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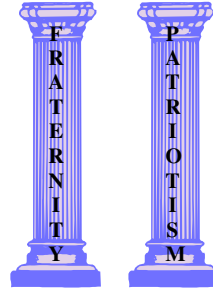
Wisconsin Knights of Columbus

Notes - May 2016

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Editor: Timothy J. Guski

Father's Day Renewal of Wedding Vows Program - June 19

www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch

The Knights of Columbus' Domestic Church initiative seeks to integrate our members and their families more fully into the sacramental and social life of the parish. Our parish-based events and programs offer encouragement to families, who are called be "domestic churches" — assemblies of believers that together participate in the work of God.

As a part of the Domestic Church initiative, each council should help plan a Renewal of Wedding Vows event. The renewal should take place on Father's Day - June 19, during or immediately following all Masses celebrated at the parish on that day.

This event will give couples the opportunity to bear witness to the Catholic understanding of marriage and the importance of marriage as the building block for strong families and parishes. Councils should have already begun planning for this Father's Day event. If your council is just beginning to plan, be sure to talk to your pastor and verify the parish schedule. Now is also the perfect time to invite all council members to attend with their families. You should also distribute flyers about the event at Masses and council meetings. Post the details on council and parish bulletin websites as well as on social media. Also, continue to plan how you wish to congratulate each couple, whether through hosting a brunch or supplying a wedding cake in honor of the ceremony.

The printable program booklet *Renewal of Wedding Vows* (#30001) and other information is now available at www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch. You might also consider distributing "Our Marriage Prayer" (www.ourmarriageprayer.com), *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* prayer cards (#9402), *Knights of Columbus rosaries* (Rose-1) or other Marian devotionals for families to



Matrimony
Luke E. Hart Series
booklet (item # 116)
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/cis/cis116.pdf>



State Deputy - Ronald F. Faust

My Dear Brother Knights

My sincere gratitude to all who attended convention, and my hearty congratulations to State Deputy Elect Tim Guski and to all the members of the very fine team you elected. About the only thing that could make it better would be if we were able

to somehow convince Supreme that Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy Tim Genthe should stay on the team! One way that comes to mind would be for me to move out of state. Perhaps my Lady Gail and I could move to the Chicago area and become Bears fans. OK, well, I always said I would do anything for the Knights, but perhaps that is just a bridge too far!

For those of you who regularly read my articles, we have been speaking of "first things" events. Well, at convention, your State Chaplain, Very Reverend Richard Heilman, added two more to our list! But don't worry, he also checked them off!

Not only did he inspire us with his special, Kick-Off Presentation Friday evening of convention, he added the first of his surprises with a bring-down-the-house rendition of the classic Elvis Presley tune, "Wise Men Say." My Lady Gail was thrilled! In 1974 that was a featured song at our wedding. Our first wedding, that is. I married her twice, but that is a story for another day. Cries of "Encore! Encore!" immediately went up but one was all we got that evening. Perhaps another day, Father Rick? (continued)



Medics of Divine Mercy

State Chaplain -
Very Reverend Fr. Rick Heilman

Join Fr. Rick for a

Spiritual Retreat

June 17th and 18th, 2016
St. Anthony Spirituality Center
Marathon, Wisconsin

Gear-Up for Father's Day and for Being the Man God wants you to be for the Rest of Your Life!

"Being a Man of God in a Lost Culture"
\$110 Registration one night with meals
\$175 Registration two nights with meals

Call: Cheryl Mathis
(715) 443-2236

<http://sarcenter.com/>

Come for all or part Arrive Friday between 3-9pm. Retreat wraps at 5pm Saturday - Optional 2nd night stay for Fraternity and Reflection.

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State Chaplain - Very Reverend Fr. Rick Heilman, V.F.

Fr. John Hardon once wrote: “St. Thomas Aquinas believed that man is more than a composite of body and soul, that his is nothing less than elevated to a supernatural order which participates, as far as a creature can, in the very nature of God. Accordingly, **a person in the state of grace**, or divine friendship, possesses certain enduring powers, the infused virtues and gifts, that raise him to an orbit of existence as far above nature as heaven is above earth, and that give him abilities of thought and operation that are literally born, not of the will of flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

However, all bets are off when we fall to mortal sin, especially the sin of impurity that is now at epidemic proportions in our easy access Internet age. The great Confessor, St. John Vianney wrote: “He who lives in sin (mortal) takes up the habits and the appearance of the beasts. The beast, which has not reason, knows nothing but its appetites. So the man who makes himself like the beasts loses his reason, and lets himself be guided by the inclinations of his body. He takes his pleasure in good eating and drinking, and in enjoying the vanities of the world, which pass away like the wind. I pity the poor wretches who run after that wind; they gain very little, they give a great deal for very little profit -- they give their eternity for the miserable smoke of the world.” -St. John Vianney

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

These times we are living in are some of the most challenging in all of human history. At the recent National Prayer Breakfast, Cardinal Robert Sarah called these “portentous times.” He went on to say, “All manner of immorality is not only accepted and tolerated today in advanced societies, it is even promoted as a social good. The result is hostility to Christians and increasingly, religious persecution ... This is about defending ourselves, children and future generations from the demonic idolatry that says children do not need mothers and fathers. It denies human nature and wants to cut off an entire generation from God. The entire world looks to you, waiting and praying to see what America resolves on the present unprecedented challenges the world faces today. Such is your influence and responsibility.”

My brother Knights, let’s lead the way in this challenge, but let’s do it as soldiers of Christ who are “lit up” in God’s supernatural power! God needs you, men, but He needs you “lit up” in His mighty power. Without that power, we are prone to, as St. John Vianney says, “Behave like the beasts” ... prone to compromise with the world.

