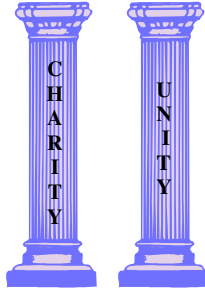




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# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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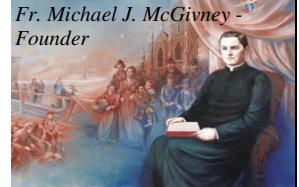
BE NOT AFRAID

October 2013

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**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.



## Message from the State Deputy - Timothy L. Genthe



My Brother Knights,

Many Knights of Columbus councils will be celebrating Landing Day banquets in conjunction with award presentation in the month of October as we celebrate Columbus Day in honor of our patron for whom the order is name after. Christopher Columbus intended to find a new route to India for the purpose of trade, but instead he brought the message of Jesus Christ to our hemisphere of the world. We as Knights of Columbus must "BE NOT AFRAID" to bring the message of Christ to membership and the people we come into contact with each day of our lives. I believe this is the purpose that Father McGivney founded our great Order and why his vision was to have a Knights of Columbus Council in every parish and every Catholic man to a member of the Knights of Columbus.

It is my sad duty to report as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we still have 70% or 200 councils that have not recruited a new member yet this fraternal year. If your council is looking for help to put on a membership drive, please contact State Membership Coordinator Jon Olson and his team of Diocesan Membership Coordinators, they will be more than happy to help your council with a membership recruitment drive. Another resource for your council is the Knights of Columbus General Agents. Ken Sosnowski, Joseph Molosky, Edmund Knolmayer, Daniel Baxter and their teams of Field Agents are trained in recruitment. Both the State/Diocesan Membership Team and General and Field Agents want your council to be successful, not only in recruiting but also in the programing your council runs in your parish, community, schools and with the youth. These programs may be successful today, but what about tomorrow? If we do not grow our membership these programs may not have the manpower to help all those who are in need.

Remember "**ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH**".

The *Fourth Degree*, the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, is in need of new Sir Knights and Honor Guard. The Western District has an exemplification on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Marshfield. And the Eastern District has an exemplification on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Waukesha. My Brother Knights if you are not already, I ask you to consider joining the ranks of Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree and taking the Patriotic Degree of your Order. Please contact Worthy Faithful Masters, Ronald Shymanski (715) 423-0939 and Roland Ransom, II (262) 363-4099 for further details of these exemplifications.

Reality will soon return to Wisconsin and the weather will turn cold. Let's do our part in keeping the school kids warm by supplying them with a warm coat. Check with your school nurse or guidance counselor to see how many kids are in need of a new coat and do our part in providing them with a new coat. The coats come in boxes of 12, and must be ordered by the box. Each box will contain either girl's coats or boy's coats, but not both. The cost is \$220 per box which includes the cost of shipping. Simply complete and submit the *Coats for Kids* [order form](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/coats_for_kidsOnline.pdf), and you'll get your coats in about two to three weeks

[http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/coats\\_for\\_kidsOnline.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/coats_for_kidsOnline.pdf)

The Mid-Year Leadership Meeting of the District Deputies will be held in Green Lake on December 7th and 8th. Once again this year, we will be collecting *Sentiments for Seminarians*. The seminarians are in need of everyday items; soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes shavers, shaving cream, deodorant and many other items too numerous to mention. Gas cards make an excellent gift for a Seminarian. Please send your council's Sentiments for the Seminarians with your District Deputy to this meeting.

At the Diocesan Meeting each of the Bishops received the moneys donate to the *Penny a Knight a Day* fund from the Knights in their diocese. You can be proud as knights to donate \$12,240.71 to Most Reverend Jerome Listecky, \$10,689.34 to Most Reverend David Ricken, \$9,876.76 to Most Reverend William Callahan, \$8,718.98 to Most Reverend Robert Morlino and \$7,202.51 to Most Reverend Peter Christensen for Catholic education. Again I would like to thank those Brother Knights and councils that were *Protectors of God's Gifts* and donated to Catholic education.

**BE NOT AFRAID**

God Bless

Timothy Genthe - State Deputy

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### MEMBERSHIP - Jon Olson, State Membership Director “One Member, Per Council, Per Month”

Diocese	Goal	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Ins. Mem- bers	Lost Ins Members	%
Green Bay	300	75	41	54.7%	39	2	41	16	13	13.7
La Crosse	258	64.5	38	58.9%	59	-21	36	25	20	14.7
Madison	270	67.5	29	43.0%	27	2	42	26	15	10.7
Milwaukee	456	114	42	36.8%	58	-16	44	16	11	9.2
Superior	144	36	13	36.1%	6	7	36	9	4	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>11.4</b>

	Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status 1265	Circle of Honor Net 998	Circle of Honor Net/Net 100	De- ceased Members 163	
	1428	163	-26	-189		
	11.44%		-2.61%		-189%	

#### RESULTS AT 25% MARK

We are at the quarter way point through the fraternal year and we should take a look at what we have done so far in membership. Well, I am pleased to inform you that 86 councils had brought in at least one new member. These councils are eligible to get a rebate on their state per capita. Of those councils only 56 of them have brought more members in than what they have suspended. We also continued our decline in membership this year, starting with 36,955 on July 1, to 36,766 on October 1.

