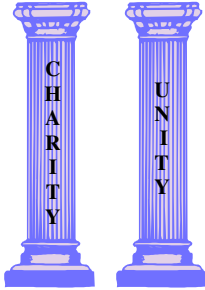




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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



Editor: Timothy J. Guski



BE NOT AFRAID

December 2013

Merry Christmas from State Deputy Tim Genthe and Your State Officer Team



Left to Right: Gary Emerson, Eileen Ripp-Emerson, Gordy Kremer, Susan Kremer, Mary Jo Genthe, Ron Faust, Gail Faust, Rev. Dennis Mullen, Angi Guski, Tim Genthe, Tim Guski, Jack Wrbanich, Lisa Wrbanich, Dan Hull, Pat Hull



My Brother Knights,

The first weekend of December the District Deputy's attended the Mid-Year Meeting held in Green Lake. There was a vast amount of material presented and distributed at this meeting. It is of utmost importance that the Council Officers attend their District Meetings when your District Deputy holds them. I want to thank the presenters for the great job they did in presenting their program.

At this meeting we discussed if the councils in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction are relevant in the programing they do today. We asked if our councils are relevant in membership growth. Our membership is starting to show some increase but we have a long way to go. State Membership Director Jon Olson and his membership team are committed to doing everything they can to help your Council achieve your goals. It is not just about numbers, remember without members there are no programs and with no programs there are no members.

We have many programs that are 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"

We also asked if our councils are relevant in protection of our families. One of Father McGivney's dreams was the protection of a member's family if a member dies. Our General Agents and Field Agents are charged with this duty. We need to help them do their duty by inviting them to your council meetings and our homes to insure we are protected.

We also had a chance to explain the changes to the Wisconsin's Charity Raffle and the relevance to helping people who are in need, the first principle of you order, Charity. These changes have not been taken lightly by the Charity Committee or the State Officer but

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need to be made for us to stay in compliance with Wisconsin Gaming Commission as a result of the audit done in the early part of this year. If you still have any question after your district meeting, please contact a member of the Charity Committee or one of the State Officers for further clarification. I think PSD and Good of the Order Chairman, Wenzel Felber summarize the effect to the councils most elegantly when he stated; "Like in the movie Fields of Dreams if you build it, they will come and for our Charity Raffle if you sell the tickets, the council will have money for their charity fund."

The Food for the Family Project will demonstrate your council is relevant. Your Council needs to \$500.00 to a local food bank or 500 pounds of food to a local food bank and the Supreme council will rebate you \$100.00 with a maximum rebate per fraternal year of \$500.00. The report form is on both the State and Supreme web sites.

Another program to show your council is relevant is Coats for Kids Program. If your home Council wishes to order coats contact Robert Ennis at Supreme with your order. Robert's E-mail address is robert.ennis@kofc.org or look on Supremes web page at www.kofc.org and click on the link. Let's do all we can to help our kids keep warm this winter.

One of the programs that tell me the councils in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction are relevant is the collection for Sentiments for Seminarians program, which was again a huge success. We received enough sentiments to send each of the diocesan Vocation Directors approximately 500# of soaps, deodorants and other sentiments. We also received over \$4,000 in gift and/or gas cards to help the seminarians in their travels. The Seminarians will be well taken care of in the upcoming year because of your generosity. Thank You to all of the Councils that participated.

Finally, watch your mail boxes between Christmas and New Year for your Convention packets. It's very important to open it and make your reservation early. The Convention will be in Wisconsin Dells Bay the weekend of April 26th and 27th. Let's do our part to bring the attendance up this year.

Mary Jo and I would like to extend a Blessed Christmas greeting along with a prosperous and healthy New Year to all Brother Knights and their Families at this holy time of the year. May you and your family have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!!

BE NOT AFRAID

God Bless

Timothy Genthe, State Deputy

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.**



Membership - MAKE A DEADLINE EVERY MONTH

During the past few months in my new position as State Membership Coordinator I have noticed a few things with Councils that recruit and grow in number. One of the things that they have every month is a first degree scheduled. The scheduled first degree gives everyone in the council a deadline to recruit to and bring a new member in by. This is a great way to achieve "One Member, Per Council, Per month".