I am **absolutely convinced** that admittance back to the Divine Life – that “state of grace” - is a movement of monthly Holy Hours, with Confession. In the coming year, we will be making efforts to have these monthly evenings of Adoration and Confession available at many parishes. Let’s accept the challenge, and move out in God’s supernatural power! Let’s allow God to light up the nearly two million Knights of Columbus in this great country of ours!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Go to Joseph!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.

(State Deputy Continued) Fathers second surprise was the generous distribution of 500 “Virtues of the Order” cords Saturday morning shortly after we convened. The cords feature three knots and are inspired by the heavy cords that monks wear around their waist, which have three knots to remind the men of the order of their vows to live out their principles. For Franciscans, those are vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. For Benedictines they are vows of stability, conversion of life and obedience. And for us, the Knights of Columbus, the knots remind us of our promises, vows if you will, to practice the great principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We are not a religious order, but we are an order. Praise be to God for our wise founder and our wise and generous State Chaplain! Plans are proceeding post-haste to make those same cords available to all. Watch this newsletter or tune in to your Flocknote account for an update. Don’t have a Flocknote account? Text the word brother to 84576 and follow the simple instructions. It is easy and it is free!

Our amazing Archbishop, His Excellency Jerome Listeki, had a little fun with our Consecration to the Holy Family, a “First Thing” that was actually on the list! We somehow missed it at both the Saturday Masses! Archbishop bailed us out at our Saturday evening banquet with his characteristic good humor, including a gentle tweak of his former student, our State Chaplain, along with another directed towards Father Rick’s Bishop, His Excellency Robert Morlino.

And what a treat we had with yet another surprise! We were graced Friday and Saturday with the presence of His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Miola of Tanzania! All were touched as he told us of the heroic work of his faithful flock who are not shrinking in the face of the seemingly unsurmountable task of responding with charity to the multitudes fleeing violent persecution in bordering countries; a grim reminder of just how widespread religious persecution is today in our so-called “enlightened” times.

A big tip-of-the-hat goes to Former State Chaplain Father Peter Renard who not once, but twice, loaned his vestments to Bishop Joseph! We are all very grateful for Father Peter’s unexpectedly timely recovery from a lengthy, debilitating illness. Thanks be to God!

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And now, on to the rest of our list of “First Things” begun two months ago.

June 19: Special Father’s Day Corporate Communion and Affirmation of Wedding Vows. This also comes to us directly from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. Again, here is his message to all of us:

Councils will be asked to host corporate communions on Father’s Day (June 19, 2016) — inviting members and their families to attend Sunday Mass together — and request that the celebrant officiate at a **Father’s Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows**. Councils may also consider hosting a special reception after Mass to further celebrate the commitment of married couples in their parish.

My brothers, we are very close in Wisconsin to achieving what is called “Circle of Honor.” The best analogy I have heard is that this is, for a State, like a council achieving Star Council. In keeping with our focus of Building the Domestic Church, on Father’s Day, invite the young fathers in your parish to join your council. We need them; and even though they do not know it yet, you can confidently tell them that they need us, too. And in the process you will do your bit toward our State achieving Circle of Honor for the first time in decades!

October: Holy Hour with Benediction and Consecration. This was already in the works in Wisconsin when this message came to us from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson March 9th.

As we continue to implement the *Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish* initiative, I am writing to ask every State Council to expand our Holy Family Prayer Program by hosting a *diocesan-wide “Holy Family Celebration” one Saturday in October*.

These celebrations should be based on the existing, rosary-based Holy Family Prayer Program (#5050) already in use by councils, but should also be expanded to include the Consecration to the Holy Family (#10371) and a period of adoration and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The program can also be supplemented in other ways, such as by inviting a Knights of Columbus family — perhaps your jurisdiction’s Family of the Year — to give a witness talk. These celebrations could be held in a cathedral, major church or other suitable venue to facilitate the greatest participation possible, both by brother Knights and their families, and by the broader Catholic community.

YOUR PERSONAL FIRST THING: For your personal first thing you will need to set the date. Consider this my personal invitation to you to join me, if you haven’t already done so, as an insurance member of our order. What has this got to do with “first things?” Consider this.

An insight came to me at the Madison Diocese “Into the Breach” event, as I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. That is, a lot of Catholic men are really busy and might avoid making another commitment, such as joining the ranks of The Knights of Columbus. For that reason, it is very good to share with them that they can make a positive difference without spending any time. How, you may ask? Simple; just become a Knight and meet with their Field Agent. They can help build a “Civilization of Love” by making sure the money they spend to protect their family is used only for good. In this battle in which we find ourselves, it is very good that we have a wholesome alternative to offer. They do not have to be subjected to having their own money used to undermine virtue, and damage their family members. Praise God that as Knights we have a better option!

But how do we do this with any integrity if we do not believe it ourselves? And how can we say we believe it and still not be an insurance member? My brothers, I implore you, use every weapon at your disposal in this great battle in which we find ourselves. We Knights can make the difference and turn the tide for the cause of all that is good and holy in Holy Mother Church. Not only is it the right thing to do, it can even spell the difference between your council achieving or not achieving the Star Council Award! And that can mean hundreds of extra dollars from the Supreme Council to help with your charitable works.

Let us all help each other to finish the race that is this fraternal year.