Member- ship as of	Current Member- ship as of
7/1/2013	10/1/2013
36,955	36,766

The month of October is here and with it comes the first of two **ORDERWIDE MEMBERSHIP BLITZ** weekends held throughout the fraternal year. This was mentioned in the planners that all Grand Knights and District Deputies received this year. A reminder of this weekend was also sent to all the e-mail addresses that get this monthly publication. I have hope that all councils have had a membership recruitment drive this month.

This month I have asked ALL District Deputies to fill out a WRAP report for their councils. This will log the status of recruitment in each of the councils in the state. We have been asked to fill these reports out before and with this information we will be by Supreme on how much more help is needed and where the current help is going well. I hope to have all reports to me by OCTOBER 27. So when your District Deputy calls please give him all the information he requires. We still have time. We still have faith in our order. We still want to share the joys of being a Knight of Columbus. We have the tools and the drive to deliver the ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH that will help us grow as council, as a state, and as an order. We need to understand that if we do not have members, we do not have people to do the charitable work that we are known for. That is what we cannot let happen. We need to “BE NOT AFRAID”. We need to go forth and recruit. We need to spread the good deeds and actions of our great order.



One of the best recruitment programs is the Officers Challenge. This recruitment effort allows the council officers to lead by example. This program is so important that we are giving the officers one fraternal year to meet the challenge. If each officer recruits one new member and the council reports the results on the form that was mailed, the council receives 26,000 VIP points to be used at the council's discretion. If the council officers can accomplish the recruitment by December 31, 2013, and report it, we will double the VIP points to 52,000.

The points can be used to purchase merchandise for the Knights of Columbus gift catalog. Remember there are two steps: first, recruit the new members and second, complete the form that was mailed.

Fraternally, Jon Olson, State Membership

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



Pope Francis,  
Welcomed the Knights of  
Columbus to the Vatican

Dear Friends, good morning,  
I am pleased to welcome the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of your meeting in Rome. I thank you once again for the prayers which you, and all the Knights and their families, have offered for my intentions and the needs of the Church throughout the world since my election as Bishop of Rome.

On this occasion I also wish to express my gratitude for the unfailing support which your Order has always given to the works of the Holy See. This support finds particular expression in the Vicarius Christi Fund, which is an eloquent sign of your solidarity with the Successor of Peter in his concern for the universal Church, but it is also seen in the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local Councils, their parishes and their communities. May prayer, witness to the faith and concern for our brothers and sisters in need always be the three pillars supporting your work both individually and corporately. In fidelity to the vision of the Venerable Father Michael McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel and a force for the spiritual renewal of society.

As the present Year of Faith draws to its close, I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of Saint Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.

Asking a remembrance in your prayers, and with great affection in the Lord, I now willingly impart to you, and to all the Knights and their families, my Apostolic Blessing

### Year of Faith - ending November 24th, 2013

Any council completing at least one item in each of the four major areas: Faith Professed, Faith Lived, Faith Celebrated and Faith Prayed, will receive a print of the Holy Family icon (shown at left). It may be displayed in the council chamber, presented to the council chaplain or given any council member who has been instrumental in promoting the Year of Faith celebration. Councils must submit the Year of Faith Report Form (#10084) by November 24th to:

Year of Faith, Department of Fraternal Services,  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven CT 06510



Councils can receive a print of this Holy Family icon by submitting form #10084 by Nov. 24

e-mailed to [fraternalservices@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalservices@kofc.org), or faxed to 203-752-4108.  
For more information contact Richard McMunn at 203-752-4686  
or [richard.mcmunn@kofc.org](mailto:richard.mcmunn@kofc.org)

### Sentiments for Seminarians

Items due to your District Deputy before December 6th  
Some ideas for what they need: Gas cards (Kwik trip, Mobil or BP), Walgreen, Target or Wal-Mart cards, Shaving gel (edge), Double or triple blade razors, Dental floss, Small hand sanitizer, Crest or Colgate tooth paste, Tooth brushes (need is for Medium bristle), Men's body wash, Deodorant or antiperspirant. No perishables!