We as Knights know that many of us are busy with jobs, families, public service, and other activities. That is why we all need a deadline to accomplish to. We need to prioritize our activities and duties to make them manageable and achievable. The easiest way to do this is to have deadlines and benchmarks for the activity. When this is thought about, the activity is put into prospective. The growth of the order needs to be high is the thoughts of all brother Knights for the simple fact that if there is no council, no one has a voice or a group to turn to that believe that together we can push back the barriers that prevent the Catholic religion spreading over this world and filling all people with peace and love.

Your District Deputy has been tasked with having at least One First Degree, per District, Per Month. That means (depending on your District size) that each council should be hosting a first degree at least 4 times a year. What? How if a Council only hosts a First Degree 4 times a year, why do you say One Member, Per Council, Per month? I say One Member, Per Council, Per Month is possible if we send the candidates to our fellow council's in the District, we further involve everyone in the District in recruitment. An active district that has a group meeting once a month, is a District that is communicating and helping each council succeed in their continued growth. Also an advantage of holding a group degree is your candidate is able to get more out of the degree and not feel so isolated taking the degree alone. With the candidate and others attending a Degree with the whole District, we are strengthening our Fraternal brotherhood outside our parish. We are Knights that United together a common goal to promote our Patriotic and Catholic order.

December is when college distant relatives come back home to spend time with our families. We should use this time to speak positive of our holy order. To give a Positive endorsement to the activities we do are the growth we need to keep doing them. Remember that One Member, Per Council, Per Month will only be achieved if we will: "BE NOT AFRAID"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jon Olson, State Council Membership

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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	125	85	68.0%	41	44	41	22	4	28.3
La Crosse	258	107.5	76	70.7%	79	-3	36	25	13	29.5
Madison	270	112.5	71	63.1%	45	26	42	19	22	26.3
Milwaukee	456	190	89	46.8%	68	21	44	13	18	19.5
Superior	144	60	38	63.3%	7	31	36	6	14	26.4
Total	1,428	595	359	60.3%	240	119	199	85	71	25.1

	Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status		Circle of Honor Net		Circle of Honor Net/Net	De- ceased Members
		1069		998		100	
	1428	359		119		-165	284
	25.19%			11.92%		-165%	

State Treasurer - Ron Faust

Brother Knights,

Thank you for your outstanding record of Charity. You have made a wonderful difference in many lives! To paraphrase, “Whatever you do for these, the least of my brethren, you do for me!”

Member- ship as of	Current Member- ship as of
7/1/2013	12/1/2013
36,955	36,790

My brothers, these are challenging times for us in many ways, not the least of which are the challenges we face to keep our Charity Raffle a healthy program. You have every right to be proud of your decades-long support of one of the premier programs of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus. It has only been one of your premier programs because of your selfless support. Every dollar netted has been used for charity!

Now that the rules and regulations governing charity raffles require us to change how we share funds with the charity accounts of local councils, you’re Brother Knights and those we serve together need you more than ever. Please, do all that you can to make this your best year ever!

As I pen this many of you are sending out your dues notices. You rely on the timely response of your Knights to keep your costs (second notices, etc.) to a minimum so that more of the money you collect will further your mission. The same is true of the State Council. We rely on the timely response of our local councils to keep our costs to a minimum and to help ensure the success of our mission in Wisconsin. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the vast majority of councils who do send their per-capita payment in a timely manner. For the few who find that to be difficult for some reason, please know that we will be contacting you again. It is a matter of justice to your Brother Knights that we all carry our share of the load. Of course, we are also here to listen should you have special circumstances at this time.

And last but by no means least, thank you, my Brothers, for all you do to Keep Christ in Christmas, that His light may continue to shine before all!

Christmas Blessings to each and every one of you!