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.



www.fathermcgivney.org

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**

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

State of Wisconsin: July 1 to April 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	250	265	106%	77	188	19	47	48	88.3
La Crosse	260	217	268	123.7	43	225	19	88	47	103.1
Madison	271	226	146	64.6%	64	82	22	58	37	53.9
Milwaukee	422	352	218	62%	95	123	21	65	42	51.7
Superior	147	123	108	88.2%	32	76	22	27	24	73.5
Total	1400	1167	1005	86.1%	311	694	103	285	198	71.8%



Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status
1200	1005

83.75%

Circle of Honor Net
840
694

82.62%

Circle of Honor Net/Net
100
-130

-130%

Deceased Members
824

Jonnie O says,

“I Wants You to Leap into 2016 by Recruiting 24/7/366!”

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

“One First Degree - Per District - Per Month”

Membership

Member-ship as of	Current Member-ship as of
7/1/2015	5/1/2016
36,319	36,189

Strong Finish,

Again I was shown by my fellow brother knights in the great state in Wisconsin on how much we can accomplish when we work together. During the month of April my brothers in Wisconsin recruited 149 new members. That truly great amount is over 12% of our yearly intake goal and proves that we are truly great when we are all marching toward a common goal. Thank you for your efforts last month and I truly am very humbled to be in the midst of great men like you.

Our goals are now within reach and we can see the finish line in front of us. We have a little more than a month ahead of us to reach our goal of positive growth in our state. This goal is vital to our continued existence in this state and our communities. Without growth we will slowly fall to extinction and no one will take up the cross of charity for those who are most in need in our communities. With this in mind I will continue to ask for your continued efforts in recruitment to get to the goals of positive gains in our state and our founders goal of a council in every parish.

The Diocese race is also close to finishing. Lacrosse is still in the lead with Green Bay close behind. Superior is in third with still a chance to be in the mix. Madison and Milwaukee are lagging behind right now, but I have faith they will put on a big push to finish out the fraternal year. I continue to wish the best to all the Dioceses to finish the fraternal year strong and achieve the goals that are within reach. Eliminate all obstacles in front of you and push on the recruitment success.

Push on to the end!!

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

Numbers to know
 District's at 100% or more
 DD13 at 141.6%
 DD21 at 100%
 DD28 at 141.6%
 DD67 at 107.4%
 DD69 at 110%
 DD72 at 140%
 DD87 at 155.5%

Councils with 100% or more in Membership and Insurance
 765 Cuba City
 1669 Waterloo
 4106 Union Grove
 5127 Colby
 7775 Cottage Grove
 8985 Webster
 9360 Janesville
 12269 Appleton
 12468 Altoona

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State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

It was such a tremendous experience to see and talk with so many of you at the State Convention; what enthusiasm and dedication I saw amongst all the delegates, officers, guests and family there. As we race toward the conclusion of our 2015-16 fraternal year, let's take that dedication and enthusiasm and use it to the utmost for our final programming of the year! As of now, our focus should be in the following areas: 1) Star Council – Membership, Columbian Award; 2) Complete Council Every Council should be striving to attain Star Council status. To do that, you need, first of all, to have your Form 365 and Fraternal Surveys already in. Secondly, you need to earn the Fr. McGivney and Founder's Awards by meeting your membership and insurance member quotas for the year and being net/net+ for the year. Work with your pastors to get another Church Drive or 2 in. Get your 1st Degrees set up. Work with your General and Field Agents to get those insurance members in; try to get new members to sign up for the New Member Annuity. Finally, get your Columbian Award form in soon! Every Council that is at all active should be able to earn that award! Work with your District Deputies, officers and directors to get that form filled in. You do a lot of good work during the year – earn your Council and Brother Knights the credit they deserve. Also, by not waiting to the last minute to get it in, Supreme may be able to review it and if something is missing or in error, corrections can be made and a revised form sent in by midnight June 30, so you don't miss out on the award you've earned! We should be getting at least 50-60 Councils earning Star (out of some 295 in the state); there's a lot of room for improvement there! As to Complete Council, if you have all your forms in, as you should; and get that Columbian form in, you've already made the first step. If you're on track for Membership, including Degrees and Church Drives, your only concern is a Benefits Night. For Council, the big issue is a History Book. If you failed to submit one this year and you've got your other areas covered, contact me and an accommodation may be arranged. Other than that, if you've attended your Diocesan meeting and the Convention as you should, and held a Corporate Communion, you're OK. Youth, Community and Culture of Life all have a range of choices to meet the criteria, which shouldn't be hard to do! So, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, let's work together, get these programs finished, use the checklists you've been provided. Forward that information to your Diocesan Program Coordinators. If you need further assistance, contact me. Let's work together to get 4 or 5 times the 18 Councils who qualified for the award last year! You deserve it and I know we can do it. With the impending election of new officers and appointment of new directors, program chairmen, etc., it's time to begin planning your 2016-17 fraternal year programming! Start now to use those fraternal planners. Evaluate/review your programs from this past year. Working with your pastor, determine your parish's/cluster's needs and what you can do to help. Take note of the Supreme Knight's call to align our programs more closely with them, especially in terms of things like youth, faith formation, CUL, etc. Take also into account, not only your charitable giving/service programming, but also the call from Supreme to use all of our programs as vehicles for spreading the news of what we do and engaging parishioners/parents/prospects in our activities to help bring more members into the Order! Be sure to add at least 1 or 2 new programs into your agenda for the new fraternal year! Have a great Memorial Day weekend and be sure to honor those fallen vets who gave their all for our freedom!



Let's finish out the last quarter of the 2015-16 Fraternal year on a strong note. With your help, I know we will!

Vivat Jesus! Go To Joseph!

