

September 15, 2026



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OZAUKEE COUNCIL 2035 PORT WASHINGTON, WI

“IN AN AGE WHEN MANY STOP PRACTICING OUR FAITH, OR ARE SIMPLY GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS, WE KNIGHTS ARE DEDICATED TO ANSWERING THE CALL TO GIVE PUBLIC WITNESS OF OUR DISCIPLESHIP OF JESUS CHRIST.”



Meetings of Knights

Next Meetings:

Officer's Meeting:	Tuesday, October 6, 2026, via-person or via conf. call
General Meeting:	Tuesday, October 20, 2026, via in-person or via conf call at 6:45 p.m.
Officer's Meeting:	Tuesday, November 3, 2026, via in-person or conf. call
General Meeting:	Tuesday, November 17, 2026, via in-person or via conf call at 6:45 p.m.

Conference Call Instructions:

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Jim Laux on his mobile number at 414-828-6970. You will be connected to the meeting.

The Next K of C Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026, in our meeting room. **Our meeting starts with a rosary at 6:45 PM.** Please plan to get acquainted with other members in attendance.

Men of Faith Study Group



In this crazy world, God is calling us to strengthen our Faith, defend our families and get them to Heaven. All men (Post Confirmation/18+) of St. John XXIII Parish are invited to join a Fraternity of Men helping each other grow in faith & become Holier Men, Boyfriends, Husbands, and Fathers. **Meetings will be on the first Monday of the Month from 6-7PM in the K of C Meeting Room.**

Why the Rosary is so powerful

Why the Rosary is so powerful? It Engages Your Will. The human will is powerful because it is a sharing in God's power. He gives us the will to choose to do good or to do evil — and that will, in and of itself, is a powerful weapon in the spiritual realm The Healing Mysteries are Applied. As we pray the Rosary, the mysteries of Christ's birth, ministry, passion, and glory are opened up, and the Holy Spirit applies them to our own inner needs. Where there are impurities, they are purged. Where there are bad memories, they are healed. Where there are wounds, Doctor Jesus, and Nurse Mary minister to our needs.

Spiritual Warfare is Engaged. Satan hates the Rosary. He hates Mary. He hates the gospel. He hates God. He hates Christ the Lord. He hates the Lord's Prayer. He hates the Hail Mary. He hates you. Every time you pray the Rosary, you enter the territory that he wants to claim as his own. He wants control over your will — you take that from him. He wants control over your speech — you take that from him. He wants control over your imagination — you take that from him. He wants control over your emotions and your early life — you take that from him.

Packer Raffle Winners and Success

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 Green Bay Packer raffle a huge success. We set new records for tickets sold and revenue generated.

This year, we **sold roughly 869 tickets and generated \$4,918.20 in profit** that has been transferred into council 2035's scholarship fund.

The Green Bay Packer **raffle** drawing was held on August 30, 2026, after the 10:30 AM mass in front of Saint Mary's church. The **winners** for 2026 were:

**Dennis Burmish,
Dave and Cheryl Lesniak, and
Pat Dwyer**

The Knights are First in Faith

St. John XXIII will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary in October

To celebrate the parish's 10th anniversary in October, the parish will be having 10 days of parish activities for everyone to participate in. The Knights of Columbus has agreed to participate in the following with more details to be discussed at our upcoming membership meeting. Volunteers will be needed so keep these activities in mind, especially for the Eucharistic Procession

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October 11-Packer Tailgate
October 14-St. John XXIII Holy Hour
October 16-Eucharistic Procession
October 18-19 LIFT serving meals.

Membership Drive for the Knights of Columbus

Scott McGinnis, our Deputy Grand Knight will address those men in attendance at Masses on October 18 and 19, 2026 to consider joining the Knights of Columbus and meet with them after each mass. If current members in attendance at these masses could assist, that would be wonderful.

Lifesavers for Life

Brothers mark your calendars. Council 2035 will distribute lifesavers and solicit donations after all masses the weekend of September 26 - 27 to support the Council's Pro-Life causes. In the past Council 2035 has helped place two ultrasound machines at Care-Net in Milwaukee and helped fund the placement of ultrasound machines at Lilies of Hope in Grafton and Anchors of Hope in Plymouth. **We could use at least 5-6 Knights after each mass**, but more will be better. **Love Life. Choose Life.**

40 Days for Life Campaign

Attached is a flyer for the fall 40 Days for Life Campaign in Sheboygan. Last spring several Knights from Ozaukee Council 2035 prayed the 4 Mysteries of the Rosary during Lent for the spring 40 Days of Life event after Pro Life Wisconsin Director Dan Miller challenged Knights

Council's to put boots on the ground. As you all know, Council 2035 has been active in the placement of Ultrasound machines in several different Pregnancy Resource Centers and is always willing to support Pregnancy Resource Centers financially. Putting "Boots on the ground" was a wonderful opportunity to witness our pro-life beliefs in a more concrete way. Last spring while we were praying the Rosary Germaine Souik approached us and asked if Council 2035 is participating once again this fall. **Please consider signing up for a slot or two between September 23 and November 1.**

I truly believe you will find it fulfilling. To sign up for a slot click on this link https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-hours-signup.aspx?l_id=700 then click on the 40-day calendar. You will need to sign up for an account when you select a date and time. Families and friends are welcome to come and pray with you. For more info feel free to call Chuck Lanser. [414-333-9797](tel:414-333-9797) or plan on attending the member meeting September 15.

