



Desk of the State Deputy

Who are we and why are we here?

Brothers, Thank You for carrying the “Medics of Divine Mercy” message. This vision supporting the Mission of the Church and Fr. McGivney’s Mission for the Knights of Columbus resonates with our Brothers and future Knights. I am asking each of you to further develop your story with the answer to the question, “Why am I a Knight of Columbus?” If we are clear in our own minds what we can do to make a difference in our home – Domestic Church, Parish and Community we can help motivate others to join our Mission and make a positive impact for God’s Greater Glory.

Thank You also for the tremendous success we are seeing in growing our order. We have moved all the way up to 16th out of 74 jurisdictions. This is uncharted territory for Wisconsin. But it is not enough, if we want to grow and guarantee a future for the efforts we have initiated. Who will receive the torch we will pass. What will the legacy of your time on earth be?

I have asked State Membership Director, Immediate Past State Deputy Ron Faust to make some adjustments to our

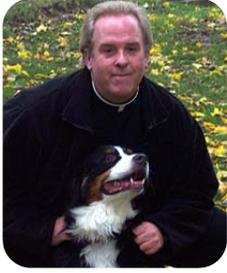
goals. The Supreme Council assigned us a goal of 1,200 new members and we are well on our way to reaching that goal. However, with an annual attrition rate of nearly 1,000 deaths and 500 suspensions or withdrawals that number does not achieve the growth we need to perpetuate this Holy Order. Our revised and achievable benchmark is 1,600 new members. Having new members to revitalize your Council enables your legacy and Fr. McGivney’s Mission to survive. Your responsibility is to get your Council to Double Star or at least Star Council intake. The Supreme Council will waive the per capita assessment for 2017-2018 for every Council attaining Star status this year. Every Council matters every member matters. Your retention efforts are securing a significant reduction in that suspension and withdrawal number. Keep up the great effort to be “Precious Blood Brothers” to your fellow Knights.

Why are you a Knight of Columbus? Will you make a difference that will stand solid for you part in this inspiring task? If not you then, who? If not now then, when? All that God asks is that you do all that you can. Are you doing all that you can? Go make a difference !

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
SD Guski



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State Chaplain Corner

Dear Brothers,

We have now entered the 100th year since Our Lady appeared in Fatima, Portugal. The anniversary is May 13, 2017. Many people are wondering if

God may do (or allow) something soon to “shake us up” (I wrote about it [HERE](#) – this is the most “shared” article I have ever written).

As we watch terrorism rising up everywhere around the world, relations between nations in steep decline, a false economy ready to collapse, morality at an all-time low, pre-born babies murdered by the millions, marriage re-defined for the first time in all of civilization, adult men allowed to share a bathroom with little girls, religious freedom under assault, corruption and collusion rampant within our government, and confusion in our Church ... people are asking, especially as we enter this centennial year of Fatima, “WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!?”

The answer may lie more in “God’s style.” What is “God’s style?” Throughout salvation history, we know that no matter how far we stray from God, He always wants to give us every opportunity to return.

My brothers, I believe it’s time for us to do the “Nineveh Thing.” I am referring to the biblical story of Jonah who warned the Ninevites, and they believed and repented. The bible story ends with, “When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened” (Jonah 3:3-10).

THE NINEVEH 90 CHALLENGE

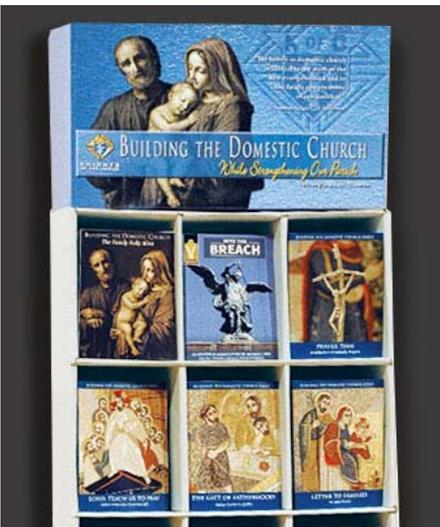
This is the 90-day period of time from February 13 to May 13. Inspired by the excellent program, “[Exodus 90](#),” and all of the research that reveals it takes 90 days to replace bad habits (even addictions) with good habits, I am calling upon all of us to enter into a 90 day period of humility and transformation I call “[Nineveh 90](#),” leading up to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, 2017.