From the Madison Vocations Office: *Thank you so much for doing this again the men love this so much; the men who study in Europe stop by and get enough to pack for the whole next year when they are home for the summer, and the other men stop by all the time, when they come home on weekends and other times. It makes a huge difference for them.*

### Resolutions Deadline - February 1st

Resolutions for consideration at the State Convention are Due to State Advocate Gordy Kremer by February 1st. If any council in good standing would like to propose changes to the State or Supreme Council, such proposals must be brought to the floor at the annual meeting at the State Convention. To be included in the Resolution Book send your Resolutions to State Advocate Gordy Kremer, 605 Mulberry Drive, Cassville, WI 53806

### Do it Now!

#### Family of the Year Deadline - February 15th

#### Medallion Award Nominations Due - February 15th

<p>Directory Updates/Changes (see page 9 for more changes)</p> <p><u>Page 3</u> Council Officer Training William Brosius <a href="mailto:wbrosius@charter.net">wbrosius@charter.net</a></p> <p><u>Page 14</u> Former Adm. Manager William Brosius <a href="mailto:wbrosius@charter.net">wbrosius@charter.net</a></p> <p><u>Page 38</u> Council 10158 GK Daniel Wallace (Susan) 29115 County Hwy P Kendall, WI 54638 (608) 463-7552 <a href="mailto:wallacedv@gmail.com">wallacedv@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><u>Page 52</u> District Warden Richard Schwartz 6120 Century Avenue #106 Middleton, WI 53562</p> <p>Council 3450 GK Terry Drone 965 Meadow Lane Plain, WI 53577</p> <p>Council 3099 GK Paul W. Merline 608-592-5923 cell 608-516-3237</p> <p><u>Page 54</u> Council 4540 4th Tuesday FS James O. Faren <a href="mailto:jcfaren@frontier.com">jcfaren@frontier.com</a></p>
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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Faith Development

Pope Francis met with the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus on October 10<sup>th</sup> during an audience at the Vatican Apostolic Palace thanking the Knights for their prayers throughout his pontificate.

In his address, the Holy Father stated his hope that prayer, witness to the faith and concern for others continue to be “the three pillars” in their individual and corporate work. “In fidelity to the vision of the Venerable Father Michael McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel and a force for the spiritual renewal of society,” he said.

Concluding his address, the Holy Father commended the Knights to the intercession of Saint Joseph, protector of the Holy Family. St. Joseph, he said, “is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.”

Brothers, Pope Francis is calling us to constantly evangelize! We must work diligently to grow in our faith by practicing the four cardinal virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance. The cardinal virtues are the four primary moral virtues. The English word *cardinal* comes from the Latin word *cardo*, which means “hinge.” All other virtues hinge through grace, the cardinal virtues can be practiced by anyone. A brief description of each:

Prudence – St. Thomas Aquinas ranked prudence as the first cardinal virtue, because it is concerned with the intellect. It is the virtue that allows us to judge correctly what is right and what is wrong in any given situation. When we mistake the evil for the good, we are not exercising prudence – in fact, we are showing our lack of it. Because it is so easy to fall into error, prudence requires us to seek the counsel of others, particularly those we know to be sound judges of morality. Disregarding the advice or warnings of others whose judgment does not coincide with ours is a sign of imprudence.

Justice – Justice, according to St. Thomas, is the second cardinal virtue, because it is concerned with the will. As Fr. John A. Hardon notes in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, it is “the constant and permanent determination to give everyone his or her rightful due.” While we often use justice in a negative sense (“He got what he deserved”), justice in its proper sense is positive. Injustice occurs when we as individuals or by law deprive someone of that which he is owed. Legal rights can never outweigh natural ones.

Fortitude – The third cardinal virtue, according to St. Thomas Aquinas is fortitude. While this virtue is commonly called *courage*, it is different from what much of what we think of as courage today. Fortitude allows us to overcome fear and to remain steady in our will in the face of obstacles, but it is always reasoned and reasonable; the person exercising fortitude does not seek danger for danger’s sake. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it. Fortitude is the only one of the cardinal virtues that is also a gift of the Holy Spirit, allowing us to rise above our natural fears in defense of the Christian faith.

Temperance – Temperance (or moderation), St. Thomas de-

### State Treasurer - Ron Faust



Brother Knights,

Here are four quick items for you to check off to make sure that your council remains in good financial health.

#### PER-CAPITA DUES

Invoices have been mailed to your financial secretary. If he did not receive it, please let us know!

We may not have the correct address on file.

