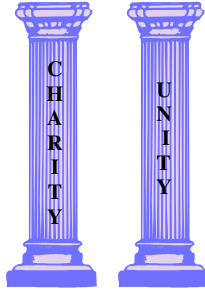




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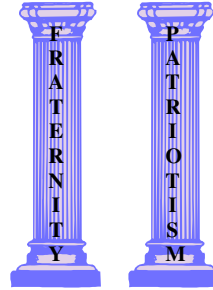


# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - March 2015

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## BATTLE READY RALLY

### WISCONSIN TOUR DATES 2015

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#### March

- 15 - St. Thomas the Apostle, Green Bay
- 16 - St. Agnes, Green Bay
- 17 - St. Pius, Appleton
- 18 - Ss. Peter and Paul, Green Bay
- 19 - St. Mary, De Pere
- 22 - Immaculate Conception, Greenville
- 23 - St. Bernard, Green Bay
- 24 - Holy Family, Marinette
- 25 - St. Paul, Combined Locks

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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.



### 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

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

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

#### State Deputy's Message

My Dear Brother Knights



On April 1, our new Administrative Manager, Anthony (Tony) Schreiner, will officially begin serving in that capacity. Brother Sir Knight Schreiner has been volunteering for about two months and has been "learning the ropes." One of his first acts will be to actively participate in the hiring of an administrative assistant who will be charged with the primary focus on the bookkeeping for our accounts.

In preparation for a smooth hand-off, your Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy, Brother Tim Genthe, has spent time reviewing our books and updating our financial records. His contribution is substantial and he is well deserving of our heartfelt gratitude. His

#### State Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

Latin for "always faithful," *Semper Fidelis* (shortened to *Semper Fi*) became the Marine Corps motto in 1883. It guides Marines to remain faithful to the mission at hand, to each other, to the Corps, and to country, no matter what. Becoming a Marine is a transformation that cannot be undone, and *Semper Fi* reminds them of that. This kind of unwavering dedication is exactly what Jesus meant when He gave us the criterion for enlisting in His elite fighting force: "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake, he will save it." (continued on page 3)



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is a truly amazing, and humbling, record of service.

Likely the most relieved Knight in Wisconsin (perhaps even more than yours truly!) is your Worthy State Warden, Pat Reiff, who has spent considerable time at your state office holding things together until we could get to this transition. His is another truly amazing and humbling record of service.

In fact, your entire team of officers has humbly stepped up in a big way these last several months. Together, they preserve the legacy of the good men that have sacrificed for all of us for over a century. Some may wonder if it is worth it! I would not be one of those, as I am daily encouraged by the good works I witness you performing.

And that brings me to my next topic. There are many men's groups in our Church. In fact, I am told that the formation of Catholic men's groups is among the fastest growing trends in our Church. But as good as those might be, there is no way they can begin to compare with your remarkable record of service as Knights.

As Knights, we are greatly encouraged by the formation of these groups. Few know better than we the great mission of new evangelization that lies before us. We welcome all who forward that mission. At the same time, we offer all who forward that mission a home with us. We who have been in the battle for a very long time can teach them much about persevering in doing good works! Not only that, but they can legitimately look to us for leadership. From the Supreme Council initiative, Building the Domestic Church, to the Doug Barry Battle Ready tour in Wisconsin, the Knights of Columbus is leading. There is a profound realization that the work of our Church must be led by Catholic men. And a further realization that such necessary leadership must start in the family. That is the goal of the Building the Domestic Church initiative, the Doug Barry Tour, and the "Training in Holiness" reflections offered to us for Lent by our Worthy State Chaplain, Father Rick Heilman.

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to sign up at our web site for "Training in Holiness" daily reflections. Here is the link: <https://uno.flocknote.com/list/311087>. Do not worry. It is not too late. It is never the wrong time to do the right thing. And this is something that you can share, not only with your Brother Knights, but with every Catholic man and Christian man you know. Please also share with them that there is a rich deposit of resources to support them, such as [Fathers for Good](#) and a [Saint Joseph Series](#) of free booklets. Those booklets can and should be shared with all of the men of your council and your parish.

In other news, a couple of months ago we considered the idea of offering online registration for our State Convention. Your Worthy State Advocate, Jack Wrbanich, working with UKnight, has made that idea a reality. So, how has it been received? As I write this I am aware that, so far, there have been over 200 online registrations! Well done, Brother Jack, for bringing this opportunity to our Knights.