Ron Faust, State Treasurer

"If the family is weak, America is weak. If government policies undermine the family, they undermine America.
 If government grows bigger, the God-given role of the family in the lives of children grows smaller."

Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council

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The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

2014 KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

Council Level

The countdown to the State Contest at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids begins on January 4, 2014. Participating councils may obtain master copies of the 2014 Math and Spelling Contest Booklets and Answer Sheets from their District Deputies AFTER the December D.D. Meeting. Be sure to fill in the Council and District Numbers and the Diocese on the COVER PAGE of each Master Copy BEFORE you have the booklets printed!

All students in Grades 5 – 8 in private or public schools or home schooled are eligible for this contest.

Council Knowledge Contests should be completed by February 8th and the First Place winners and the number of participants at each grade level must be submitted to the Diocesan Coordinators promptly!

1. "Double" winners in Math, Spelling or Free Throw Shooting must choose ONE event at the Diocesan level.
2. Winners advancing to the Diocesan Contest must be given a TRAVEL CARD to be shown at the registration table and to be used to gain admission to the contest room. The cards are to be collected after the contestants have filled out the cover page of the contest booklet.
3. TRAVEL CARDS must be filled out COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY!
4. Efforts should be made to send an alternate (the 2nd Place winner) if the 1st Place winner opts out of the Diocesan Contest.
5. Each participating council is responsible for awards – the State Council provides medallions for the Diocesan and State winners.

Diocesan Coordinators

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

Your Diocesan Contests should be held by March 8, 2014. The date of the State Contest makes this necessary!

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

State Level

I respectfully ask Diocesan Coordinators to send me the names of their First and Second Place Winners and the number of Council Participants at each grade level PROMPTLY!!

By all means use E-mail if you prefer to use a spread sheet instead of the Report Forms. With everyone's cooperation this State Council Youth Program will be a success. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

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

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

November Diocesan Families of the Month

Green Bay Diocese

Richard & Mary Noe, Green Bay, Council 10243 District 13

La Crosse Diocese

John & Sue Flock, Sparta, Council 4592 District 23

Madison Diocese

William & Sheila Kuchenbecker, Verona, Council 11155 D45

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Joe & Betty Frawley, Whitewater, Council 1690 District 62

Superior Diocese

Dave & Phyliss Kannel, Roberts Council 7030 District 81

The Wisconsin Winners of the Supreme Council's Drawing for the Holy Family Plaques for October are:

Lloyd & Kathleen Spaeth, Council 1964 - West Bend

Doug & Mitzi Mills, Council 2845 - New Richmond

Martin & Julie Egbert, Council 4592 - Sparta

Christopher & Megan Gensler, Council 6690 - Lake Mills

Andrew & Tammy Spidle, Council 10919 - Little Chute



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Family of the Month - Larry Julson, State Coordinator

On December 7th & 8th the winter District Deputy meetings were held and I presented information on the Family of the Month, and Family of the Year programs. This information is included in the packets for each of the councils, handed out by the District Deputies at their local meetings. Some of the information, that was presented is included here with this article, and I hope you find it helpful. Send all applications to my home address listed at the bottom of this article.

- Start working now by selecting a family you want to nominate for Family of the Year.
- The FOY nomination deadline is February 15th 2014.
- It takes time to put together a good nomination.
- The State Family of the Year winning nomination is sent to Supreme for consideration for the International Family of the Year award.
- Good families are those that are continuing to do the work of Jesus Christ.
- Nominations should be assembled into binders, up to a 2 or 3 inch size binder.
- Include photos of family members participating in activities.
- The selection committee uses only the information provided to make FOY selections.
- Include letters of recommendation from their Pastor and other Community leaders.
- Involve the family in gathering nomination information, they are the best source.
- Glean scrapbooks for information on selected families.
- Please don't expect the family to fill out and prepare their own nomination.
- Last year one diocese did not participate in the Family of the Year program.
- Last year many nominations consisted of only 2 sheets of paper.
- Take some time in your council meetings to talk about the Family Programs.
- Ask your Family Committee how they are doing on their nominations for Family of the Month and Family of the year.
- Honoring families and publicizing who they are and what they do will encourage other families to become Knights of Columbus families.