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

2016 Wisconsin Family of the Year

Ryan and Christy Hartberg Family, Verona



Ryan and Christy have six children, Ethan 11, Isabel 9, Adilyn 7, Elliott 5, Asher 2, Annalise 5 mo. As members of St. Christopher Parish in Verona. Ryan and Christy participate as FOCCUS, Baptism and marriage prep facilitators. Ryan is a parish council member, and has been a Knight in council 11155 for two years. Ryan presently serves as Faith Director in his council. The older children are altar servers and sing in the choir. The family is involved in many community sports and Christy generously prepares meals for mothers with new babies. In the words of their parish priest, "The Hartbergs are part of our parish family, they love Jesus Christ and His Church, and it shows in their words and deeds." The Hartberg family is worthy of the honor of Madison Diocesan Family of the Year.

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

Protecting Your Paycheck

For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations. We look forward to holidays and special occasions.

We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at that freedom that we have planned for so deliberately.

But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with surprise? What if the end of work comes with an illness or an accident that prevents us from doing our job? Will we be prepared? Can we be?

With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can.

We welcome retirement because we have planned for it. We know when it is coming, we know what it will take to get there, and we know what we will need when it arrives. But how can we plan for something unexpected? How can we know what we will need when we do not know what will happen?

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think it will never happen to them. Their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience.

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67.¹ The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.²

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.³

And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is your last paycheck?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.⁴

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck.

With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your Brother Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching, and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

Fraternally,

The Supreme Council General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin:

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

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

The State Charity Committee would like to thank all the councils who participated in our State Charity Raffle. We raised \$594,070 which was a decrease over last year's total of \$604,830.

The winners have been notified. The updated list will be out on our Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website as soon as all information is verified.

The numbers are being added to the report by diocese. This report will be made available when it is completed.

Mark Wagner, Charity Director

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2016 Knights of Columbus State Golf Outing

Saturday, July 23, 2016 - Starting at 10:00 am

This year's event is sponsored by Nicolet Council 1838 of Menasha. The golf outing will be held at Westridge Golf Club in Neenah, WI. Westridge is an 18 hole course. The course is a pleasure for golfers of any skill level to play. Westridge will challenge you while providing a relaxing, picturesque backdrop. Test your accuracy with their fairways, water hazards and newly repaired sand traps; they have everything to challenge you and improve your game.

The Saturday golf outing includes 18 holes of golf with cart, golf souvenir, lunch and a Saturday night dinner at the Menasha Council Club House, 746 Third St., Menasha, WI. Whether you are a golfer or not, join us on Saturday evening for a delicious dinner. If you would like to join us for the dinner, the cost is \$16.00 per person.

Event Location:

Westridge Golf Club
8130 Golf Course Drive
Neenah, WI 54956 US
www.westridge.golf



Contact Information:

Terry Zielinski
State Golf Chairman, 2016 State Golf Outing
terry.zielinski@sca.com
(920) 725-4105

State Camporee

June 24-26, 2016

Reservations may be made by contacting Christine Denis at (715) 356-5552. Be sure you mention that you are with the Knights of Columbus to get the camp out rate.



Event Location:

Indian Shores RV Resort
HWY 47 Southeast
Woodruff, WI 54568 US
www.indian-shores.com

Contact Information:

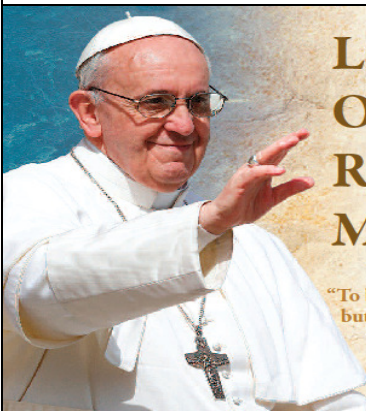
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Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ID)

At the writing of this article we are the middle of the Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Councils appear to be doing quite well in support of the cause, with 35% of councils reporting, we are 45% of the way to collection amount from last year, which was the best ever. Hopefully this can continue. Be sure to fill out the Council Distribution Report, which is available on the State Website if you have misplaced your form. All money turned into Mark Jelinek, ID Director by June 30 will be in your Councils Fall Packets.

The Approved State Grants are also being returned to the Committee at a high rate this time of year. Over half the groups have mailed back the required paperwork and have been given their money from the KC ID Committee. All of the groups who do not have the paperwork turned in by early June receive a call to follow up the letters, as we really want to give all of the money to these worthy groups. A full list of who was awarded grant money in 2016 can also be found on the State Website, Forms Page.

Thank you for all you do for the Order.
Mark Jelinek, ID Director



**Live Out
Our Mission.
Recruit a
Member Today!**

*"To be saints is not a privilege for the few,
but a vocation for everyone."
~ Pope Francis*

If a council earns the Star Council Award (any level) in the 2015-16 fraternal year, it will receive a credit of \$4.50 (\$3.50 per capita and \$1 Catholic Advertising) for each billable member on its roster as of July 1, 2016

Celebrate by giving the gift of Membership to a fellow Catholic. -Recruit 1 to 4 members receive 1,500 VIP* points for each member.

-Recruit 5+ members and receive 3,000 VIP* points for each member.**

**VIP points can be redeemed for any article available on Knightsgear.com, excluding those under the supply tab, and by filling out the order form which is available by clicking on the title.*

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS WISCONSIN - SUMMER GAMES, JUNE 9-11, 2016 - UW-Stevens Point Campus



On June 9, 2016, we will again have an opportunity to show our colors and be a part of Wisconsin Special Olympics Summer games.

Last year, we had more than 35 4th Degree Honor Guard present to usher in the more than 1500 athletes that participated in the 2015 Summer games.