I have three more brief messages for you this month. The first is regarding the many benefits available to us as Knights. There are many fine financial institutions, some even Catholic. But they are just that, financial institutions. Some think of our Knights of Columbus insurance company is just another fine financial institution. They could not be more wrong. We are a Catholic Men's Fraternal Service organization that *includes* an insurance company. It is not a separate entity. It is an integral part of who we are. You will find that the most growth in our order is among those who most appreciate this important distinction. It is the only financial institution that *fully* supports our complete mission. None other can make that claim.

The second is that the other area of greatest growth seems to be coming from parish based councils. There appears to be a correlation between the depth of the council's connection with their home parish and their growth. Could it be that the Knights of Columbus was designed by its creator, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an integral part of parish life? And could it be that the closer we adhere to the design of our creator, the healthier we will be?

The third and final message for this month is to repeat that, over the years, we have been blessed to welcome to our ranks many brother Knights. Sadly, we have lost track of far too many members, some to the point where we can no longer find them. I implore you; do not let this happen in your council. Help your retention committee to make personal contact with each brother Knight at least twice every year; once on their birthday as we value every life, and once on the anniversary of their becoming a knight, as we still value them as a brother knight.

Vivat Jesus my Brothers,



Ron Faust, State Deputy

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

**What is the mission of the Knights of Columbus?** The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 to provide a means by which Catholic men could:

- **Support the Catholic Church,**
- **Provide financial protection to protect their families, and**
- **Engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate**

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(State Chaplain continued) For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?" (Lk 9:23-25).

St. Francis de Sales put it this way,

"In so far as divine love beautifies our souls. And makes us pleasing to His divine Majesty, it is called grace; in so far as it gives us strength to do good, it is called charity; but when it reaches such a degree of perfection, that it makes us not only do the good, but do so carefully, frequently and readily, then it is called devotion."

Yes, we are called to be something more than mere members of an institution; we called to be All In, Totally Dedicated, Semper Fi, *Devout Catholic Men!*

Pope John Paul II said, "Real love is demanding. For it was Jesus — our Jesus Himself — Who said: 'You are My friends if you do what I command you' (Jn 15:14). Love demands effort and a personal commitment to the will of God. It means discipline and sacrifice, but it also means joy and human fulfillment." Mother Teresa said of love: "Love to be real, it must cost — it must hurt — it must empty us of self."

"We have a tendency to think only about self-protection, safety, and avoidance of trouble," says Fr. Robert Barron, "This tends to be our primary frame of reference. But God thinks relentlessly in terms of love, even when that love entails suffering. So, we ask ourselves, what is our final frame of reference? Is it, 'How do I avoid pain?' or is it, 'How do I love?' So, if I wake up every morning and my basic question is 'How am I going to avoid pain?' then I am going to live my life in a certain way — ultimately, a selfish way. But if when I wake up in the morning I say, 'How do I love today?' then I will live the life of a saint."

Be a saint! Go to Joseph!

Very Rev. Richard M. Heilman, V.F.



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OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

# Training in Holiness

## Lent, 2015

### Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus - 114th Annual Meeting and Convention April 25 and 26, 2015

**Radisson Hotel & Conference Center - Green Bay, Wisconsin**  
**Ron Faust, State Deputy Presiding**

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

Register at <https://kofcknights.org/StateConventionSite/?CN=US&ST=WI>

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

#### Eastern Wisconsin District 4th Degree Exemplification April 11, 2015

##### Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

333 W College Ave  
Appleton, WI 54911 US

For more information you can contact:

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Waukesha, WI 53186

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The Most Reverend, David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay is the Honoree for this Exemplification.