#### FORM 990 TAX FILING

If your fiscal year is on a calendar year basis your filing deadline is May 15. But if your fiscal year is on our fraternal year basis, then your deadline is November 15. This filing is essential for you to maintain your tax exempt status. Without it your council may face significant federal tax penalties. If you have any questions on how to go about this please do not hesitate to contact any of your State Officers. We can help.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT

While the August 15 deadline for this is well past it bears reminding you that if your council misses two consecutive audits your Financial Secretary loses his bonding. It is the responsibility of your Trustees to review the records of the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary and to submit this vital report. If you missed the deadline please make every effort to get this in ASAP. This will make the next deadline of February 15 much easier to meet.

#### LIABILITY INSURANCE

For the protection of your council and your Brother Knights, it is necessary that each council carry liability insurance. The amount to carry will vary and should be discussed with your insurance agent. At a minimum you will need to carry enough to satisfy the requirements set forth by the Diocese for any and all users of Church property.

If your council is in need of liability insurance, and you would like some ideas on how to go about acquiring the proper coverage, please contact any of your State Officers. While there are many ways for you to satisfy this requirement and we do not pretend to know them all, we do know of four ways that councils have met this obligation and we will be happy to share those with you.

Fraternally,

Ron Faust, State Treasurer

clared, is the fourth and final cardinal virtue. While fortitude is concerned with the restraint of fear so that we can act, temperance is the restraint of our desires or passions. Food, drink, and sex are all necessary for our survival, individually and as a species; yet a disordered desire for any of these goods can have disastrous consequences, physical and moral. Temperance is the virtue that attempts to keep us from excess, and as such, requires the balancing of legitimate goods against our inordinate desire for them. Our legitimate use of goods may be different at different times; temperance is the “golden mean” that helps us determine how far we can act on our desires.

God bless us as we ask for, and thank him for his guidance and direction every day to lead moral and virtuous lives.

Karl Vandenberg - State Faith Development Coordinator



**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
**YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE**

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

LTC is an important piece of the puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection as you near or attain the age of 60.

While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a single premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with us.

Remember, long-term care policies are purchased with your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today

Fraternally,

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

**Dan Baxter**  
**608-348-3360**

**Ed Knolmayer**  
**715-425-0773**

**Joe Molosky**  
**715-938-5632**

**Ken Sosnowski**  
**262-242-3350**

**Family of the Month Report**

It is a challenge every month to come up with a new way to look at the Family program of the Knights of Columbus. I generally do not watch much television, but once and a while a program catches my eye, and it becomes a favorite of mine. One such program I watch is called Brain Games. This program examines the way our bodies gather and process the information that we are exposed to daily, how at times the things we think we see are not the way nature presents itself to us. So I pose a question to all of you. Is what you see and hear, actually what is being expressed? How can I tell?

I think there is a breath of fresh air in our Catholic roots, and this is Pope Francis. He is the one that is acting, and speaking as Jesus Christ did, when He was walking among us.

So how do we tell if what we are being told is a smoke screen or is the real deal. There is a simple test to look through the smoke and mirrors. First thing is to listen, and listen with an open mind, analyze the information you are presented with, and see if the person speaking is consistent with what they say and the actions they do to follow up. Are they consistent with all the things they say and are they consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ? Are they willing to show by their actions that they are Christians, or are they just willing to claim to be Christians?

This is where we as Knights shine, and can show our Church, Families, and Communities that we not only say we are Christians, but by our actions, show that we are Christians.

Remember to ask yourself. What would Jesus do?

Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator

**September Diocesan Families of the Month**

**Green Bay Diocese**

Jeff & Traci Martens, Hortonville - Council 7895 District 5

**La Crosse Diocese**

Grady & Kari Passe, Cashton - Council 7096 District 23

**Madison Diocese**

Kevin & Rebecca O'Leary, Janesville - Council 9230 Dist. 49

**Milwaukee Archdiocese**

Bernie & Jacquie Struder, Franksville - Council 4831 District 67

**Superior Diocese**

Martin & Gail Weninger, Woodville - Council 7030 District 81



*The Wisconsin Family of the Month Winners of the Supreme Council's Drawing for a Holy Family Plaques for August are;*

James & Mary LaFond, Council 1957 - Two Rivers

Steven & Lisa Cribben, Council 3955 - DePere

Jamie & Lisa Flesch, Council 7048 - Mukwonago

Joseph & Kirsten La Mere, Council 9385 - Holmen

David & Kathy Cook, Council 12621 - Lomira

*"Who is going to save our Church? Not our Bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to the people. You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops like bishops, and your religious act like religious."* Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

*"If laypeople don't love their Catholic faith enough to struggle for it in the public square, nothing the bishops do will finally matter."* Archbishop Charles Chaput

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State Programs Director/Youth Development - Don Schoenherr

Brother Knights,

As I write this letter Mother Nature is announcing that winter is just around the corner. I can only hope that the weather warms up for the upcoming State Youth Fall Sports competition in Marshfield on November 2. The initial reports from the Diocesan Program Coordinators seem to indicate that participation is down in fall sports that we host. I know in our own area that we are competing with local tournaments and may not see much participation beyond the council level. All we can do is hope for the best. If you have any winners participating at the state level, please send a council representative to demonstrate how important this is to your council. It certainly is important to them as they are making the trip. You may consider some mileage expense donation for them.