Nineveh 90 is all about freedom. The goal is to achieve the freedom necessary to fully engage the love of God and the love of neighbor. Nineveh 90 is based on a challenging 90-day period of purification, a dying to self, which is supported by fellow soldiers in Christ for greater interior freedom and, eventually, a more purified and selfless love.

As I wrote, “Nineveh 90” begins on February 13. You can read all about it [HERE](#), or go to [nineveh90.com](#).

Let’s do this men! Let’s do all we can to humble ourselves and become as close to God as we can during this “Nineveh 90.”

Yours in Christ,
Very Rev. Richard Heilman
State Chaplain
Wisconsin Knights of Columbus



NEW DOMESTIC CHURCH SERIES

Introducing the new Building the Domestic Church series, a collection of popular CIS books focused on issues of vital importance for Catholic families seeking to build up and strengthen the church at home. A special display kiosk is also offered for KofC councils promoting the series. Learn more at www.kofc.org/Domestic-church



<https://www.knightstrong.org/>

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - January 2017

“Championship Performance!”

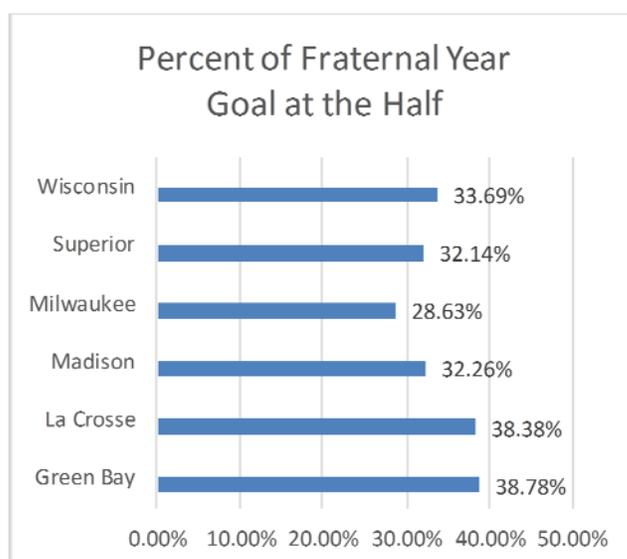
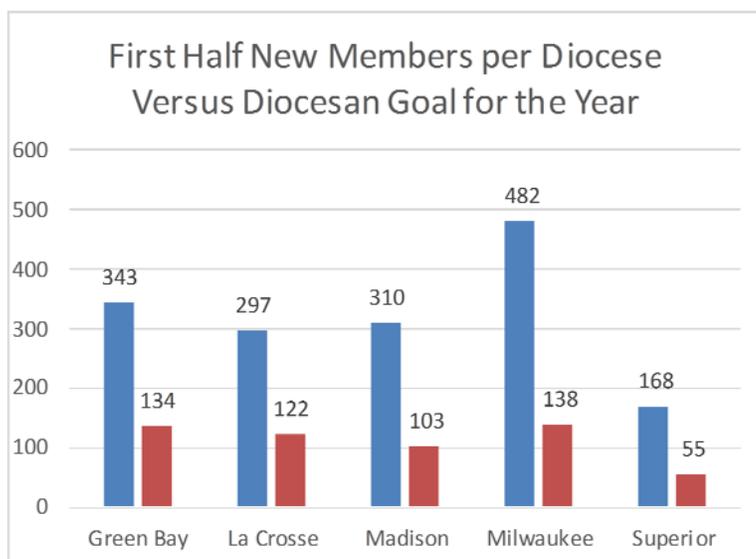


Way to go, Wisconsin! We had a good first half, finishing strong. But we sure started slow. On November 1 we were in last place in division 2. Then we really kicked it in, **passing 10 on our way to 2nd place in division 2!** Only Virginia remains ahead of us. But not for long!

Wisconsin ended December ranked 17th of the 74 jurisdictions of our Order, and 11th in the United States! Our offense keeps getting stronger. Halftime adjustments are being integrated into our game plan. Intake is on the way up! But we all know that, as exciting and fun it is to play offense, champions require a great defense.