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State of Wisconsin: February Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goal	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Insurance Members	Lost Insurance Members	%
Green Bay	280	187	175	93.7	83	92	33	28	30	62.5
La Crosse	248	166	143	86.5	70	73	22	49	27	57.7
Madison	257	172	138	80.5	65	73	30	33	27	53.7
Milwaukee	401	268	168	62.8	57	111	29	50	27	41.9
Superior	139	93	48	51.8	37	11	32	25	13	34.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1325</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>76.1%</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>50.7%</b>

Circle of Honor	Current Status (needed)		Circle of Honor Net	Circle of Honor Net/Net 100	Deceased Members
	1325		998	-251	
1325	672		360	-251%	611

47.16%

36.07%

Membership as of	Current Membership as of
07/01/2014	03/01/2015
36,616	36,365



### STATE CHURCH DRIVE

May (all month): Honoring our Bishops dedicated to Mary

State Membership Coordinator - Jon Olson

#### WE OVERCAME THE COLD

The month of February was short and cold, but our recruitment was awesome. We brought in 141 new members in this past month. We brought in more people this month than any other month so far this fraternal year. Thank you to the entire team that helped recruit this month. We are truly blessed to have this team in our state to recruit and recruit so well. This team not only recruits, but teaches others on what works and what doesn't so that all our council can benefit in growth.

I am looking forward to all the reports from your March church recruitment drive. Please make sure that you pass along all the information to the state membership team before March 27. We need this information so we can better serve you with membership materials and incentives.

We are at the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter point in our fraternal year and I thought I would give a slight summary of our progress so far. We have 15 councils that have achieved their membership goal. Racine Council # 15659 has reached 400% so far this year. Councils 10260 Flintville and 10714 Green Bay have broken the 300% mark for recruitment. We have instated two new councils so far this fraternal year; Pleasant Prairie and Pine Bluff are great additions to our state. We are working on a few others before the end of June to reach our state goal of at least 5. As the table shows, we are still over 251 members behind of what we started the year with on July 1. However the year is not over yet and I have faith we will try our best to overcome our deficit and, like how we overcame the cold this winter, we will overcome everything together.

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

**REMEMBER: ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH**



#### Your Council Website is ready for you to activate!

- Attract New Members
- Improve Membership Retention
- Streamline Reports & Communications
- Support Council Members and Events
- Maximize Council Fundraising

Please visit the State Council website [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com) and see how your council can join the network of councils on the web.

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### State Program Director, Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

This month makes the 3/4 point in our 2014-15 Fraternal Year. We begin in March to put major emphasis on our drive to substantially increase the number of Star Councils/Districts, Columbian Award winners and Complete Councils in Wisconsin compared to last year. Every Council should have received checklists to use in tracking their progress toward Star and Complete Council. Your DDs will be checking monthly on your progress and forwarding that information to your Diocesan/State Program Coordinators. In addition, we'll be sending you help sheets for filling in your Columbian Award forms; we'll be monitoring your progress monthly as well! If we continue our efforts for successful Church Drives (1 member per Council per month) and maintain our strong programming, we're sure to reach and pass that goal!

I hope that your plans for your ID Drive in April are well underway. Remember that the State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests will be held on March 28 at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High School. Free Throw registration/practice is 10-11:30 AM; competition starts at 11:30 AM. Math, Spelling registration will be 11:30-12:30 PM with competition starting at 12:30 PM.

In addition to Church Drives, be sure that you have major plans for the Orderwide 1st Degrees, Corporate Communion, Outreach Week, Day of the Unborn and Founder's Day! These all offer you opportunities for great family, Culture of Life, faith charitable and community support activities which can help to increase our ranks, exposure to parish and community for the benefit of all involved.

Finally, for March, we focus on a Supreme Program that generally run in this February-March timeframe, Food for Families! In these difficult economic times, even something as basic as putting food on the table may be difficult for many families. The difference between having a nutritious meal or going hungry can be a thin line. You and your brother Knights/families can be that difference! To conduct a Food for Families program, contact a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen to determine their needs and if they'll be able to work with you. Then, obtain permission from your pastor or business owners to conduct the drive at your parish or local stores. Publicize the event with posters, flyers or pulpit/bulletin announcements at church. Newspapers, radio/TV can be used also to involve the community. Ask parishioners, shoppers, community members to donate non-perishable food items to church the next weekend(s) or to donate extra food purchases at the store(s) involved. Another option to effectively involve all parishioners is the "40 cans for Lent" program where those who can do so contribute 1 can for each day of Lent. When collecting monetary donations, make sure to have a secure receptacle in your collection area for cash/checks. You may also wish to place some items in the collection boxes at the start so people can see the types of items needed; also put a sign on the collection receptacle so those who missed the announcements will know what it's for. Councils may also wish to prepare and serve meals at a soup kitchen. Families can participate well in this activity! Parishioners and other eligible Catholic men who participate in this program make excellent membership recruitment prospects! Councils are now eligible to receive rebates from the Supreme Council for participating in the program: for every \$500 or 1000 pounds of food contributed to a food bank, food pantry or soup kitchen, the Supreme Council will rebate \$100 back to the Council (up to a maximum of \$500 per fraternal year). Council members must also contribute a minimum of 100 man hours in the preparation/distribution/service of meals to the needy. Report your activity using Form #10057 and also put on your Columbian Award Form #SP7. We've done well with this program in Wisconsin and I'm sure we'll continue to do so in 2015. Good luck on all your March-April program activities!