For all of you Knights who have yet to complete your Knighthood journey there is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Marshfield on October 26, I noted several councils chose not to attend the Diocesan meetings, this raises a concern, I hope the District Deputies are finding out why no member of a council could attend. I do realize we are all busy but certainly someone from the council was free that day.

October, of course, means it is time to celebrate Columbus Day. This is a special celebration that gives all of us a chance to get together with our ladies for a nice dinner and reflect on the many successes of our councils. I recommend you invite as guests, widows of deceased knights. We usually have a very good turnout from these ladies who are still a dear part of our order.

Your Respect for Life Essay competition should be in progress, remember to send your winning essays to your Diocesan Program Coordinator. Next month begins our Substance Abuse Poster contest. This project gives our youth a chance to reflect on the abuse that plagues our great nation. Raising awareness of this is certainly one valuable step to prevention.

It is time to select your Free Throw competition chairman and get a facility set up. Remember that this program does have a District level competition so District Deputies, please start making arrangements with one of your councils to host this. It is certainly a good idea to host that local Council's competition right before the District level so that they do not have to set up two events and gather personnel.

Our support to future clergy is always needed. Remember to start a Sentiments for Seminarians collection box at your local parishes, take it upon yourself to collect these items so that the box is not overflowing, it is not your priest's job to manage this. These should be given to your District Deputy to bring to the December DD convention. Funding is also a major concern for our future clergy, remember to participate in the RSVP program, every dollar you can spare is a blessing for them.

Our state charity raffle is just around the corner, you should have already submitted your chairman's name to your Diocesan Charity Representative, they hope to deliver the tickets in early November to the District Deputies. Hunting season is a great time to sell these, you probably get together with old friends who would love an opportunity to win \$50,000 and contribute to a great charitable cause. If you have members who are not participating, please ask them why.

May all of you enjoy the beauty of the fall colors. As some of you may know our Worthy State Deputy is a Chicago Bears fan, we have been trying to show him the error of his ways, but we must be patient. Go Packers!

Vivat Jesus,

Don Schoenherr - State Programs Director/Youth Development

#### Keep Christ in Christmas Program



In this time of struggle between the Freedom from Religion groups and our right to keep our choice to Keep Christ in Christmas, Our KC councils are running programs so we can express our opinion. The Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet, Decal and Road/Yard Signs are available through the two councils below, call the numbers below. The order form can also be found on the State Website under Wisconsin Programs Council Activities.

<http://www.wikofc.com/ces/fileman/forms/kcicprogram.pdf>

A Big thank-you to all of the Councils and Assemblies that purchased the Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and decals last year. With your support of this program we were once again able to donate \$1000.00 in gas cards to our Seminarians last Christmas.

With your continued support of this project we will again donate gas cards this Christmas to the Seminarians again.

Order forms were in the Grand Knights and District Deputy's packets at your Diocesan meetings. Any Christian group may order them so you may share this information with them.

E-mail me at [robkofc@centurytel.net](mailto:robkofc@centurytel.net) or call me at 920-290-2270 for more information.

Magnets and decals. [robkofc@centurytel.net](mailto:robkofc@centurytel.net) or call Robert Kurczek, 920-290-2270(cell)

Robert Kurczek, Program Chairman

Road/Yard signs. [rjenter@charter.net](mailto:rjenter@charter.net) or call 920-648-8248



#### Fourth Degree

The West Wisconsin District will have a Fourth Degree Exemplification October 26, 2014 at:

Knights of Columbus Hall  
400 Upham Avenue  
Marshfield, WI 54449

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



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Speaker in Madison

**Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mass 5:30 p.m. | Adoration 6 –7 p.m.  
Keynote Speaker 7 p.m. Reception following



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Gaitley**  
Marians of the  
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Knights of Divine Mercy



Diocesan Office of  
Evangelization and Catechesis

### Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program



Local councils are asked to sponsor prayer services in parish churches and other locations before sending the image to a neighboring councils. Contact your District Deputy to schedule your Marian Prayer Program.

- Each image will come in a specially designed carrying case, which will allow the image to be safely transported throughout the jurisdiction

- Inside the case will be a log book for that image. Each time a council conducts a prayer service, the number of attendees should be noted in the log book.