Thank You to all the councils who have been submitting nominations for Family of the Month, and Family of the Year.

If there are any questions you can contact me at LLAMM@triwest.net or

Larry Julson
N47042 Semingson Rd.
Strum, WI. 54770



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

A Special Message from the Supreme Council General Agents:

One of our founding goals: to protect widows

As a member of your local council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. We know today this is done through our insurance products which are designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact us 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

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

Our drive to fund Team Wisconsin 2014 is drawing to an end. **We are still around \$25,000.00 short of our goal.** We need the help of all Council's and Members to reach the Goal by Apr 25, 2014. Please give this your immediate attention. Councils please look at making a donation soon.

Councils may give from their Charity account to this drive,

The athletes are from all over the state. The team is made up of 62 athletes and 23 coaches, with more to be added yet. They will be taking part in the games which are being held in New Jersey, June 14 thru June 21, 2014. There will be over 3,500 athletes taking part in these games with over 1,000 coaches. It will take over 10,000 volunteers to be able to put these games on. Opening Ceremonies will be June 15, 2014 at the Prudential Center, Newark, NJ. Events will be held at the various locations.



**Special
Olympics**

Checks **must** be made payable to **Wis K of C Charities** and mail to;
John Benisch, Special Olympics Coordinator
4645 State Hwy 80
Pittsville, WI 54466

PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS FORM 4584 DUE JAN 31, 2014

This is a very important form which needs to be filed with the Supreme office each year by Jan 31st, with information from the previous calendar year. This form is used by the Supreme Council to determine the amount of grant we receive each year. It is important that ALL councils file this form on time, whether or not they have been active or donated anything. This year I would like to see 100% of councils file this form.

I will be sending a report to the Grand Knight in late December or early in January listing donations received Tootsie Roll checks and Recycling income for the year 2013. Please include this with any other donations your Council may have made to local Special Olympics groups.

On it you will find areas for volunteer hours, event specific volunteers, year around volunteers, number of events volunteers worked, and total funds contributed. This all factors in to determine the amount we receive from Supreme, as well as percentage of councils that file this form on time.

When filing this form by mail, be sure to send a copy to the State Deputy and myself. If you efile the form be sure to send to the state deputy as well, and he will send me a copy. I do keep track of all the forms that are filed and compare with the Supreme office. If any discrepancies I can get them changed.

John Benisch, Special Olympics Coordinator
4645 State Highway 80
Pittsville, WI 54466

Resolutions - Gordy Kremer, State Advocate

Resolutions for the 113th Annual Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus Convention

Resolutions are due into the State Advocate by **Feb. 1, 2014.**

Each council can propose a resolution. The resolution must be adopted at the respective council meeting. Then the resolution must be signed and submitted by the Grand Knight to the State Council.

It is through the Resolution Process that the State and Supreme Programs and Bylaws are changed.

Strategies for writing a Resolution

Reference: Robert's Rules in Plain English (Second Edition)

Author: Doris P. Zimmerman

A resolution is a main motion submitted in writing.

A resolution consists of two parts:

The **preamble**, which begins with "Whereas"—providing the reasons and background information for support.

The second part begins with "**resolved**"—containing a motion to be adopted.

Keep the resolution brief and well-written.

Punctuation of a properly written resolution is a high priority. Each clause is written as a paragraph that is punctuated with a semi-colon. No matter how lengthy the resolution is, the only period appears at the end. The first word of each clause in the **preamble** and "That" in the **resolved section** are capitalized.

Acting On A Resolution

The resolves of a resolution are stated (by the presiding officer) and acted upon like any other motion. They are also open to amendment. When it is adopted, the preamble is presented. Presenting the preamble last allows for any amendment of the resolves, which may also require amendment of the preamble.

