



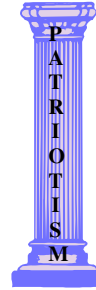
One Nation Under God!



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus

Notes - July 2015

GO TO JOSEPH



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Editor: Timothy J. Guski

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

State Deputy's Message

As we begin another fraternal year, let us rededicate ourselves to the basics. Legendary coach Vince Lombardi was a big believer in the basics. He is reported to have opened his training camps by holding up a football in front of his team and addressing them saying, "Gentlemen, this is a football." With a focus on the basics, he established an outstanding winning tradition. So will we. But what are our basics?



Our first, and primary basic, directly from our founder, Father McGivney, is our devotion to the spiritual health of our brothers. Father McGivney knew that we men are the key to spiritually healthy families, and that our involvement in parish life is the key to a healthy and vibrant parish.

Over the last year as your State Deputy I have heard many success stories. I have also heard of struggling councils. Each of them is unique in some ways, but I have learned that each of them is also the same. And they are not just the same as the other struggling councils. They are the same as every successful council.

They are the same in that they are comprised of Catholic men. And Catholic men not only share the fullness of Faith, they also share something every child of our Creator shares, and that is a capacity to sacrifice for the good of another. I challenge each and every one of you to make some small sacrifice for the benefit of another, and feel bad about it. Go ahead. I dare you. Do something nice for someone; something they cannot repay, or do it anonymously so they do not know who to thank. Now feel bad about it. You can't. Your Creator did not wire you that way.

And so every council has Brother Knights with the capacity to serve their Brother Knights; the capacity to serve their Parish Priest, and the capacity to serve their families. That service leads directly to Joy! Joy, my Brothers, a cheerful countenance, is one of the most contagious things that can infect a council. I am convinced that this is exactly what our Holy Father had in mind when he encouraged us to evangelize by attraction. This is the way we will build our order and our Holy Church.

My dear brothers, this simple basic is within the reach of each of us. I have never met people more giving, nor more cheerful in their giving, than you. I have full faith and confidence that this simple, humble, basic practice will attract more men to our order.

Now, I am not talking about just any giving, as great as that can be. I am talking about giving the gift of a healthy spiritual life. If you want your council to really score big, give the gift of the sponsorship of an adoration hour, a spiritual retreat, or a TMIY group. The men of your parish will never be able to repay you for the rich blessings that will flow to them. Their only option will be to join you and pay it forward.

Brothers, your formula for success is simple. Practice our first basic, and be open to receive the coaching of your highly trained District Deputy in this and all other matters. Your District Deputy is fresh off a weekend of training and is fully prepared to coach you and your council to success this fraternal year.



Are you ready to succeed? Will you accept the coaching? Your answer determines everything.

Vivat Jesus!

Be Not Afraid to Go To Joseph!

Ronald F Faust, State Deputy

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

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State Chaplain's Message Very Reverend Richard M. Heilman

St. Josemaria Escriva wrote: "What security should be ours in considering the mercy of the Lord! 'He has but to cry for redress, and I, the ever merciful, will listen to him' (Ex 22:27). It is an invitation, a promise that He will not fail to fulfill. 'Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, and we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need' (Heb 4:16). The enemies of our sanctification will be rendered powerless if the mercy of God goes before us. And if through our own fault and human weakness we should fall, the Lord comes to our aid and raises us up."

We have a Divine Physician Who desires to remove all of the spiritual blocks of sin and disobedience that inhibit the free flow of Divine Life into us. These blocks are like the plaque that can build up in arteries, restricting blood flow to the heart. St. Thomas Aquinas said: "In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance."

"The whole power of the Sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with Him in an intimate friendship" (Roman Catechism, II, V, 18). St. Augustine tells us: "This very moment I may, if I desire, become the friend of God." Indeed the Sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God (Lk 15:32).

For those who partake in frequent Confession — at least once a month — they have come to understand the restorative and refreshing value of this practice. Pope John Paul II (who went to Confession weekly) taught: "It would be an illusion to seek after holiness, according to the vocation one has received from God, without partaking frequently of this sacrament of conversion and reconciliation. Those who go to Confession frequently, and do so with the desire to make progress, will notice the strides that they make in their spiritual lives."