- Throughout the program, the State Warden will periodically ask for updates on the number of services and the number of attendees...these completed log books will be the only means to access that information.
- A supply of Immaculate Conception Prayer Books and Immaculate Conception Prayer Cards for each image will be provided. These will come in a sturdy plastic briefcase, again to allow safe transportation throughout the jurisdiction. Supreme has also post electronic versions of these books and cards to the Order's web site at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). These supplies will not last the duration of the program, you'll be able to order additional quantities at any time through our State Warden... please allow about two weeks for delivery.

Listed in the next column is the schedule for districts which will be hosting the icon in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction.

Contact State Warden Jack Wrbanich (920-246-4281 or 920-465-3485) email: [jwrbanich@wikofc.com](mailto:jwrbanich@wikofc.com) if you have any questions.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER

October 6, 2013 - January 31, 2015

#### Schedule

<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
<b>6-Oct-13 through 26-Oct-13</b>		
District 66	District 1	District 90
<b>27-Oct-13 through 23-Nov-13</b>		
District 65	District 2	District 85
<b>24-Nov-13 through 4-Jan-14</b>		
District 71	District 6	District 86
<b>5-Jan-14 through 25-Jan-14</b>		
District 64	District 3	District 80
<b>26-Jan-14 through 15-Feb-14</b>		
District 63	District 28	District 91
<b>16-Feb-14 through 8-Mar-14</b>		
District 70	District 27	District 83
<b>9-Mar-14 through 29-Mar-14</b>		
District 69	District 20	District 87
<b>30-Mar-14 through 26-Apr-14</b>		
District 68	District 44	District 89
<b>27-Apr-14 through 24-May-14</b>		
District 67	District 5	District 88
<b>25-May-14 through 14-Jun-14</b>		
District 49	District 10	District 81
<b>15-Jun-14 through 05-Jul-14</b>		
District 50	District 9	District 21
<b>6-Jul-14 through 26-Jul-14</b>		
District 48	District 8	District 22
<b>27-Jul-14 through 16-Aug-14</b>		
District 51	District 7	District 29
<b>17-Aug-14 through 06-Sep-14</b>		
District 47	District 13	District 25
<b>7-Sep-14 through 27-Sep-14</b>		
District 42	District 4	District 26
<b>28-Sep-14 through 18-Oct-14</b>		
District 45	District 12	District 23
<b>19-Oct-14 through 08-Nov-14</b>		
District 43	District 11	District 46
<b>9-Nov-14 through 13-Dec-14</b>		
District 52	District 61	District 30
<b>14-Dec-14 through 10-Jan-15</b>		
District 40	District 62	District 24
<b>11-Jan-15 through 31-Jan-15</b>		
District 41	District 60	

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS - TEAM WISCONSIN 2014 BE A FAN OF OPPORTUNITY - MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE HELP HELP HELP

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus were asked to raise funds to cover the expenses of Special Olympics Team Wisconsin going to the 2014 National games in Newark, NJ. The goal of our drive is to raise \$100,000.00 to cover these expenses. With only 5 months left to reach our goal, we need to have all Councils make this a top priority. As of Oct 12, 2013, we are far from this goal. With all recorded donations, Tootsie Roll funds, Recycling income, and Supreme grants totaling \$10,000.00, we have collected \$71,775.40.

Some Council's have exceeded their goal and we thank them very much. But that does not mean that others can say "We don't have to give our amount". All Councils have a goal which averages \$3.00 per member and should try to meet this goal. We need to pick up the pace.

All donations are run through the Knights of Columbus Charities account which is a 501 (c) (3) account. Councils as well as Corporations, Foundations, individuals, and members donations are then tax deductible. Checks should be made out to



Wisconsin K of C Charities and  
mailed to;  
John Benisch  
Knights of Columbus  
Special Olympics Coordinator  
4645 State Hwy 80  
Pittsville, Wi 54466



#### International Family of the Year - Joe Uchtyl

Hello Brother Knights! My name is Joe Uchtyl and this summer, my family was humbled by being selected as the Knights of Columbus 2013 International Family of The Year. My bride Mary and I believe that a strong family is built on a strong marriage. We want to use this recognition as a platform to bring glory to God. Through prayer, we feel called to share a wedding gift we received 23 years ago from a nun. That gift it is called, *Our Marriage Prayer*. Gentlemen, Pray these words together with your Bride, take her hands and place them together in Prayer, wrap your own hands around hers saying:



#### *Our Marriage Prayer*

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met  
and the strong love that grew between us.*

*To work that love into practical things  
So that nothing can divide us.*

*We ask for words both kind and loving  
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness  
as well as to forgive.*

*Dear Lord, we put our marriage into Your hands. Amen*

Including this prayer into your nightly family prayers allows your children to see that you place your marriage into God's hands. As they begin to memorize it, hopefully they will one day incorporate it into their own marriages as well and pass it down through the generations.