Honor Guard members should be at the track by 5:00 PM. Initial walk-through begins at 5:15 PM. Final line-up is at 6:00 PM with the opening ceremony beginning at 6:30 PM. The event is held on a track field called Coleman Field. The best location for viewing the event is on the West side of the track. Non-Honor Guard members/guests should bring lawn chairs to sit on. No seating is provided.

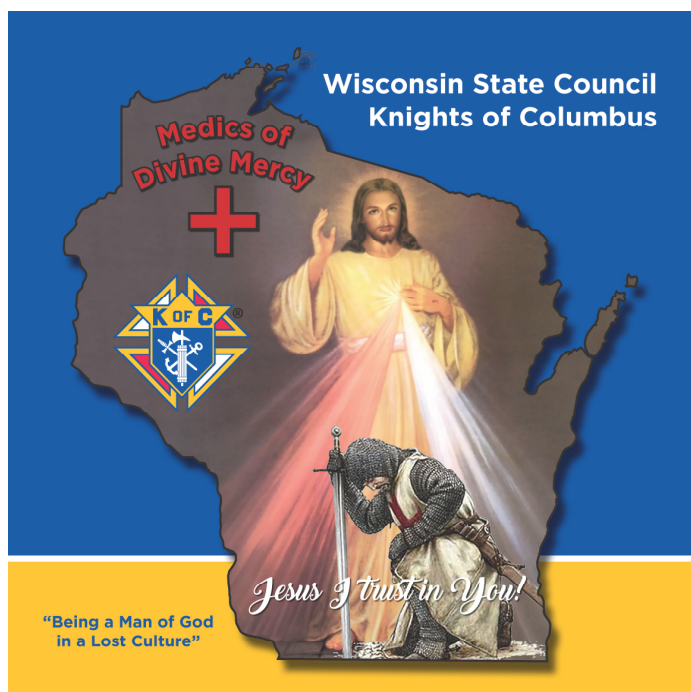


State Council Officers Elected for 2016 - 2017



Back row (left to right):
State Warden (elect) John Booth
State Treasurer (elect) Patrick Reiff
State Advocate (elect) Michael Tomsyck

Front Row (left to right)
State Secretary (elect) Jack Wrbanich
State Deputy (elect) Timothy Guski
IPSD (soon to be) Ronald Faust



Installation

State Council Officer Installation for Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus scheduled for Sunday, July 10th, 2016 - 1:00 pm Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - 5250 Justin Rd, La Crosse, WI 54601

His Excellency Bishop Callahan offering Mass and conducting the installation of officers.

All District Deputies and Fourth Degree Honor Guard are invited to join the procession.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

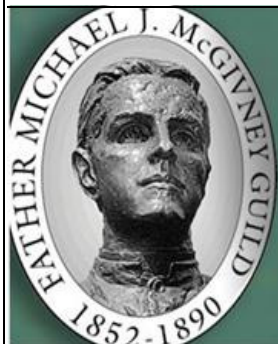
Pope Francis declared a Jubilee year of Mercy to from December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, to November 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King.

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

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



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



HONOR
OUR
FOUNDER

Founders Day - March 29th

On March 29, the Knights of Columbus celebrates Founder's Day, marking the anniversary of the reception of its charter from the state of Connecticut. Knights of Columbus councils throughout the world will be joining in the commemoration.

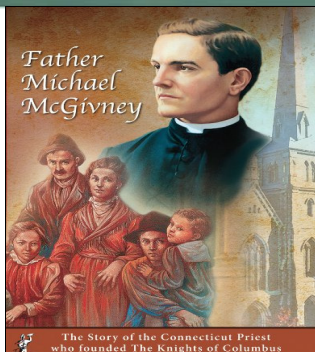
Join: The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

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/>

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>



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

History Book, Charles Silver - State Coordinator

Below are the winners of the 2015 History Book Preparation Award, the Program Activity Winners by Diocese and The State Deputy Trophy by Division. All of these awards are based on the History Books submitted by the participating councils.

The State Council thanks all of the councils who submitted a History Book for 2015.

History Book Preparation Award

- Green Bay Diocese:** Abbott Pennings Council 3955 - De Pere
La Crosse Diocese: St. Joseph's Council 6718 - Adams
Madison Diocese: Fr. Mueller Council 9230 - Janesville
Milwaukee Diocese: Cardinal Albert G. Meyer Council 6646 – Brown Deer
Superior Diocese: St Croix Council 1762 - Hudson

Program Activity Award

Division I

- Green Bay Diocese:** Immaculate Conception Council 16244 Greenville
La Crosse Diocese: Holy Trinity Council 12183 - Seneca
Madison Diocese: St Patrick's Council 7489 - Hollendale
Milwaukee Diocese: Sacred Heart Council 14478 - Horicon
Superior Diocese: - Bishop Joseph Annabring Council 7848 - Turtle Lake

Division II

- Green Bay Diocese:** Monsignor Sylvester Borusky Council 10243 - Green Bay
La Crosse Diocese: Fr. John Rossiter Council 9385 - Holmen
Madison Diocese: Fr. Mark Mueller Council 9230 - Janesville
Milwaukee Diocese: John C. Burke Council 4897 - Waupun
Superior Diocese: St John's Council 4954 - Glenwood City

Division III

- Green Bay Diocese:** Abbott Pennings Council 3955 - De Pere
La Crosse Diocese: John F Kennedy Council 5488 - Mosinee
Madison Diocese: Fathers William & Christian Nellen Council 6371 - Waunakee
Milwaukee Diocese: All Saints Council 4240 - Menomonee Falls
Superior Diocese: St Croix Council 1762 - Hudson

STATE DEPUTY TROPHY WINNERS

- Division I** St Patrick's Council 7489 - Hollendale
Division II Fr. Mark Mueller Council 9230 - Janesville
Division III St Croix Council 1762 - Hudson

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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

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



Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

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

Schedule

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

One Life, One Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run



This is the 56th year of the program which began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The First Rose was a natural rose. The program has continued as a project of Columbian Squires circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies working in unison to promote devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the 1990s Supreme Knight decided to make the Silver Rose a Supreme Council program.