<http://www.romancatholicman.com/go-to-confession-frequently/>

State of Wisconsin: June 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	280	280	337	120.4	151	186	19	56	55	120.4
La Crosse	248	248	255	102.8	97	158	13	85	40	102.8
Madison	257	257	207	80.5%	104	103	16	52	48	80.5
Milwaukee	401	401	284	70.8%	112	172	15	87	46	70.8
Superior	139	139	82	59.0%	73	9	24	34	23	59.0
Total	1,325	1325	1165	87.9%	537	628	87	314	212	87.9%

Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status
1325	1165

81.75%

Circle of Honor Net
998
628

62.93%

Circle of Honor Net/Net
100
-297

-297%

Deceased Members
925



Jonnie O says, "I Want You Recruiting 24/7/365!"
State Membership Director - Jon Olson

Member-ship as of	Current Member-ship as of
7/1/2014	7/1/2015
36,616	36,319

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2014-2015 Year End Membership Summary (chart on previous page)

The Good, Bad and the Ugly

The Good

Thank you my brother Knights on the efforts you brought towards recruiting in the last fraternal year. Through your efforts we have brought in over 1100 members this past year.

Some of our state's councils had great years. We had 41 councils in our state make their membership goal. Below are some councils that went above their duty and recruited more than double their goal.

3 COUNCILS THAT MADE 200%- 399% OF GOAL

Union Grove 4106 216.67%

Lake Geneva 1647 233.33%

Polonia 12467 325%

3 COUNCILS THAT MADE 400% OR OVER

Flintville 10260 425% 17 new members

Green Bay 10714 440% 22 new members

Racine 15659 450% 18 new members

We had 6 districts that reached their goal or surpassed it.

5 John J Gravel 195.4%

9 John A Franczek 100%

24 Thomas W Eder 156%

65 John F Kubicek 115%

70 Dennis a Bednarek 120%

72 Norbert J Dekeuster Jr. 509%

We had the Green Bay Diocese reach the 100% by 6/1 and the 100% by 6/30 goals. So they will be presenting an extra \$1000 check to Bishop Ricken for vocations. Congratulation to them for this achievement.

The Bad

We had this year 87 Councils that did not recruit a new member this past fraternal year. We continued to have 16 district that did not break the 0% membership mark. We also had 537 suspended members this past fraternal year.

The Ugly

We had 925 member pass away this fraternal year (Over 2.5 members per day). Which when you take the intake (1165), and subtract the suspended members (537) you get a net of 628. Then you need to subtract the number of deaths (925) and get a net/net of -297 members from what we started with at 7/1/14.

I admit this sounds negative and depressing, but we need to keep it in perspective. We have had worse years (last year was net/net - 339) and we have had better years (1999-2000 was net/net 225). We as a group just need to be sure we are doing best to spread the word of how the Knights of Columbus can make a positive impact in the lives of every Catholic family. Doing our best to understand that if we never or stop asking men to join us, they will never know what they are missing. Such great things we have to offer. Such a fulfilling lives we can give them.

This next fraternal year has started very slow in regards to recruitment. This is where we start our downward slide in the net/net negative due to our lack of recruiting in the months of July and August. Please keep your focus on doing first degrees every month in your districts. If you do not know of your monthly first degree schedule in you district, please contact your District Deputy and ask if he has set this schedule up. We have found that if a degree is scheduled, then it is easier to work toward the deadline on the degree instead of holding a degree when you have a candidate for it. It is also easier and more professional to inform at the prospect to candidate interview of the upcoming degree.

In closing I wish you to ask your district deputy and Grand knight of what Supreme or State incentives there are available for the first few months of the year. We are trying to make recruiting fun and rewarding for your and the family you are inviting to our order.

Thank you and good luck in the upcoming Fraternal Year.