Unnoticed by many, Wisconsin’s defense, led by Coach Don Smrstick, is having a good year. But he can’t do it alone! We all have a stake in saving our Brother Knights; our **Precious Blood Brothers**. They need to hear from us that we care about them and that we value them and that we need them. It takes personal contact and time to restore lost relationships. Is your Brother in the Precious Blood worth it? Does your council have a retention team for this very important ministry? Please see the message from Coach Don in this newsletter.

“Diocesan Competition!”



At the half, Milwaukee has the most new members recruited while Green Bay has achieved the highest percentage of their goal. But then, Milwaukee has just come alive at the end of the half! And La Crosse, at this writing has broken on top as the second half is underway.

Watch FlockNote for weekly updates! What? You don’t receive FlockNote messages! What are you waiting for? Text the word brother to 84576 and get on board!

“Supreme Incentives!”

Hey Wisconsin Knights! Can you believe it? Supreme wants to give us MONEY! They have an incentive called Winter Blast! They will pay us for every level we achieve above our 5-year January average. Our 5-year average for January is 117. That’s it! Only 117! And if we hit 121, they will send us \$400!

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Membership)*



KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS RESULTS

These 11 Districts and 19 Councils met the goal of 5 new Knights for a District and 3 new Knights for a Council and the District Deputies and Grand Knights will receive a Holy Family image. Two of the top 11 Districts are OPEN!!

Districts with 8 Knights Before Christmas:

8	Corey Coonen	28	Jacob Grzywacz
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Districts with 7 Knights Before Christmas:

64	Jonathon Richter	72	Norb DeKeuster, Jr.
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Districts with 6 Knights Before Christmas:

9	John Franczek	21	Paul Zimmerman
	22	Miles Casey	

Districts with 5 Knights Before Christmas:

30	Open Position	69	Tim Nighbor
70	Dennis Bednarek	73	Open Position

Councils with 7 Knights Before Christmas:

Abbot Pennings Council 3955	GK Peter Nordeen	De Pere
Marathon Council 16280	GK Andrew Krautkramer	Marathon

Councils with 5 Knights Before Christmas:

Holy Ghost Council 4648	GK Scott Zarling	Brookfield
Sacred Heart Council 6599	GK Jeff Pitman	Elmwood

Councils with 4 Knights Before Christmas:

John F. Kennedy Council 1257	GK William Chrostowski	Eau Claire
Bishop Leo J. Brust Council 3702	GK Michael Ullric	Brookfield
Duck Creek Council 6279	GK Steve Caelwaerts	Howard
Marquette University Council 6883	GK Connor McBettigan	Milwaukee
St. Pius X Council 16582	GK James Popke	Appleton

Councils with 3 Knights Before Christmas:

Goldsmith Council 974	GK Jason Martell	Chippewa Falls
New Richmond Council 2845	GK Anthony Kilian	New Richmond
Fr. Vanden Borne Council 4489	GK Dennis Gloudemans	Kimberly
St. Isadore Council 5008	GK Lee Ebert	Tigerton
St. Mary of Colby Council 5127	GK Keith Krebsbach	Colby
Holy Trinity Council 5397	GK Larry Ford	Spooner
Michael-James Feider Council 7048	GK Pat Miley	Mukwonago
Chequamegon Council 9608	GK George Tesch	Rib Lake
St. Lucy's Council 15659	GK Willian Raszkowski	Racine
St. Paul Council 16217	GK Dennis Budi	Combined Locks

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Membership

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But wait! There's more! For 129 they will send us \$550! And for 140 (hey, we did it in November - Wisconsin OWNS the second half!) they will send us \$700.

The next target is a big one. It is a significant challenge. Are we up for it? If we add 176 Knights in January, Supreme will send us \$1500!!! What do you say, Wisconsin? Should we take the money?

AND THERE IS STILL MORE! Councils with 6 new members in the third quarter receive a Domestic Church Kiosk complete with a Booklet Set! That is a \$150 value! And those with 12 new members in the third quarter receive TWO!! WOW!! That's awesome!

That's right, Brothers. Not 6 in January, or 6 in any one month. They are giving us all the way to March 31 to get the prize! I don't think they know who they are dealing with! Let's show them! Let's make it cost them, big time!

“Reaching for the Stars!”

