens Greece and ended in Los Angeles.

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Little Sisters of the Poor, guests of House Speaker Paul Ryan, arrive at US Capitol to attend President Obama's State of the Union address

<http://www.becketfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Knights-of-Columbus-LSP-Amicus.pdf>



Knights of Columbus Supreme Advocate John A. Marella filed an Amicus brief. An Amicus, or "friend-of-the-court brief," are filed by groups, individuals, and scholars who are not part of the case before the Supreme Court, but who care about how the Court rules.

Congressman Ryan is a member of Fr. Gilbert Carlton Council 9360 in Janesville, WI

Dozens of amicus briefs have been filed in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the other religious nonprofits who are challenging the legality of the Obama administration's so-called "accommodation" on its HHS contraceptive mandate.

Knights of Columbus: *Discussing how the accommodation does not sensibly serve any compelling governmental interest (and is not the least restrictive means of doing so), this brief shows, among other things, the bizarre implications of the government's odd decision to base its exemption from the mandate (as opposed to the accommodation) on an obscure provision of the tax code that was designed for a purpose unrelated to religious liberty.* Read more at: <http://www.nationalreview.com/bench-memos/429662/little-sisters-amicus-briefs>



Christmas Parade

Council 4671 Crivitz had this float in the Crivitz and Pound Christmas parade. It was put together by Brother Gregg Grabowski.



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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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