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World Marriage Day Second Sunday in February Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org) has put emphasis on the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony through the "foryourmarriage.org" website. Worldwide Marriage Encounter also offers several suggestions for celebrating World Marriage Day on the World Marriage Day website. Please review the information on the site and use whatever fits your needs. Download your World Marriage Day Clergy/Family Life Package and the Celebration Planning Package. All will provide help and ideas for you at wmd.wwme.org

Our Marriage Prayer Sunday - March 2nd, 2014

The Knights of Columbus cares about your marriage and your family.

We believe the foundation of the family is the marriage bond between the mother, father and God. If you have a strong marriage bond, it will in turn produce a strong family. A strong family in turn, is more capable of enduring the challenges they will face throughout their lives. If the marriage bond is not strong, these challenges can cause the marriage to end in divorce and rip the family apart. So to protect your family, you must strengthen your marriage bond with God.

To help strengthen your family and your marriage bond with God, the Knights of Columbus invites you to do the following:

- Come to any mass on the weekend of March 2nd, 2014 to help celebrate Our Marriage Prayer Sunday and to receive a special blessing that will be given to all married couples
- During the 28 days before Our Marriage Prayer Sunday, the website <http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com> will have activities that your family can do each day that will help strengthen your family's relationship and your marital relationship with God
- Say family prayers every night that includes the Our Father, personal Intentions and the Our Marriage Prayer

Our Marriage Prayer can be printed to fit in an 8 x 10 frame that you can hang on the wall. We encourage you to hang the prayer in a location where you can see it every day.

Order Our Marriage Prayer - Prayer Cards for all of the couples in your parish. (Form on next page)

During your evening family prayers, we encourage holding each other's hands as a symbol of family unity. When it is time to say the Our Marriage Prayer, the husband should take his bride's hands, place them together and wrap his own hands around them. You should then pray these words together.

*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 place our marriage into Your hands.
Amen*



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Our Marriage Prayer

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 well as to forgive.
 Dear Lord, we place our marriage into Your hands.
 Amèn*

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Fr. Michael J. McGinley 1832-1890
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

MISSION

- TO PROVIDE A MEANS BY WHICH CATHOLIC MEN
COULD SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH;
- TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL PROTECTION TO
PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES;
- TO ENGAGE IN WORKS OF CHARITY TO BENEFIT
THE LESS FORTUNATE.



Our Marriage Prayer **Prayer Card Order Form** (2 3/4x 4 1/2inches) \$0.05 each

_____ x 0.05= _____
 Council Name and Number Quantity Total Cost

_____ Council Location

Make checks payable to:
Tim Guski, State Secretary
 Mail to: Tim Guski
 P.O. Box 161
 Ridgeland, WI 54763
 (deadline January 15th, 2014)

_____ Parish served _____ Parish location

_____ Parish served _____ Parish location

_____ Parish served _____ Parish location

_____ Marriage Prayer contact (name) _____ Grand Knight

_____ Contact: mailing/shipping address _____ City/Town _____ Zip Code

_____ Email address _____ phone number(s)

Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with any questions: **tguski@wikofc.com** or (715) 821-5295

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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. 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 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>
District 71	24-Nov-13 through 4-Jan-14	District 86
District 64	5-Jan-14 through 25-Jan-14	District 80
District 63	26-Jan-14 through 15-Feb-14	District 91
District 70	16-Feb-14 through 8-Mar-14	District 83
District 69	9-Mar-14 through 29-Mar-14	District 87
District 68	30-Mar-14 through 26-Apr-14	District 89
District 67	27-Apr-14 through 24-May-14	District 88
District 49	25-May-14 through 14-Jun-14	District 81
District 50	15-Jun-14 through 05-Jul-14	District 21
District 48	6-Jul-14 through 26-Jul-14	District 22
District 51	27-Jul-14 through 16-Aug-14	District 29
District 47	17-Aug-14 through 06-Sep-14	District 25
District 42	7-Sep-14 through 27-Sep-14	District 26
District 45	28-Sep-14 through 18-Oct-14	District 23
District 43	19-Oct-14 through 08-Nov-14	District 46
District 52	9-Nov-14 through 13-Dec-14	District 30
District 40	14-Dec-14 through 10-Jan-15	District 24
District 41	11-Jan-15 through 31-Jan-15	District 60