The first effort consisted of one route carrying a Silver Rose from London, Ontario through the central U.S. to Texas for transfer to Mexico. Soon there were three Silver Rose routes, one mimicking the original route; another starting in Manitoba and moving to British Columbia, then down to the Pacific Coast before turning east into Arizona and on to Texas; and a third route starting in New York, then down the eastern seaboard, then to several southern states to Texas.

In 2001 the Supreme Knight expanded the program by establishing the "Running of the Rose" from the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Toronto. The "Running of the Rose" honors not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and the unity of the Order, but reaffirms the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of "One Life, One Rose," it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

This year there are six Silver Rose routes. Routes 1 thru 5 started on 6 March. Route 6 starts on 10 April. They all end on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Not all of the Roses go to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico.

This is the third year that the Wisconsin Knights are part of the program. We are again part of Route 3 as follows:

Manitoba	03/06/16	04/03/16
North Dakota	04/03/16	04/24/16
South Dakota	04/24/16	05/22/16
Minnesota	05/22/16	06/19/16
Iowa	06/19/16	07/10/16
Wisconsin	07/10/16	08/07/16
Illinois	08/07/16	09/04/16
Missouri	09/04/16	09/25/16
Arkansas	09/25/16	10/16/16
Texas	10/16/16	12/10/16
Mexico	12/10/16	12/12/16

In Wisconsin, we cover the entire State with at least one prayer service at a different location each day. We receive the Rose from the Iowa Knights on Sunday, 10 July at 1:00 pm at the wayside (not visitor ctr) on the island in the Mississippi River on Hwy 18 in Prairie du Chien.

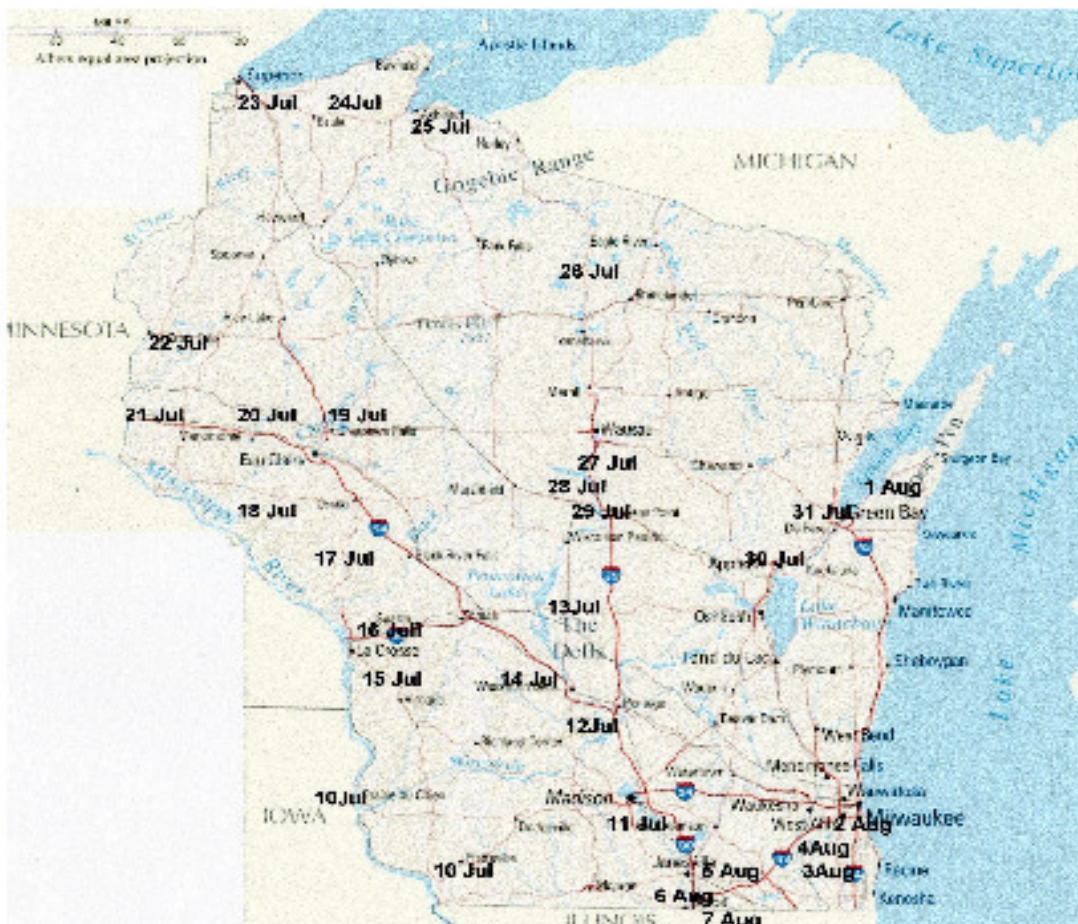
Location of prayer services are shown below. We transfer the Rose to the Illinois Knights on Sunday, 7 August in Beloit at 1:00 pm.