Vivat Jesus, Bill Frayer

### 2015 Knowledge Contest

#### Diocesan Level

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

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

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

#### State Level

This contest will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2015..** I respectfully ask **Diocesan Coordinators** to send me the names of their **First and Second Place Winners** and the **number of Council Participants at each grade level PROMPTLY!!** By all means use **E-mail if you prefer to use a spread sheet instead of the Diocesan Report Forms**. Please fill out the TRAVEL CARDS for the State Contest **completely and accurately**. Contact Bill Frayer for the times for REGISTRATION and the start of the CONTEST. With everyone's cooperation this State Council Youth Program will be a success. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

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

Peter J. Schulteis, State Coordinator - Knowledge Contest

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### Culture of Life – by Dan Miller

I've never been known for sugar-coating anything.

The State Culture of Life committee and a lot of other volunteers spent the better part of their Saturday to tabulate the results of the Culture of Life Grant Fund donations. It was a lot of work. I had set a goal of \$250,000 at a minimum – or \$6.75 per Knight. We didn't even come close. We collected just under \$61,000 – roughly \$1.64 per Knight. Last year, we collected \$82,000. The year before that, \$93,000. The amount we collected didn't bother me nearly as much as the downward trend. It actually made me depressed. I am not used to failing. It is not in my blood. I am a fighter. Plus, I'm Irish – thanks to my paternal grandmother – who you will read about at the end of this article.

Well over 40 awesome and wonderful pro-life organizations look forward to applying for this grant every year. They do the **HARD WORK** that we as Knights simply can't do. We give to them so that **BOTH** of our goals are achieved in cultivating a 'Culture of Life.' This money can directly be tied to saving lives and souls. Just **KNOW** that.

We mined the list looking for possible candidates who have given in the recent past. I will be sending out another mailing to 276 Knights in the hopes that they would re-engage in this appeal. Short of that – we will hit the phones. My level of commitment to this is **ALL IN**. I will raise \$250,000 or die trying. I want to see abortion not only illegal – but **UNTHINKABLE** – but we can't do it without your help.

**HELP A BROTHER OUT!!** You can save babies from abortion – **AND** – save me from calling you! If you haven't donated to this – **PLEASE** – do it today! If you have already – **THANK YOU** – send more! **THE WIDOW'S MITE!** Make it hurt! Please send your donation to the KofC Culture of Life Grant Fund. Send it to: Knights of Columbus – State Council - 4297 West Beltline Highway, Madison, WI 53711. Be sure to annotate your council number in the memo portion of your check.

**Where's the fire, Dan?!** As many of you know, for the last five years of my life, I've spent over 5,000 hours as a full-time volunteer 'Sidewalk Counselor.' I would stand outside abortion facilities and try to convince young moms and dads to not go through with the abortion. During that time, we were successful 620 times that we know of – all glory to God. Much to my wife's extreme chagrin, I've even offered to trade my life for the baby's on numerous occasions. Really. Dead serious. "Bring your baby here after he or she is born – and I will take a bullet, right then and there – just don't kill your baby." It actually worked every time – and thankfully, no one has taken me up on my end of the 'bargain' – but I would do it, absolutely. I've also seen the wake of devastation that abortion creates in the 12,000 moms who decided to have an abortion during that time. That is a tremendous weight to carry for any man. Thankfully, I've given all of my failings to Christ. I've held four babies who were saved from abortion. One of them is now my God-son – little Baby Joseph. But the fire doesn't end there. Last September I learned something about abortion in my family. Long ago, in 1934, my paternal grandmother and grandfather travelled to Sheboygan to procure an illegal abortion. The target was my father – who was recently exemplified *together with me* to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. She and my grandfather walked out because they feared breaking the law. You see, the law is a teacher. The law saved my entire family from **NON-BEING** into **BEING**. I thank God for her courage to do the right thing – otherwise, I wouldn't be writing you today, begging you for a measly \$6.75 to help end abortion. Now you know why *literally every fiber of my being* cries out to end the atrocity of abortion. I am imploring you. Will you help a brother out?