Website

The Wisconsin State Council has a new online presence. Check it out at:
<http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/index.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>



To see how to get your own Council website go to:
<http://kofcknights.org/>

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

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who are evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

Albert Einstein

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The Joy of Knighthood (submitted)

During my rounds last night, I had one-half of Les and Rose's driveway done with my snow blower when a car stopped in the street in front of the house. I motioned for the car to come on into the driveway, but it didn't move, I went up to the driver's window. A young man alone at the wheel rolled down his window. I explained to him who I was and what I was doing. He was expecting to clear the snow in the morning. I told him that Les is a great Knight and we had committed to taking care of the snow removal for his house the past couple of years since Les had his heart surgery, but if he wanted to do it when we couldn't get it done, that would be great.

Then he told me that he was from the State of Oregon and he just came from visiting with his Grandpa Les (I'm not sure what facility Les is in). He was able to spend some time with Grandpa, read to him and then watch him fall asleep. He's here now, because Grandpa Les does not have much time left and he wanted to be sure to see him before it was too late.

He parked his car on the street while I finished the driveway and sidewalks. Then, I loaded my snow blower, said goodbye and watched him as he pulled up to the driveway and brushed all of the snow off of his car while still in the street and then headed towards the garage as I left. I can't tell you how great it made me feel just knowing that young man did not have to worry about going out into the bitter cold in the morning to shovel snow. He had more pressing matters to attend to.

I don't know if the grandson is a Knight of Columbus. I don't know if he is even Catholic. One thing I do know is that he now knows that his grandpa belongs to a group of men who care deeply for one another and the people in their community.

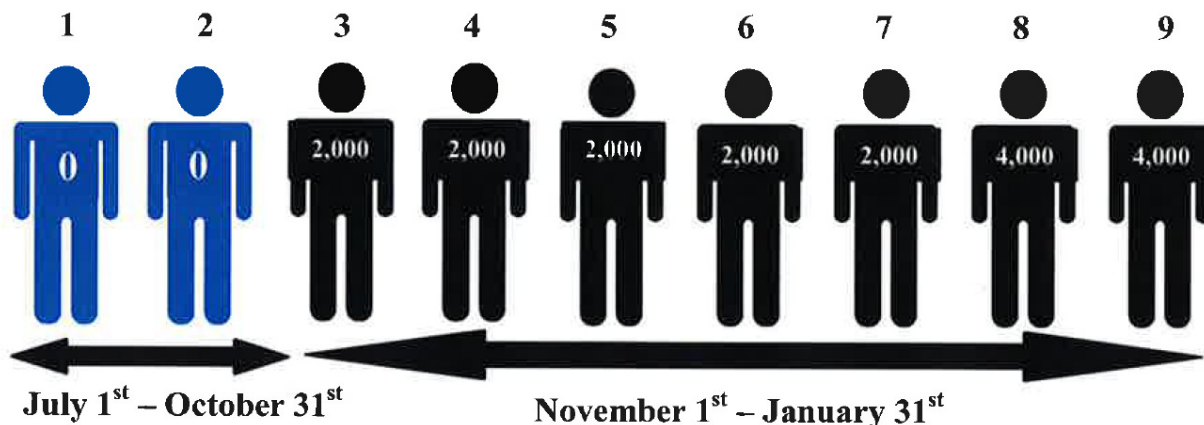
Merry Christmas!

"CATCH UP! --- ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH"

In the months of November, December and January you have the opportunity to "CATCH UP" with our Order-wide goal of "ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH."

In keeping with this goal, by Jan. 31, 2014, your council should have recruited seven new members. If your council recruits at least seven new members (including reactivations, reapplications, readmissions and reinstatements) by Jan. 31st, your council will receive 2,000 points for each member recruited in November, December and January. Furthermore, for each additional member recruited above the seven, your council will receive 4,000 points.