Sun 10 Jul	Lancaster	St Clement, 132 S Washington St	3pm	C2820 D40
Mon 11 Jul	Verona	St Andrew, 301 N Main St	7pm	C11155 D45
Tue 12 Jul	Reedsburg	Sacred Heart, 624 N Willow St	7pm	C3805 D46
Wed 13 Jul	Adams	St Joseph, 166 N Main St		C6718 D23
Thu 14 Jul	Wonewoc	St Jerome, 528 N Center St	7pm	C4295 D20
Fri 15 Jul	La Crosse	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 5250 Justin Rd		
Sat 16 Jul	Onalaska	St Patrick, 1031 Main St		C10914 D25



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Sun 17 Jul	Whitehall	St John the Apostle, 35900 Lee St	2pm	C3825 D29
Mon 18 Jul	Lima	Holy Rosary, N6235 CTH V	7pm	C2422 D22
Tue 19 Jul	Bloomer	St Paul, 1222 Main St	7pm	C6585 D24
Wed 20 Jul	Glenwood City	St John the Baptist, 761 1 st St		C4954 D81
Thu 21 Jul	Hudson	St Patrick, 1500 Vine St		C1762 D81
Fri 22 Jul	Balsam Lake	Our Lady of the Lakes, 507 W Main St	10:30am _____ pm	C12609 D87
Sat 23 Jul	Superior	Holy Assumption, 5601 Tower Ave (then 5mi walk) Cathedral of Christ the King, 1410 Baxter Ave St Francis Xavier, 2316 E. 4 th St (after Mass)	10am 2pm 4pm	C499 D91 C12738 D91
Sun 24 Jul	Iron River	St Michael, 68105 S. George St		C832 D80
Mon 25 Jul	Ashland	Our Lady of the Lake, 201 Lake Shore Dr E	6pm	C7827 D85
Tue 26 Jul	Woodruff	Holy Family, 8950 Cty Hwy J	6pm	C5488 D28
Wed 27 Jul	Mosinee	St Paul, 603 4 th St		C4646 D27
Thu 28 Jul	Auburndale	Nativity of the Blessed Mary, 5866 Main St	7pm	C1170 D27
Fri 29 Jul	Stevens Point	St Peter, 800 4 th Ave	7pm	C16244 D5
Sat 30 Jul	Greenville	St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, N2385 Municipal Dr		C617 D7
Sun 31 Jul	Green Bay	St Agnes, 1484 9 th St		
Mon 1 Aug	Champion	Our Lady of Good Help, 4047 Chapel Dr		
Tue 2 Aug	Milwaukee	St Gregory the Great, S 60 St & Oklahoma	7pm	C524 D64
Wed 3 Aug	Burlington	St Charles Borromeo, 440 Kendall St	7pm	C1578 D70
Thu 4 Aug	Hales Corner	Sacred Heart School of Theology, 7335 S Hwy 100		C4580 D68
Fri 5 Aug	Janesville	St John Vianney, 1250 E. Racine St		C9360 D49
Sat 6 Aug	Clinton	St Stevens, 716 Shula Ln	4 pm	C605 D49



Building the Domestic Church
“The Family Fully Alive”

<http://www.kofc.org>

Because the family is the subject of the New Evangelization, we want to share our faith with other families.

The new evangelization depends largely on the domestic church. In our time, as in times past, the eclipse of God, the spread of ideologies contrary to the family and the degradation of sexual ethics are connected. And just as the eclipse of God and the crisis of the family are linked, so the New Evangelization is inseparable from the Christian family. The family is indeed the way of the Church because it is the “human space” of our encounter with Christ. Spouses “not only receive the love of Christ and become a saved community, but they are also called upon to communicate Christ’s love to their brethren, thus becoming a saving community.” The family founded on the sacrament of marriage is a particular realization of the Church, saved and saving, evangelized and evangelizing community. Just like the Church, it is called to welcome, radiate and show the world the love and presence of Christ. The reception and transmission of divine love are realized in the mutual commitment of the spouses, in generous and responsible procreation, in the care and education of children, work and social relationships, with attention to the needy, in participation in church activities, in commitment to civil society. The Christian Family to the extent it succeeds in living love as communion and service as a reciprocal gift open to all, as a journey of permanent conversion supported by the grace of God, reflects the splendor of Christ in the world and the beauty of the divine Trinity.

Pope Benedict XVI

Address, Pontifical Council for the Family

- 1. How can our family be the “saving community” it is by communicating Christ’s love to others in word and action?*
- 2. Remembering that the “New Evangelization” is an evangelization which is not new in content but “new in ardor, methods and expression,” what are some ways our family can “evangelize,” and what truths might we express?*
- 3. Why is family such an effective voice for things that matter?*

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2015 - 2016 Scheduled Degrees: see updated schedule at

<http://www.kofcKnights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>
(Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

**First Degrees by Diocese: Charity
Green Bay Diocese**

La Crosse Diocese

June

7 - 1654 Arcadia

July

26 - 2787 Independence

Madison Diocese

June

21 - 9230 Janesville

21 - 10893 Madison

July

11 - 6997 Poynette

14 - 10363 Janesville

Milwaukee Archdiocese

June

14 - 524 Milwaukee

16 - 697 Racine

16 - 15659 Racine

21 - 4614 Milwaukee

27 - 15090 Waukesha

28 - 4706 Whitefish Bay

July

19 - 5438 Mequon

21 - 15659 Racine

Superior Diocese

June

7 - 1762 Hudson

13 - 5397 Spooner

14 - 1744 Medford

July

6 - 7030 Hammond

14 - 1133 Merrill

Second Degrees: *Unity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
June 4, 2016	9:00am	6463	Dane	Marshall Frey	(608) 722-3562
June 15, 2016	6:00pm	1170	Stevens Point	Gary Wolf	(715) 340-3745

Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
June 4, 2016	10:30am	6463	Dane	Marshall Frey	(608) 722-3562
June 15, 2016		1170	Stevens Point	Gary Wolf	(715) 340-3745

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>
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Badger Bulletin



St. Anthony Parish Bulletin - Father Dennis acknowledges flag donation



Good Day, Good Knight

You may have seen the Knights of Columbus giving Tootsie Rolls outside of our church to those who donate to their worthy causes. I couldn't wait to say to one of them, "Good day, good knight!" Well, just this morning two of the Knights stopped in my office to present the parish with a beautiful new American flag.