One First Degree - Per District - Per Month

Jon Olson, State Membership

Careers at Knights of Columbus Insurance

Do well for yourself while doing good for others. Put your Catholic faith into action and experience a career with Knights of Columbus. Know someone who needs a career change? Share this with someone you know. Are you passionate about being a Knight, enjoy setting your own schedule and derive satisfaction from making a difference in the lives of fellow Catholics?

With a field force of over 1,400 career agents and openings throughout the U.S. and Canada, now is the perfect time to consider a career with Knights of Columbus Insurance. As one of the strongest and most highly rated insurance companies in North America, we are committed to providing financial protection to our members and their families.

Want more information? Call one of our Supreme Council Insurance General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin today:

Ed Knolmayer (Northwestern WI): 715-425-0773

Joe Molosky (Northeastern WI): 715-938-5632

Ken Sosnowski (Southeastern WI): 262-242-3350

Historic 2015 National 54 Day Rosary Novena

August 15 through October 7, 2015

Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages in prayer
across America

Mark your calendars & spread the word

A Message of Hope in response to the spiritual crisis in our culture and nation



What: Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena Intentions
27 days in *petition* from August 15 through September 10, 2015
27 days in *thanksgiving* from September 11 through October 7, 2015

Take Action for Religious Freedom



Where: Pray the rosary individually or as a family
in your home or as part of your parish community or
other groups

Primary Novena Intention: "For the Family & Marriage" including for peace, hu-
man life and religious freedom

Visit the website for more information www.54days.org and to view
Archbishop Listecki's letter to the Bishops of America

A *Hearts United Campaign* of the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate



5 "Truth Bombs" About Marriage from the Catechism

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

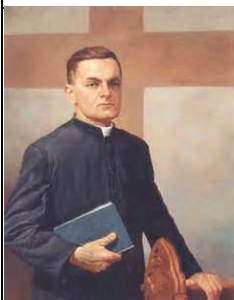
"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring." (1601)

"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 unending 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)



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.

K of C Camping Opportunity

The KCIC (Knights of Columbus International Campers). This camporee will be held in Monticello, IA at Walnut Ares Campground from August 1-7, 2015. This camporee gives you the opportunity to meet members of the Knights of Columbus and their families from a variety of states and members from Canada. Whether you are coming for a weekend or a few days, you are sure to have a wonderful time at our family-friendly KCIC Camporee. Walnut Acres has over 600 camping sites and two cabin rentals. Enjoy the campground's spring fed lake where you can fish, river tubing trail and large sand beach. The campground also has a new zero entry swimming pool. During the week there are many events for all to enjoy.

For more information about camping, contact Tom Schmitz, State Camping Coordinator, at (920) 923-1215 or by e-mail at trsknights@yahoo.com please put **KC CAMPING** in the subject line. I do not open any e-mails that are not familiar or recognizable.

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Family of the Month Report

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

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

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

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

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

Wisconsin State Council's June 2015 DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Green Bay Diocese	Council	District
Edward & Noreen Vander Bloomen Jr. Manitowoc, WI	1957	12
La Crosse Diocese		
David & Carol Bittner Mosinee, WI	5488	28
Madison Diocese		
Bill & Barbara Linscheid Highland, WI	1909	52
Milwaukee Archdiocese		
George & Ana Gabay Fond du Lac, WI	9685	60
Superior Diocese		
Dennis & Rhonda Malecek Hammond, WI	7030	81

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

Ronald & Alice Gordon	1957	Two Rivers
Joseph & Dorothy Becker	3562	Hartland
Joe & Karla Lewis	4646	Aurburndale
Barry & Lisa Bigaouette	5456	Ellsworth
Franklin & Gloria Leis	7096	Cashton
John & Peggy Malmberg	14362	Kenosha



Our Marriage Prayer

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us.
To work that love into practical things
so that nothing can divide us.
We ask for words both kind and loving
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness
as well as to forgive.*

Dear Lord,

we put our marriage into Your hands.