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

### **K of C Camping Opportunities**

If you are a camper the Knights of Columbus offers two opportunities for you to attend. The first is the Wisconsin State Campers Association. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the camping group. It will be held the weekend of June 26, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at Silver Springs Campgrounds in Rio, WI. Cost of a campsite per night is \$37.00 plus tax. This rate is good if you wish to spend a few days early or if you wish to stay later. To make your reservations for a campsite contact the campgrounds at 920-992-3537. Mention that you are making reservations with the Knights of Columbus to get the special rate. You can visit the campgrounds website at [www.silverspringscamp.com](http://www.silverspringscamp.com)

The second opportunity is 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 on these two camporees, contact Tom Schmitz, State Camping Coordinator, at 1-920-923-1215 or by e-mail at [trsknights@yahoo.com](mailto:trsknights@yahoo.com) please put **KC CAMPING** in the subject line. I do not open any e-mails that are not familiar or recognizable to me.

Tom Schmitz, State Camping Coordinator

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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

#### *Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future*

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let us join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes us as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

We are happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.



Fraternally,

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

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**Ed Knolmayer**  
715-425-0773

**Joe Molosky**  
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**Ken Sosnowski**  
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#### **Your United Wisconsin Benefits Team**

Pictured from left to right in the back row are, Immediate Past State Deputy - Tim Genthe, Dan Baxter -General Agent Southwest Wisconsin, Ed Knolmeyer -General Agent Northwest Wisconsin, Joe Molosky -General Agent Northeast Wisconsin, Ken Sosnowski - General Agent Southeast Wisconsin. In the front row from left to right are State Warden -Pat Reiff, State Secretary -Tim Guski, State Deputy -Ron Faust, State Treasurer -Gordy Kremer, State Advocate -Jack Wrbanich.



Brother Knights,

The 2015 Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive is fast approaching. The Statewide drive this year will be held from Thursday, April 16 through Sunday, May 3. Be sure you have set up your distribution points in your town. Remember these businesses and churches are doing us a favor by letting us be there. Thank you goes a long way.

In 2014 you were able to raise \$656,227.43, with 96% of councils participating in the program. In 2014 councils averaged \$2,384.84 per participating council and \$17.77 per member. Those are great numbers. My goal this year is to move the average per council and per member up slightly.

I also hope each council uses this project to try to do something new with the 2015 campaign, to get your members and the community more involved with each other. Some ideas:

Ask 5 members who never helped in the past to help.

If your council has a local special needs group check to see if they could work shoulder to shoulder with you on a shift.

Try to raise your councils average per member.

See if your council can get local businesses to support the project. If you have a business willing to support more than \$250 please contact me as to give the business the proper tax deduction.

Thank you for all you do for this project and for the order.

Mark Jelinek, ID Director

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

<http://www.kofc.org>

**Because our children may be called to become spouses and parents,  
we want to help them to explore the vocation to marriage and family life.**

Analyzing the nature of marriage, both St. Augustine and St. Thomas [Aquinas] always identify it with an “indivisible union of souls,” a “union of hearts,” with “consent.” These elements are found in an exemplary manner in the marriage of Mary and Joseph. At the culmination of the history of salvation, when God reveals his love for humanity through the gift of the Word, it is precisely the marriage of Mary and Joseph that brings to realization in full “freedom” the “spousal gift of self” in receiving and expressing such a love. “In this great undertaking which is the renewal of all things in Christ, marriage — it too purified and renewed — becomes a new reality, a sacrament of the New Covenant. ... The Savior began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union, wherein is manifested his all-powerful will to purify and sanctify the family — that sanctuary of love and cradle of life.”

How much the family of today can learn from this! “The essence and role of the family are in the final analysis specified by love. Hence the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God’s love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church his bride.” This being the case, it is in the Holy Family, the original “Church in miniature (*Ecclesia domestica*)” that every Christian family must be reflected. “Through God’s mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families.”