Knights of Columbus Night



AT MILLER PARK

July 29th



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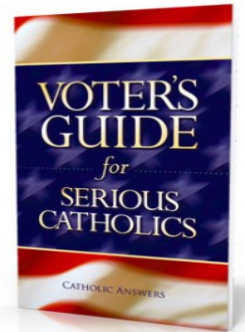
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK

Friday, July 29 7:10 P.M. vs. Pittsburgh Pirates Knights of Columbus Night at Miller Park is Friday, July 29. Join other Knights of Columbus members for a fun night out of fellowship and baseball at Miller Park! Seating will be in a block for all Knights of Columbus members, family and friends. Tickets are limited, so reserve your spot today! To purchase tickets, go to: www.brewers.com/koc



"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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A Vital Prayer Chain

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

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

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WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL MALLARDS GAME



KofC Agent Charity Fund, Women's Care Center, Family week Game!

July 30th, 2016, Game time 6:35pm

Madison Mallards will play the Green Bay, Bullfrogs

Sponsored by:

Knights of Columbus, and the Madison Area Field Agents

Dennis O'Connell, Luke Meinholz & Relevant Radio.

You can purchase tickets over 10 directly through the Madison Mallards. Councils and churches must purchase the tickets By April 30th, in a group and send one check, to make Will's, already tough, job easier.

C/O Will Martin, Inside Sales Manager, Madison Mallard's and he will be your contact for the tickets.

\$13.00 per ticket. 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 \$1900.00 dollars with over 650 tickets.

\$1.00 goes towards the all you can eat tailgate. Thanks to our Tailgate sponsors The Oakey Family, WRL and PLW 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 purchase less than 10 tickets, or to Sponsor or help with the Tailgate, Please contact

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.



Attention all Golfers,

We welcome you to the 19th Annual Saints and Sinners Golf outing! This year the committee is honoring Milwaukee Archdiocesan Chaplain, Fr. Cyril Guise, O.C.D. who has served the last 22 years at the Basilica of Holy Hill. The event will be at Scenic View Country Club in Slinger WI on August 22, 2016. We will tee off at 12 noon. The entry fee is \$125.00 dollars per golfer, which includes lunch, dinner and a gift.



If you wish to advertise your business or organization you may sponsor a hole for \$250.00 dollars. You may also attend only the dinner at a fee of \$50.00 or make a charitable donation if you are unable to attend.

All the monies will continue to benefit the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians and the Discalced Carmelite Friars ministry to all the pilgrims that attend the Basilica. We thank you for your generosity and assisting in making the Basilica a beacon of hope for the pilgrims over the years. Father Cyril and the golf committee look forward to seeing you at the event.

Contact: Holy Hill Executive Director (262) 628-5287 or 1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus, WI 53033

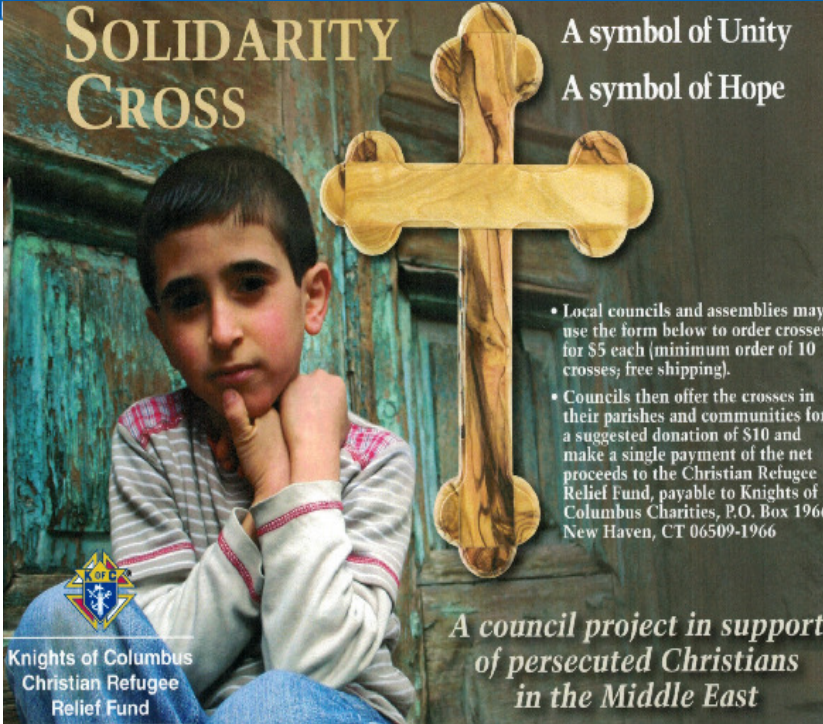
Sincerely in Christ, Father Don Brick, O.C.D.

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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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