Amen

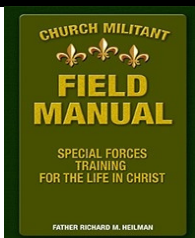


HOLY LEAGUE

Joining Forces in a Spirit of Marian Chivalry

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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.

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State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brothers,

I hope that you, as I am, are looking forward to a super 2015-16 Fraternal/Program Year! You should be using your Fraternal Planning Calendar to plan and carry out some major family, Culture of Life, Faith Formation, charitable and community service programs! Focus on the Orderwide Family Week in August. Remember in your planning to be sure to open up your initiation to parents, parishioners and community members to assist with, as well as participate in your programs. This may well spur them to want to join. Schedule an open house and your 1st Degree in advance. Every program should be an opportunity to promote membership.

I congratulate the apparently 20 Councils who earned the Star Council Award (if their Columbian Award application is approved). In addition, 22 Councils appear to have earned the Fr. McGivney Award for membership and 4 who earned the Founder's Award for insurance membership. Those are significant improvements. But, if we can get those Councils to step up a bit next year along with our 5 new Councils, could give us 47 Stars next year! In addition, 20 Councils came within the 2/3 mark of reaching their membership goals and 11 who came close on their insurance goals. That'd be nearly 80 Stars – we should be able to do that and more since Star Council should be everyone's goal!

Complete Council Awards and Columbian Awards were still being calculated as of this writing. More on those next month!

“Our PKD contributions appear to be up this year compared to the last 2 years. One of our goals for 2015-16 is to make this program greater than ever – perhaps \$20,000 or more per Diocese! ... To that note we are going to strongly promote for this year the “Golden Giver” level for this program. When Penny-a-Knight-a-Day (PKD) was initiated in 1970 by then-State Deputy Edward Quillin, it was pegged at \$3.65 (cost of a carton of cigarettes –then) Today, that's a literal drop in the bucket and nowhere close to the impact of that program 45 years ago! So, we are urging all who possibly can to consider an NKD level – Nickel-a-Knight-a-Day. That's still only \$18.25, less than \$20. That's not a lot to contribute toward our future – the Catholic education of our children/grandchildren and beyond! Council may have other ideas for generating funds to further increase the level of support for that program.

Finally, it's not too early to start planning for your fall PPK/Soccer Competitions. Work with your parochial, private and public schools. Hold the event at a site where youth football or soccer games are being played! Combine with a neighboring Council(s) or as a district to hold a competition! It's not that hard to do! I'm always available, as are your Diocesan Program Coordinators, to help you with new programs/events!

I look forward to meeting you all at the Fall Diocesan Meetings. If I can be of any help, don't hesitate to contact me. Remember to send copies of your forms when sent in – 185, 365, Audit, etc. to your Diocesan Coordinator and/or me as well as to Supreme, State and your DD. Have a great summer!

Vivat Jesus,
Bill Frayer, State Program Director

Charity Raffle

The Charity Raffle Committee is working on the tickets and packet information for the 2015/2016 fraternal year. The color of our tickets will be yellow/gold. This year we will again have prizes totaling \$115,000.

The prize structure has changed to the following: 1st prize \$50,000, 2nd prize \$25,000 or a 2016 FLHXS Harley Street Glide Bike, 3rd prize \$15,000, 4th and 5th prize will be \$5,000 each, 6th thru 10th prize will be \$1,000 each and 11th thru 30th \$500 each.

Our goal for the 2015/2016 year is \$700,000. If every member would sell one ticket for each of the months of January, February, March and April we would raise over \$2,000,000 for charity needs.

The tickets will be packed in mid-October and distributed to the District Deputies. If you have not received your box of tickets and information by November 30th, please contact your District Deputy or if you do not have a District Deputy, call me and I will let you know who to contact. My number is in the State Directory.

There are important forms in your information packet, so please review all of the information and see that the proper individual in your council receives the necessary paperwork.

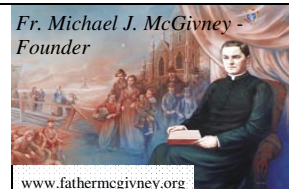
Remember – We make a living by what we do. We make a life by what we give.