The first six councils to Double Star earn CASH; \$250 for the first and \$100 to each of the next 5.

1. Marynook Council 6487	GK Larry Sonsalla	\$250.00
2. Marathon Council 16280	GK Andrew Krautkramer	\$100.00
3. St. Mary of Colby Council 5127	GK Keith Krebsbach	\$100.00
4. Your Council Name and Number		
5. Your Council Name and Number		
6. Your Council Name and Number		

There are three prizes left! Who will stake a claim!

“District Competition!”

Congratulations, DD72 Norb DeKeuster and DD5 John Gravel! You have passed 100% of quota!

District 72 is at 126.67% and District 5 is at 112.5%.

50% to 60% Districts 3, 25, 47, and 64

40% to 50% Districts 8, 45, 48, 67, 70, 87

30% to 40% Districts 27, 44, 51, 68, 85, 91

20% to 30% Districts 2, 10, 12, 14, 21, 46, 61, 62, 63, 66

10% to 20% Districts 4, 7, 9, 13, 22, 24, 28, 41, 42, 43, 50, 81, 83

Districts 23, 30, 40 and 52 are positive in membership.

That leaves 15 districts that have been waiting for the second half to start. Memo to Districts 1, 6, 11, 20, 26, 29, 49, 60, 65, 69, 71, 73, 80, 89 and 90; the SECOND HALF HAS STARTED!! Right now your net is at or less than ZERO. Your goal by the end of the third quarter is to be net positive. Which 5 will do that in January? C'mon, Brothers – we need you! You are part of this team. We win together. Every contribution is significant.

“Star Recruiters!”

As good as our December was, no one personally recruited 5 new members in December. Two Knights, John Gravel and John Mueller led, each bringing in 4, while 6 others each brought in 3. The next award for the Green Bay Diocese is a minimum of \$50 while it has reached, for January, a minimum of \$175 for each of the other 4 dioceses!

Vivat Jesus,

IPSD Ronald Faust
Medic of Divine Mercy
State Membership Director

State Program Director - From the Desk of the Professor

Brother Knights,

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday season and that the warmth of that Christmas/New Year's glow, coupled with your enthusiasm for our Honored Order has you shaking off the winter cold and raring to go here in the 2nd half of our Fraternal Year! You should be over half way to reaching your membership and insurance member recruiting goals. So, continue to plan for and carry out those Church Drives and other recruiting measures, information nights and open houses, 1st Degrees, etc. If you do so, I'm sure that you'll be rewarded with Double Star/Star and Complete Council Awards in the end!

Of course, you're general programs need to continue on as well so you are the active, relevant, outstanding Councils that you certainly all strive to be. Toward that goal, remember to work on your Complete Council checklists and Columbian Award report forms, with your DD, at your Council/officers meetings every month! Be sure to get those Fraternal Surveys, Special Olympics report forms and February Audits in well in advance of their due dates.

I hope you have your Medallion Award and Family of the Year nominations, as well as your History Books well on the road to completion. They're due to State Office by February 15; History Books to your DD by February 1. Is should also be determining their best program in each of the 6 main areas (Family, Youth, Council, Church, Culture of Life, Community) and preparing their Supreme Service Award applications. Be sure to include good documentation, pictures, supporting evidence. They are due to State Office by March 1!

Your Free Throw and Knowledge Contests should be nearing completion. Remember to equip your winners

with properly completed green travel cards and submit your report forms to your Diocesan Program Coordinators with copies to your DD! State reports can also be sent to the State Forms e-mail address; Supreme Free Throw forms should be sent to Supreme when your contest is completed, copy to State forms e-mail address. I urge your Council also to begin now to lay plans to run the Soccer Challenge in April or May. Kits can be ordered from Supreme; information packets can be downloaded from the State website.



The Building the Domestic Church Initiative remains our #1 focus for 2016-17. Distributing those BDCI booklets in your parish/Council, ordering and beginning to use the Into the Breach men's study groups books, 5th Sunday Rosary, Marriage Prayer or Marriage Vow Renewal around Valentine's Day, Ordering the C.I.S. booklet kiosks to place at your parish are just some of the programs you can be focusing on in the next 2 months. Remember that you need 4 BDC Initiative programs to be listed on your 2016-17 Columbian Award forms!