For example, if a council has already recruited two members prior to Nov. 1, 2013 and they end with nine members by Jan. 31, 2014, they will receive 2,000 points X 5 (5 members to get to 7) plus 4,000 points X 2 (2 members above the 7): 10,000 points + 8,000 points, for a total of 18,000 points.



We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to grow your council and at the same time reward your most active recruiters by sharing the VIP points among them. Points can also be redeemed for something your whole council will appreciate; such as BBQ aprons, new flags, officer jewels, or KofC road sign. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Georges Haddad at 203-752- 4250



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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

Madison

Superior

La Crosse

January 6 - 974 Chippewa Falls
January 20 - 6585 Bloomer
February 2 - 12468 Altoona
February 10 - 10774 Augusta
February 11 - 1257 Eau Claire

Milwaukee

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>
January 16, 2014	7:00pm	710	Manitowoc	Charles Reis, District 12	(920)775-4405
January 18, 2014	9:30am	614	Oshkosh	Charles Rohr, Jr. District 10	(920)540-4486
February 9, 2014	1:00pm	10914	Onalaska	Bruce Jerue, District 25	(608)783-1003

Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 18, 2014	12:30pm	614	Oshkosh	Charles Rohr, Jr. District 10	(920)540-4486
February 9, 2014	2:30pm	10914	Onalaska	Bruce Jerue, District 25	(608)783-1003

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>
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



"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



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

Honor Guard Certification



On November 2, 2013, Honor Guard Certification was held at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners WI. Special thanks to Assembly 3316 for hosting this event. Marshall Michael Jordan conducted the training, certifying 42 Honor Guard members representing (8) assemblies. Six who were certified were new Honor Guard members. Certification is held every year. Other certifications are scheduled for January 25, 2014 in West Bend, February 8, 2014 in Sturgeon Bay and March 8, 2014, in Winneconne. Last year over 200 Honor Guard members were certified throughout the state.

Stars and Stripe Honor Flight General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, WI



On November 2, 2013 VSM Harold Stohlmeyer and (23) Honor Guard members from the Eastern Wisconsin District welcomed home 185 WWII and Korean Vets. They returned home in two planes from their respective Memorials in Washington DC. The Knights of Columbus along with other military services were the first to "Welcome home our Heros" and thank them for their service to our Country.
Special thanks to Karen LaRosa Keepsakes 4ever Photography for these memorable photos.

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Council 1762 - Food Drive



St. Croix Council 1762 in Hudson conducted its annual "Stuff A Truck" food drive. Council Knights, spouses and volunteer help from area churches sorted food collected at local schools by school children. 15,000 lbs of food was collected, delivered and sorted for the Hudson Community Food Pantry at St. Patrick's church.

Shining Armor Award - Council 2035



GK Gerry Lee, Dwight Maciejewski, Martin Rettler, FA Paul Martin

Field Agent Paul Martin gave out two Knight in Shining Armor Awards to Dwight Maciejewski and Martin Rettler

Pope Francis



The Knights of Columbus has worked to bring Pope Francis and his message to the world in a variety of ways. Our documentary film on his life — Francis: The Pope from the New World — is available on DVD.

The hour-long film traces the remarkable rise of our new Holy Father and features interviews from around the world, with close friends, fellow priests, co-workers, his biographer and the poor of Buenos Aires.

Councils are encouraged to work with their pastor to show the film in their parish hall and can also sell copies of the DVD at such events as a fundraiser.

Councils may purchase DVDs in batches of 10 for \$100 (\$10 each), plus the shipping cost of \$12 (for a total of \$112). For each packet of 10 DVDs purchased, the council will get a free copy of the DVD to use for ongoing screenings. The suggested retail price of the film is \$19.95, with individual DVDs available for purchase via Amazon.com

Copies may be purchased by directly contacting the publisher, Janson Media. Janson Media accepts payment by credit card. Please do not respond to this email. All orders should be directed to Mrs. Betsy Van Ost as noted below:

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Any profits made by K of C on this film, will be donated to Pope Francis.