Mark Wagner State Charity Director

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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2014 - 2015 Culture of Life Essay Contest – State Winners

1st Place 12th Grade - Jack David Weston, WI.
Council #1069 Wausau, LaCrosse Diocese,
“A Glimpse of Heaven”

1st Place 11th Grade - Mykoela Otto Amery, WI
Council #12609 Balsam Lake, Superior Diocese,
“It Only Takes One”

2nd Place 11th Grade - Jonathan Gontarz of Wausau, WI
Council #1069 Wausau, LaCrosse Diocese,
“The Role of a Culture of Life in Today’s Society”

1st Place 10th Grade - Seanna Jeffrey of Merrill, WI
Council #5488 Mosinee, LaCrosse Diocese,
“Hope, Love, and Jesus Christ”

2nd Place 10th Grade - Ann Connolly of Marathon, WI
Council #1069 Wausau, LaCrosse Diocese,
“The World’s Altered Views on Suicide”

1st Place 9th Grade - McKenzie Mallek of Stevens Point, WI
Council #1170 Stevens Point, LaCrosse Diocese,
“What Could Have Been”

2nd Place 9th Grade - Laura Larrain of Wausau, WI
Council #1069 Wausau, LaCrosse Diocese, “Life in Our Society”

1st Place 8th Grade - Julia Nordloh of Kenosha, WI
Council #14362 Kenosha, Milwaukee Archdiocese,
"A Girl Named Addie"

2nd Place 8th Grade - T.J. Harikkala of Greenville, WI
Council #7895 Hortonville, Green Bay Diocese,
"The Second Civil War"

1st Place 7th Grade - Saralyn Carey of Junction City, WI
Council #1170 Stevens Point, LaCrosse Diocese,
"A Change of Heart"

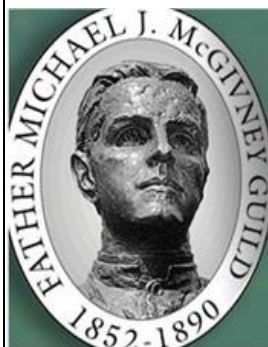
2nd Place 7th Grade Grace Gage of Marathon, WI
Council #1069 Wausau, LaCrosse Diocese, "Pro-Life Media"

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/mcg/en/contact/register.html#>



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OUR
FOUNDER

" 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

"WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

We have renewed our commitment of \$100,000 to send "Team Wisconsin" to the 2018 National Games in Seattle, WA.

Our beliefs as Catholic and as Knights drive us to help these very special brothers and sisters. Our commitment reflects a \$0.75/member/year for four years to get us to our \$100,000 goal. We have donations totaling \$23,664.69; nearly **25%** of our goal for 2018. These donation include, corporate donation, recycling donations, and Council donations. Council donations include Council checks and intellectual Disability Checks.

Make your donations to Wisconsin K of C Charities, and tab them for "Team Wisconsin"

Send them to;

Bryce Lisowski

S 1345 County Road NN

Alma, WI 54610

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



**Special
Olympics**

Bryce Lisowski, Special Olympics Coordinator

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A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

Only having "through work" insurance doesn't work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. We'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

Contact us today to learn more about our products.

Fraternally,

The Supreme Council Insurance General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin;

Ed Knolmayer
715-425-0773

Joe Molosky
715-938-5632

Ken Sosnowski
262-242-3350



"I'm the Guy" (Author Unknown)

I'm the guy who asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join.

I'm the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid attention to.

I tried several times to be friends, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and sit next to.

I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me.

I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there.

No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been.

I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch TV.

The following meeting, I attended, but no one asked me where I was for the last meeting.

You might say I'm a good guy or a "good family man" who holds a responsible job and loves his community and country.

You know who else I am?

THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK.

It amuses me how the heads of organizations and the members discuss WHY the organization is losing members.

It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for NEW members when I was there all the time.

All they need to do was make me feel needed, wanted, and WELCOME!

What are you doing to keep "That Guy"?