Finally, now is the time to be planning your Food for Families Drive (40 Cans for Lent), arranging RSVP recipients, arranging your sites for this year's ID Drive, selling lots of those Charity Raffle tickets, choosing your delegates/alternates to the State Convention and getting registrations in, etc. Lots to be done here in January and February, so let's all band together in Charity, Unity and Fraternity as we move forward in 2017!

Vivat Jesus! Vivat Cristo Rey!
Bill Frayer

WI KC Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee Update

The annual meeting on the WI KC Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Committee was held in January. The ID Committee along with the State Officers evaluated 60 applications seeking \$266,401.59 in funding. The ID Committee distributed 5 Diocesan Educational Grants to the Bishops totaling \$12,500. Year 6 of a 6 Year Pledge to Badger Camp was dispersed for \$8,000. The total of the requests was \$266,401.59 of which \$145,572.58 was distributed, and \$120,829.01 was denied. 60 total grants were acted on with 48 groups

being fully or partially funded. The Committee worked very hard to do the best we could to wisely dispense the \$145,572.58 the councils of the state made available through the yearly ID Drive. A full list of approved groups is available on the state website.

Tootsie Roll orders are coming in daily for the 2017 drive. All orders are due by February 15. Candy will

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ID Committee*

Resolutions Notice

All Resolutions must be received by the State Advocate no later than February 24, 2017

Resolutions to be considered at the State Council Meeting may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, State Deputy, State Officers as a group, or by standing State Committees. Resolutions submitted by standing State Committees must pertain to the work of their committee.

As required by Wisconsin By-Laws, the following individuals are members of the Resolutions Committee in connection with the forthcoming Annual Meeting. Chairman Michael D. Tomsyck, State Advocate Sun

Prairie, Very Rev. Richard Heilman State Chaplain Cross Plains, Timothy Guski State Deputy Ridgeland.

State Deputy Timothy Guski will appoint the remaining members from Past State Deputies, District Deputies and Grand Knights prior to the first formal meeting of the Resolution Committee, scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 in Plover, WI.

All resolutions must be prepared in writing and sent to:

State Advocate Michael D. Tomsyck
957 Kimberton Court
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-4011
or email to mtomsyck@wikofc.com

Reminder to File Annual Tax Returns

[The following are selected excerpts from Supreme's online ODR. The following does not constitute legal and/or tax advice. If you have any questions regarding the filing of tax returns for your Council or Assembly, please consult with a professional tax adviser.]

Tax Compliance For Councils In The United States

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires the Supreme Council and each of its subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States (referred to collectively as councils) to file an annual informational tax return (IRS Form 990, 990EZ, or 990N). For purposes of tax compliance, the Knights of Columbus encompasses not only the Supreme Council, but also its subordinate units. Accordingly, all councils in the United States may be recognized by the IRS as "fraternal lodges" for purposes of the tax exemption granted to fraternal benefit societies under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that revenues received by a council for fraternal, recreational, or charitable purposes are not subject to federal income tax. Although the filing requirement is relatively simple, many tax exempt organizations in the United States have neglected to comply with it, resulting in the revocation of their tax exempt status.

It is very important that all councils comply with the annual IRS filing requirements. Failure to comply with the IRS filing requirement will ultimately lead to the revocation of a council's tax-exempt status. Those councils that have had their tax exempt status revoked should apply for reinstatement as quickly as possible to avoid potential tax liabilities. From the date of the IRS revocation notice to the date of IRS reinstating the council's tax exempt status, the council will be considered a taxable entity and therefore liable for any taxes accrued during that period of time.

State officers, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries should carefully review the other entries in the Tax section of the Officers' Desk Reference for more detailed information and instructions on council tax compliance. If you have additional questions or would like to obtain a reinstatement package, please contact the Home Office Legal Department via email at tax.ein@kofc.org.

Although the Knights of Columbus Legal Department is able to provide general guidance, we recommend that councils, assemblies, and chapters that have more complicated tax returns consult with a professional tax adviser.

Mike Tomsyck, State Advocate

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arrive in late March and early April. The drive dates will be April 15-May 15. Please start setting up your local drives with your local collection points. Remember to say Thank You, no matter what they tell you.