Recently, Mary and I had the opportunity to lead our parish congregation in praying *Our Marriage Prayer* at the end of mass and the prayer was published in the bulletin. After mass, many people shared great comments with us and thanked us for sharing the prayer with them.

Brothers, Mary and I hope to share *Our Marriage Prayer* with as many couples as possible and we need all of your help to make it happen. Our goals are to:

- \* Declare the Sunday before Ash Wednesday as *Our Marriage Prayer* Sunday
- \* Have *Our Marriage Prayer* published in the bulletin of every parish in Wisconsin on that weekend each year
- \* Have Knights of Columbus members and their brides lead their congregation in, *Our Marriage Prayer* at the end of every Mass that weekend

My family had the privilege of giving a presentation on *Our Marriage Prayer* at the Diocesan Leadership Meetings. That presentation can be viewed at: <http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

Please pray for this movement to be a success. We ask that you join us in our efforts and if God is willing, perhaps this effort will go GLOBAL!

*Look for more information in the November newsletter.*

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph and Mary Uchtyl



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

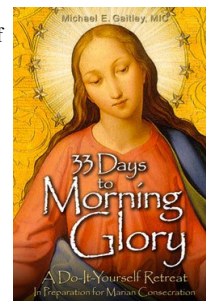
### Wisconsin Trains to Become 'Medics of Mercy' (from Wisconsin Hearts Afire - Mike Raboine)

<http://www.allheartsafire.org/program/overview.php>

For the first time ever, all of the major Wisconsin apostolates for men's faith formation are uniting to be trained and to lead the entire State to the burning love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the fire of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This includes the Wisconsin Council of the Knights of Columbus, Relevant Radio, and men's apostolates from all five dioceses - Men of Christ, Knights of Divine Mercy, Esto Vir, That Man is You, and the King's Men.

#### Becoming better 'medics of mercy' for the field hospital

In a recent interview, Pope Francis compared the Church to a "field hospital after the battle." The pope said that the greatest need in the Church today "is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful."



Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, commenting on the pope's interview, stated that "The modern heart can only be won back by a radical witness of Christian discipleship – a renewed kind of shared community life obedient to God's Commandments, but also on fire with the Beatitudes lived more personally and joyfully by all of us."

If the Church is a field hospital, we need medics," said Fr. Richard Heilman, founder of the Knights of Divine Mercy, "medics are heroes, and heroes are saints! The Church needs more saints!"

"We are heeding this call," said Fr. Heilman, "by seeking the best possible training for becoming better 'Medics of Mercy' for the Field Hospital that is our Church."

#### Quickest, easiest way to become a saint

Fr. Michael Gaitley has recently caught the attention of the entire nation by his extremely popular book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Father Gaitley has taken St. Louis de Montfort's classic book on Marian consecration – *True Devotion to Mary* – and made it more accessible for the busy lifestyles of today's Catholics. "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary," says Fr. Gaitley, "truly is the surest, easiest, shortest, and the most perfect means to becoming a saint."

"If this is the quickest, easiest way to become a saint," said Fr. Heilman, "then it's also the quickest, easiest way to conquer the whole world for Christ, if only we teach others about it." St. Maximilian Kolbe exclaims, "Teach others this way! Conquer more souls for the Immaculate!"

In his very inspiring book, Fr. Michael Gaitley summarizes the teachings of the four spiritual giants – St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed John Paul II, making them easy to grasp and put into practice. They will teach us how to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary.

#### Leadership seeks consecration first

Some 30+ men from the leadership of the men's apostolates (mentioned above) began their 33-day preparation for consecration on September 9. This leadership group meets once a week in an internet webinar, using Fr. Gaitley's book with its companion parish-based retreat program that includes some excellent teachings by Fr. Gaitley on DVD.

This leadership group then plans to gather together at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI on October 13 to make their consecration together. This is the same day Pope Francis plans to consecrate the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

#### Statewide Retreat from All Saints Day to Immaculate Conception

"It starts by first living out the consecration in my life," said Fr. Heilman, "but then I personally feel called to share it and bring it to others. After our preparation (training) and consecration, we then plan to bring this to as many souls as possible." The hope is to get souls ready to begin a 33-Day Preparation for Consecration on the week following All Saints Day on November 1, so they will be prepared to be consecrated after Mass on Sunday, December 8 – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

#### Fr. Michael Gaitley to speak in our diocese on All Saints Day!

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that Fr. Michael Gaitley has agreed to come and get us going on this training to become 'Medics of Mercy' (Saints) on the Feast of All Saints, Friday, November 1 at 7:00 PM at the Bishop O'Connor Center. All are welcomed (men and women alike). For more information contact Marie Lins at 608-469-3982 or marielins@hotmail.com.