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities

The Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus has released the final figures of their recent Tootsie Roll Drive to "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities". The 2015 program raised in excess of \$675,000.00. Local councils will distribute in their immediate area over \$461,000 of these funds to local groups and organization that assist the intellectually disabled. The State Committee will have available an additional \$154,000 to distribute through their grant application process.

Organizations that work with People with Intellectual Disabilities are encouraged to submit applications for these funds to the Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus. Grant applications can be directed to: Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus % Mark Jelinek, State Chairman, 120 North Park Street, Richland Center, WI 53581. Fifteen (15) copies of the application are necessary and must be submitted by November 20, 2015. Applications must be written on your organizations letterhead and must contain the following information: who do you serve, how many people you serve will be impacted by the grant, how much money you are seeking, and what the money will purchase or provide and grant.

KC Councils are encouraged to assist groups to apply for grant money but the application itself must come from the organization who will receive the grant.

A list of who was awarded grants last year can be found on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Website Forms Page, Community Heading.



Thank you for all you do for our order.
Mark Jelinek
ID Director

She was pregnant and scared.

She had no job and no higher education. A baby was the last thing she needed. Where would she turn? Then the doorbell rang. It was Joe, the father of her child. "What are you doing here?" Christine asked hesitantly.

Joe pulled out a ring. "I want you to marry me," he said.

Years later, Joe and Christine have four beautiful children. Joe works hard to provide for his wife and kids, and their home is filled with love and laughter.

One man stepped up and took responsibility. And his choice made all the difference.

Through our chastity education and crisis pregnancy resources, Pro-Life Wisconsin equips men like Joe to be fathers who care. We realize that responsible choices can literally save lives, and we want equip mothers---and fathers---with everything they need to welcome new life with joy and love.

This Father's Day, we give thanks for men everywhere who gave and still give the gift of their presence and care. Because dads really do make a difference.



Pro-Life Wisconsin

In Christ,
Dan Miller, State Director



First Degree - Honoree

State Deputy Ronald Faust asks all Councils to show their appreciation to their Bishop
Host a first degree in the Bishop's honor this year.

Thank your Bishop for his support of the Knights of Columbus
and for attending the State Convention.

Superior ?





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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

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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



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Because no one should be isolated, we want to live parish life as a family of families.

Among the fundamental tasks of the Christian family is its ecclesial task: the family is placed at the service of the building up of the Kingdom of God in history by participating in the life and mission of the Church.

In order to understand better the foundations, the contents and the characteristics of this participation, we must examine the many profound bonds linking the Church and the Christian family and establishing the family as a “Church in miniature” (*Ecclesia domestica*) in such a way that in its own way the family is a living image and historical representation of the mystery of the Church.

It is, above all, the Church as Mother that gives birth to, educates and builds up the Christian family, by putting into effect in its regard the saving mission which she has received from her Lord. By proclaiming the word of God, the Church reveals to the Christian family its true identity, what it is and should be according to the Lord’s plan; by celebrating the sacraments, the Church enriches and strengthens the Christian family with the grace of Christ for its sanctification to the glory of the Father; by the continuous proclamation of the new commandment of love, the Church encourages and guides the Christian family to the service of love, so that it may imitate and relive the same self-giving and sacrificial love that the Lord Jesus has for the entire human race.

St. John Paul II

Familiaris Consortio, §49

1. Pick a sacrament (confession, Eucharist, matrimony, etc.) or program in the parish; how has the parish enriched our family?
2. How can our family take advantage of what is offered in the Church, being more open to the graces offered to make our family holy?
3. How can our family become more involved in the parish — shaping the parish with our love the way parishes can shape families with Christ’s love?

August - Psalm of the Month (Psalm 8)

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!
Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted
by the mouth of babes and infants,
thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars which thou hast established;
what is man that thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man that thou dost care for him?
Yet thou hast made him little less than God,

and dost crown him with glory and honor.
Thou hast given him dominion over the works of
thy hands;
thou hast put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



June 5, 2015

DATED INFORMATION PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY!