In 2016 the ID collection raised the highest amount ever

with Wisconsin crossing the \$700,000 barrier for the first time ever. Four of the five diocese in the state raising more than the year before. Let us see if we can do it again.

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

A Special New Year's Message from the Supreme Council General Agents

Where did 2016 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

We hope you and your family had a great finish to 2016. Now, that the first quarter of 2017 has started your plans for the year should be created.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. Here are some great tips regarding resolutions: First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but you've probably heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. We recommend that you have a team of

experts help you, and your field agent would love to be the first you sit with. Schedule some time to meet with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. He will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Oh by the way, the check-up is free of charge. When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call today.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Wisconsin General Agents

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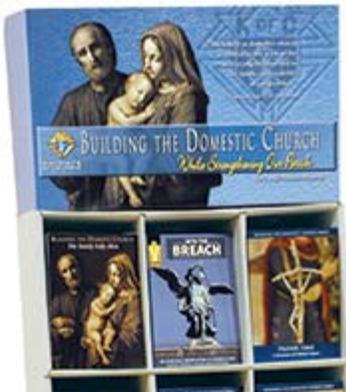
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⇒ District Deputies don't forget to send in your Form 450 after each Degree!

Email all form 100's to membershiprecords@kofc.org.



New Domestic Church Council Incentive Announced!

Councils that recruit six (6) or more members between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017 will receive a Domestic Church Kiosk & Booklet Set.* Councils that recruit twelve (12) or more members between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017 will also receive a Domestic Church Kiosk & Booklet Set.*

Councils that qualify for the Domestic Church Kiosk incentive during the third quarter of the fraternal year will receive a Booklet Set refill if they qualify again during the fourth.

* Offer valid only for councils and agents in the United States, Canada and Guam.

RETENTION-COMMUNICATION-MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Here we are with a brand new year with it's challenges and opportunities. While membership may be a challenge, the opportunities are limitless. Every council is expected to have a working retention committee. It is our duty to retain the members of our councils that have lost interest or somehow have become disengaged. We can do this by contacting every member twice a year by phone, letter or preferably in person. I know I have made this request before but I feel it bears repeating. If we can keep every member involved in the councils functions and projects they will feel valued and take ownership in the precepts of the Knights of Columbus. "Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism". This way we can continue to fulfill Fr. McGivney's vision of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world working to improve life and provide all that most of us take for granted to the less fortunate in our communities. We need not look far to see an opportunity help someone.

Worthy Membership Director Ron Faust and his team has had remarkable success in meeting their intake goals. I congratulate them on a great effort that paid off. Well done!! Now it is our turn to step up to the plate and reduce the number of withdrawals and suspensions your councils are experiencing. When a council sends in a form 100 to suspend a member they go on a CONSERVATION LIST. The retention committee has 60 days to retain these Knights. Supreme expects us to do all we can to maintain the councils membership.

Thanks for all you do for your councils and the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!
Don Smrstick, Retention Director

Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

Thank you for running the State Charity Raffle! Every year, it is a great success for the raffle winners, the councils which earn money that they can give to charitable causes, and for those who are the State grant recipients each year! Here are some messages to specific people in your councils: **Charity Raffle Chairman:** If you need more raffle tickets or small posters (in English or Spanish), write to Mark.Kohls@att.net or 920-351-3441.

All large posters have been given out. Turn in money and stubs to your Diocesan Charity Coordinator (page 6 of the

State directory), not the state office. **Grand Knights:** At your next meeting, please encourage your members to sell tickets until the Convention so that the council and the state can continue to give money to charitable causes. **Knights:** Thank you for selling raffle tickets!

Last year over \$450,000 went to charitable causes. Only your selling work will allow us all to repeat this.

Mark Kohls,
Wisconsin State Council
Charity Committee Director.

History Book

Gentleman, it is that time again. I need to make you aware that please check page D of the Excel version of the History Book. The print settings missed the Culture of Life at the bottom. It was correct mid year 2016, but for those of you that downloaded it early last year, you need to check the print settings.

For those of you that use the pdf version, please email me and I will send a pdf of the correct page D.

Charles Silver
Wisconsin State Council
Historian
715-386-8980, cell 309-361-4440

Family of the Month Report

This is a reminder to all councils that the Family of The Year nominations are due by February 15th.