#### Hearts Afire Parish-based Program (HAPP)

For more information and to bring the 33 Days To Morning Glory Retreat to your ministry or parish, contact Mary Litschauer, LCM/HAPP Servant Leader: Marian Specialist, at 725-539-3800 or [mlitschauer@gmail.com](mailto:mlitschauer@gmail.com). Mary has been a valuable help in making this history making Webinar possible. Please support her in all her efforts to bring this program along with our next program, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, to everyone. She is the Wisconsin Coordinator for Lighthouse Catholic Media and the Marian Helpers and will work tirelessly in helping you in any way she can.

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**Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2013-2014 Scheduled Degrees:**  
(Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

**First Degrees: *Charity***

**Green Bay**

November 18 - 10243 Green Bay, 7:00p

**Madison**

**Superior**

November 2 - 2845 New Richmond

**La Crosse**

November 4 - 12468 Altoona  
November 11 - 10774 Augusta  
November 12 - 1257 Eau Claire  
December 9 - 974 Chippewa Falls  
January 6 - 974 Chippewa Falls  
January 20 - 6585 Bloomer  
February 2 - 12468 Altoona

**Milwaukee**

December 9 - 2035 Port Washington  
January 12 - 1964 West Bend  
February 20 - 12621 Lomira  
March 26 - 11301 Campbellsport  
April 14 - 2035 Port Washington  
May 8 - 1964 West Bend  
June 19 - 12621 Lomira

**Second Degrees: *Unity***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 26	10:00a	1964	West Bend	George Ploof	(608)338-6506
November 2	9:30a	2845	New Richmond	John Bonneprise	(715)248-3016

**Third Degrees: *Fraternity***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 26	1:00p	1964	West Bend	George Ploof	(608)338-6506
November 2	11:00a	2845	New Richmond	John Bonneprise	(715)248-3016

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



**Fourth Degrees: *Patriotism***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
October 26, 2013	K of C Hall, Marshfield	Western District	(715) 423-0939
February 15, 2014	St. Joseph, Menomonie	Western District	(715) 423-0939
April 12, 2014	Waukesha	Eastern District	(262) 441-1306
October 25, 2014	Schofield	Western District	(715) 423-0939



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# Badger Bulletin



## Year of Faith - Faith in Action

"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord."  
- Mother Teresa

### Frassati Young Adult Day

When: Saturday, October 26, 2013, 1pm to 9pm

Where: Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill in Southeastern Wisconsin near Milwaukee

Ages: 18 to 35

Cost: College Student - \$10; Single Adult - \$15; Married Couple - \$20

Join Archbishop Jerome ListECKi of Milwaukee and others for an inspiring and uplifting day of prayer, music and fellowship.

For more information or to register, please call Fr. Don Brick OCD at 262-628-1838

Go to Events at the Website: <https://holyhill.com/>

### Habitat for Humanity



Council 2035 - Port Washington Habitat for Humanity workers, included Jim Laux, Joe Thome, Gerry Lee, Insurance Representative Paul Martin and others.

*"To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without constantly fighting for the faith is not really living."*  
*St. Ignace of Loyola*

PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI DAY  
**Genuine:**  
FAITH TESTED BY  
**Fire**  
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**CHRIS PADGETT**  
Chris is an international Catholic speaker, speaker/banquet host, and lecturer. He is married to his high school sweetheart and has 10 children. Chris is completing his spiritual degree at the International Marian Research Center. For more info visit [www.chrispadgett.com](http://www.chrispadgett.com)



**ARCHBISHOP JEROME LISTECKI**  
The Most Reverend Jerome Edward ListECKi was named the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by Pope Benedict XVI. His Episcopal seat is the phrase "I AM A CHRIST" from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Phil 2:13-16).



**ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ**  
Rosario was the youngest victim of the worst crisis in the history of Los Angeles, when a major act of gang violence left her alone, dead, and the best she did to survive... and fight - and now inspires others to see how God always brings greater good from tragedy. For more info visit [www.rosariorodriguez.org](http://www.rosariorodriguez.org)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 1PM - 9PM**

### Women of Christ Conference

Saturday November 2, 2013

All day event held in West Bend, WI

Awesome annual event with inspiring national speakers such as Johnnette Benkovic and Fr. Michael Gaitley

Holy Mass with Archbishop Jerome ListECKi of Milwaukee  
Confessions will be available and includes Eucharistic Adoration

This is a must for all women!!

Register today for an inspiring day focusing on Jesus Christ

For more information and to register

<http://womenofchrist.net/>