Worthy Grand Knight,

In accordance with the by-laws of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Bowling Committee, and virtue of your council having entered one or more teams to the past State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament, you are permitted to propose the name of a member of your council to be considered by the State Deputy, for the ballot for election to the State Bowling Committee for the term of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

We request that this letter with your signature affixed be sent to me, as Secretary of the State Bowling Committee on or before September 20, 2015. No application will be accepted after September 20, 2015.

Please have your nominee answer all the following questions and sign below:

- Are you (nominee) an active bowler? _____
- Have you (nominee) ever been a bowling team captain? _____
Number of years _____
- Have you (nominee) ever been a bowling league secretary? _____
Number of years _____
- Does your council consistently send teams to the State KC
Bowling Tournament? _____
Number of Teams last year _____
- Are you willing to travel to a minimum of three meetings of the State KC
Bowling Committee each year and take an active role in the Committee?
This question must be answered with a YES or NO _____

On the reverse side briefly outline why you would like to serve on the State Knights of Columbus Bowling Committee. This will be printed in the 2016 Tournament Booklet that goes out to all team captains.

Fraternally,
William (Bill) Plante, Secretary/Treasurer, 1820 Hagen Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
715.421-1698 planteb@live.com

NOMINEE _____ Please Print _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE ZIP _____ PHONE _____

NOMINEE SIGNATURE _____ Email _____

GK SIGNATURE _____

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

WISCONSIN STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE



June 5, 2015

Worthy Grand Knight,

IMPORTANT DATED MATTER. PLEASE APPOINT A BOWLING CHAIRMAN.

The last paragraph of Resolution No. 19 adopted by the delegates at the State Convention held in Madison, WI May 21-22, 1984 reads as follows:

Resolved that the Grand Knight of each Subordinate Council shall on July 1 of each year or as soon as possible thereafter appoint a Bowling Chairman from his Council and forward his name and address to the Secretary of the Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus Bowling Committee, and to whom said Committee and the host tournament committee shall forward all entry blanks, notices and other matters regarding bowling for the information of the Council and its membership.

We therefore request that you expedite this matter at your earliest convenience but in any case no later than September 30, 2015, so that pertinent information relative to the upcoming state tournament in Fond du Lac in the early months of 2016 may reach your Council in time.

Fraternally,

**William (Bill) Plante, State Bowling Committee Secretary/Treasurer
1820 Hagen Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495**

Council (Name, Number & City)

Bowling Chairman _____ Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ GK Signature _____



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

First Degrees by Diocese: *Charity*

Green Bay

August 27 - 6228 Wautoma
 October 5 - 3955 De Pere
 October 7 - 10714 Allouez

La Crosse

August 3 - 4125 Tomah
 August 9 - 3492 Richland Center
 August 11 - 5456 Ellsworth
 September 3 - 6599 Elmwood
 October 3 - 2055 Menomonie
 October 11 - 3492 Richland Center

Madison

August 4 - 605 Beloit
 September 3 - 9360 Janesville

Milwaukee

August 11 - 524 Milwaukee
 August 12 - 6646 Brown Deer
 August 12 - 6719 Milwaukee
 August 20 - 697 Racine
 August 20 - 3702 Brookfield
 August 24 - 13733 Big Bend
 August 24 - 15090 Waukesha
 September 8 - 524 Milwaukee
 September 8 - 13583 Milwaukee
 September 10 - 1964 West Bend
 September 14 - 4520 Grafton
 September 17 - 697 Racine
 September 17 - 3702 Brookfield
 September 28 - 15090 Waukesha
 September 28 - 13733 Big Bend
 October 13 - 524 Milwaukee
 October 15 - 3702 Brookfield
 October 15 - 697 Racine

October 20 - 4614 Milwaukee
 October 26 - 15090 Waukesha
 October 26 - 13733 Big Bend
 October 27 - Whitefish Bay