Coats for Kids Drive is Scheduled for Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

Council 2035 Coats for Kids Drive is scheduled for Oct. 23, 24 and 25 at the Saukville and Port Washington Piggly Wiggly stores. Please use the sign-up genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA4A623ABFCCF8-65302118-2026#/> to sign up. The link will also be found on the event page at koc2035.org If you cannot access the link feel free to call Chuck Lanser at [414-333-9797](tel:414-333-9797) to sign up. Last year our Council made donations of \$2,000 each to the Ozaukee Food Alliance and the Port Washington Food Pantry. We also donated over 200 coats to the Ozaukee Food Alliance and the Port Washington Food Pantry. This is one of our largest events of the year, please plan to sign up for a 2-hour shift if you are able. There are 39 slots available over the 3-day event, and it is important that we fill them all. Wives and families are welcome to solicit with you.

St. John XXIII Catholic School Back to School BBQ

St. John XXIII Catholic School Back to School BBQ held on August 27 was a great success. Council 2035 served nearly 300 students, family and staff brats and hot dogs, watermelon, chips, and drinks. Everyone was thankful and we were invited back next year to help kick off the school year once again.

The Knights of Columbus Last Brat Fry for 2026 will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026

The Knights of Columbus **last Brat Fry for 2026 at the Saukville Piggly Wiggly is Saturday, September 26, 2026. Setup is usually around 8:00-8:15 am and breakdown is around 2:30 pm.** If you are able to help out with setup or breakdown or in any other way, please sign up through our website which is www.kofc2035.org . Alternatively, you can contact Bob Sereno or RSERENO@ATT.NET to let him know you are able to help out and answer any questions you

might have. We need a few volunteers. If you cannot help out, you can always stop by and purchase a delicious brat, hot dog, and snacks that day, too. Thank you.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is quickly approaching and will be held **on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at All Saints Catholic Parish in Berlin, hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly 1210 (Oshkosh)**. The Fourth Degree is the visible arm of our Order, dedicated to the virtue of Patriotism.

If you are interested in joining the 4th Degree complete event information—including the registration packet, candidate instructions, online registration, and the day's schedule—is available on the Eastern Wisconsin Fourth Degree District Portal at <https://uknight.org/?PD=14> the Council Flyer attached to this newsletter. For more information email Financial Secretary Jim Laux at Jim.Laux@icloud.com

April Field Agent Report

Brothers, trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full. This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation. A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time. Next, let us think about retirement. Whether it is years away or right around the corner having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about. It is also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would manage an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights have products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case. Attaining financial wellness does not need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at www.kofc.org/calculator. With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs. If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet. **Our Field Agent is Derek Kalscheur PGK, FIC, Field Agent-Knights of Columbus, 262-293-3061, derek.kalscheur@kofc.org**

Knights of Columbus Vests Available

Any member wishing to obtain a Knights vest can contact Wester Premier Promotions. Michele Wester's contact info is (920) 980-8382. Her email address is wpp@wpp-promo.com and her

address is W2990 Hickory Grove Road Belgium, WI 53004. The cost of the vest is about \$60. Vests are custom made and come in S,M,L XL and XXL

For other Knights apparel you can visit Knights Gear for an assortment of shirts, polos, coats, sweatshirts, coats, caps, and other gear.

Welcome New Members to our Knights of Columbus, Council 2035

The Holy Spirit has blessed our Council with many blessings. One such blessing was a number of new members to our Council in the past year or so. We welcome the following to our Council and look forward to meeting them at appropriate times in the future:

Oscar Juarez Buendia	Walter Korbecki
Caleb Berlyn	Anthony Losiniecki
John Weinrich	Jeffrey Tietzen
Joseph Sepanic	Jacob Sereno
Mike Linstroth	Nathan Gregory
Scott McGinnis	James Russell
Max Knocklein	Bill Lanser
Brad Zwicker	Ron Lettiere
Bob Sereno	Tim Logman
Fr. Matthew Kirk	

Web Page and Facebook Up and Running

As you know, we have discussed the desire to have a webpage and a Facebook page for our Council. Joel Weinberger, Nic Becker, and Abby Becker put together a Facebook page which is now up and running. One of our new members, Jason Sepanic, is updating the site as needed. Thank you, Jason, for all that work. Check out the site at www.kofc2035.org.

Candidates for Membership-Council 2035 of the Knights of Columbus

Part of the process of men joining our Council is having the membership approve the candidates. **Approval will be part of the agenda for each membership meeting. Names of candidates should be submitted to Dan Becker (dbecker@x-celtooling.com), Chuck Lanser (clanser@wi.rr.com) or James J. Pauly (jjpauly3663@gmail.com) for any vetting before the membership meeting where approval is sought. Ideally, any candidate should be submitted on or before the 1st Tuesday of each month when the officers meet.**

It would be great if you could give some thought to recommending one person (or more) to be approached to consider joining our Council. Please let Dan Becker, Chuck Lanser, or Jim Pauly know of your recommendations

Officers Contact Information

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