**St. John Paul II**  
*Familiaris Consortio, §17*  
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God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us. Some are called to holiness through family life in the sacrament of marriage. Today, there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion. Is it out of fashion? In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of “enjoying” the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision “forever,” because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, that believes you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you and I pray for you. Have the courage “to swim against the tide.”

**Pope Francis**  
*Meeting with volunteers, 28th World Youth Day*

1. What is one virtue I think I would need to grow in, in order to give myself to another as a loving spouse and loving parent? What is one strength I think I have that would be helpful as a loving spouse and loving parent?
2. Do I share Pope Francis’ confidence in me, that I am capable of true love and responsibility?
3. How does our family complete its “mission” to guard love, reveal love or communicate love?
4. What is an “ephemeral love,” and how is it different from a lasting and life-long committed love? How does lasting love affect other members of a family?

**April Psalm of the Month (Psalm 148)**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights!  
Praise him, all his angels,  
praise him, all his host!  
Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
For he commanded and they were created.  
And he established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.  
Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
Beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the Lord!





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(Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

**First Degrees: Charity**

**Green Bay**

April 1 - 10714 Allouez  
April 30 - 11305 Oshkosh  
May 5 - 5514 Neenah  
May 18 - 10243 Green Bay  
June 23 - 4706 Whitefish Bay

**Madison**

April 7 - 605 Beloit  
May 7 - 9360 Janesville  
May 12 - 531 Madison  
June 4 - 9230 Janesville

**Superior**

April 13 - 5397 Spooner  
April 18 - 1762 Hudson  
May 6 - 7030 Hammond

**La Crosse**

March 26 - 5488 Mosinee  
April 20 - 6585 Bloomer  
May 4 - 974 Chippewa Falls  
May 14 - 1170 Stevens Point  
May 18 - 13880 Plover

**Milwaukee**

April 8 - 6646 Brown Deer  
May 11 - 4520 Grafton

**Second Degrees: Unity**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
April 18	10:00am	1762	Hudson	Mike Frase	(715)381-8444
May 2	10:00am	1837	Beaver Dam	Bill Kartheiser	(920)579-0346
May 16	11:00am	1864	Jefferson City	Bob Pizur	(920)285-0175
June 20	10:00am	1709	South Milwaukee	John Kubiak	(414)762-8159

**Third Degrees: Fraternity**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
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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>
April 11, 2015	Appleton	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232
October 17, 2015	New Richmond	Western District	(715) 423-0939

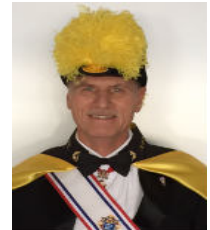


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# Badger Bulletin



## Silver Rose 2015 June 7th - June 28th



We will receive the Rose from Minnesota on Sunday, June 7th, 2015 and pass it on to Iowa on Sunday, June 28, 2015.

I contacted the Minnesota coordinator and they would like it at their State convention. The best handoff area is I94 at the State line, the specific location is yet to be determined. I do not have a location yet for Iowa, although Prairie du Chien is my preferred site.

Contact:

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Silver Rose Coordinator John Sustar  
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To Jesus through Mary,  
John Sustar



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FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 29

# HELP SAVE LIVES



**9,699**  
Babies saved from abortion  
*... so far*



**107**  
Workers quit the abortion industry  
*... so far*



**59**  
Abortion centers closed down  
*... so far*

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

*Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies*

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

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-  **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
-  **PEACEFUL VIGIL**

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Get involved, and *you* can help save lives!

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Vigil Location: 1428 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI  
Vigil Hours: 7AM - 7PM everyday  
Local Contact: September (262) 751-0142 / september3t@yahoo.com  
Learn More & Get Involved:  
[40daysforlife.com/milwaukee](http://40daysforlife.com/milwaukee)

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

**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Game time 6:05pm**

**MADISON MALLARDS** will play the Wausau, Woodchucks

Sponsored by:

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

*Wausau Woodchucks  
Pregnant?*

*This year you will purchase tickets directly through the Madison Mallards. Councils and churches are encouraged to purchase the tickets By April 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto:crkaz1@live.com)***

***Make Cheques Payable to: KofC Agent WCC Charity Fund***

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

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