Superior

August 3 - 832 Ashland
 August 12 - 3557 Lac du Flambeau
 August 19 - 1133 Merrill
 September 8 - 1744 Medford
 September 8 - 2066 Tomahawk
 September 14 - 5397 Spooner
 September 16 - 7827 Woodruff
 October 1 - 5415 Eagle River
 October 4 - 6560 Gilman
 October 7 - 2032 Rhinelander

Second Degrees: *Unity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
September 23, 2015	6:30pm	974	Chippewa Falls	Tom Eder	(715)456.6646
October 3, 2015	8:00am	2055	Menomonie	John Booth	(715)426-5800
October 25, 2015	12:30pm	4871	Dodgeville	Joseph Pflieger	(608)935-3246
November 14, 2015	10:30am	4580	Franklin	Tim Bowen	(414)708-4248

Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
September 23, 2015		974	Chippewa Falls	Tom Eder	(715)456.6646
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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>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
September 26, 2015	Manitowoc	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232
October 17, 2015	New Richmond	Western District	(715) 423-0939
February 6, 2016	Onalaska	Western District	(715) 423-0939

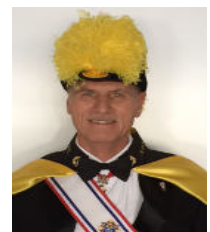


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Forth Degree Honor Guard



On Saturday July 25, 2015 Honor Guard members from various assemblies from the Eastern District of Wisconsin were invited to Welcome Home WWII and Korean War Veterans in Port Washington WI. The Tour of Honor is the First of its kind where Veterans tour the War Memorial in Milwaukee in a tour bus. Because of health issues, these are veterans can't fly in a plane. They were given the same honors and a parade as those who fly to Washington DC.

Ten Commandments Monument



Richland Center Knights of Columbus Council 3492, Father McKeivitt Council recently purchased a 10 Commandments and Beatitudes Monument to be placed on the corner of Highway 80 and Fourth Street in front of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richland Center. The Monument was set after the completion of the addition to St. Mary's Elementary School and an elevator was added to the church. The Knights donated \$25,000 towards those projects building projects. The council was able to raise the money through their recycling program, Churning Dirt (council sponsored tractor pulls and demolition derbies), and many other service programs.



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This year you will purchase tickets directly through the Madison Mallards. Councils and churches are encouraged to purchase the tickets By April 31st, in a group and send one check, to make Will's, already tough, job easier.

***Tickets are 13.00 each. To purchase Tickets make the Cheques Payable to the:
"Madison Mallards" in the notes write "KOFCAWCCCF".***

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

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

Last year KofC's raised \$1,200.00 dollars with only 468 tickets.

\$1.00 goes towards the tailgate. The Burgers alone last year cost about \$1.18 each. Thanks to our Tailgate sponsors, we had more than enough food for all. Anyone interested in helping sponsor the Tailgate or to donate, please pray and consider donating.

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

For more Info, Donations, to Sponsor or help with the Tailgate

Please contact

SK Charles Kazmer at 920-220-9149 or email crkaz1@live.com

Make Cheques Payable to: KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund

C/O KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund

220 Williams St.

Johnson Creek, WI 53038

May God Bless you all and Thank you for your support.

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

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Council 4125 - "Santa Maria" Float at Tomah's 4th of July Parade:



Past Grand Knight Jason Weber dressed as Christopher Columbus, current Worthy Grand Knight Jim Siber dressed in 4th Degree Honor Guard Tux, and Kiria (Jason's Daughter) dressed as Queen Isabella. The float was escorted by Brother Tom Wolf, Brother John Timm, Brother Stan Zdrojowy (Event Organizer), Candy Weber (Jason's Wife), and Blaine Baribeau (Brother Andrew's Son). Brother Phil Schreiner drove the Farmall Tractor that pulled the float.

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Sunday June 28th was Faithful Friar Father Jim Brinkman's last official weekend of working. The Fourth Degree Honor Guard was present at the 9:00am mass in New Richmond & 11:00am in Erin Prairie mass to honor him and give him a well-deserved send off. We will look forward in seeing him every 3rd Tuesday at the meetings.