Send to: Larry Julson N47042 Semingson Rd. Strum, WI. 54770. I hope you have all been working on them, for this award and acknowledgement of the great work our KofC families do is so great for them. Looking forward to seeing your council's Family of the Year nomination in February.

Thank You and wishing all success, in your ventures.

Larry Julson
State Family Coordinator

Bidding for the 2019 State Bowling Tournament

Wisconsin State Council *Knights of Columbus
A Catholic, Family, Service, Fraternal Organization



ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO BIDDING FOR THE WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

*A minimum of 16 bowling lanes available in one or two bowling centers. But it is recommended that 24 to 30 or more lanes makes running the Tournament easier.

You will need to have all facilities available for 8 -10 weekends.

Dates should run from early February through April.

Note: **Bowling shall run continuous weeks except during the EASTER Triduum.**

Accommodations must be available nearby that match the number of bowlers and guests each weekend.

Councils may team up with another council for joint bids

The number of volunteers needed to have a successful tournament is substantial.

Your clubrooms should be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday each weekend of the tournament.

There is no bowling scheduled to begin later than 3:00 p.m.

* Revised at Tournament Opening Meeting 2/9/2013

Men For All Seasons

Green Bay Men's Conference



Green Bay Packers Coach David Raih

Father Larry Richards

Matt Fradd

Fr. Jewel Aytona

Making Sense of a Senseless World

How do you make sense of what is happening in America today?

Come join 1,400 other men at the 2nd Annual *Men For All Seasons* conference, where we will take up the question. We will look at things through a Christian lens, as men seeking to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

A true mark of Discipleship is to bring a friend! We look forward to see you at the conference!

For conference information and to register:

www.estovir.com

March 4, 2017

KI Convention Center
333 Main st., Green Bay, WI 54301



Men for all seasons, ages 12 and up are welcome!

U.S. OPEN June 12 – June 18, 2017



[VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](http://www.tinyurl.com/kofcusopen)

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For the 1st time in USGA history the US Open will be held in Erin Wisconsin. With the help of a new Knight, Mike Berendes, we have been asked to be the volunteer group of choice, for the Trophy Club, at the entrance to Erin Hills. Holy Hill is approximately six miles from Erin Hills

Next to the Main Admission entrance, is The Trophy Club which is an air-conditioned pavilion offering comfortable seating, live network coverage of the championship, in a sports bar-like setting, access to executive restroom facilities and a wide variety of food and beverages.

Each volunteer will receive a meal, breaks and a pass for the day to the event. Tickets for the Trophy Club and the event are going from \$75 to \$200 depending on the day.

Now the good news, we need Brother Knights, families and friends to volunteer for one or more of the 460 shifts.

This is a chance for each Knight to bring invite a friend, a church member or someone from work to help at the event. This person will become the next Brother Knight.

More information will be sent out in the coming months on how to sign up, for the day and shift of choice. Any questions please email jacunski.s@sbcglobal.net

Holy Family Icon Prayer Program Schedule

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

Icon #1

Icon #2

Icon #3

January 22, 2017 through February 18, 2017

District 45

District 12

District 23

February 19, 2017 through March 18, 2017

District 43

District 11

District 46

March 19, 2017 through April 22, 2017

District 52

District 61

District 30

April 23, 2017 through May 20, 2017

District 40

District 62

District 24

May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017

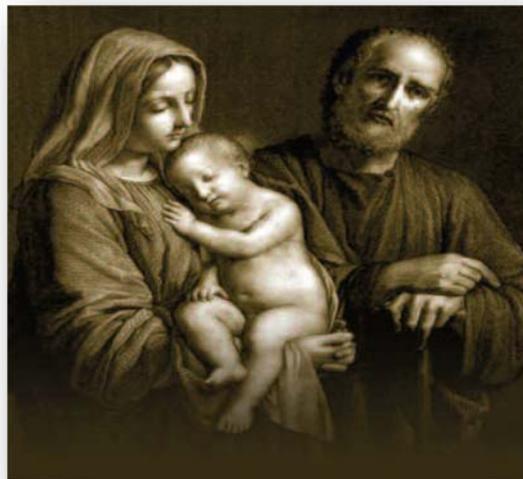
District 41

District 60

June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017

District 66

District 1





Our Marriage Prayer

There is only one more month until the Our Marriage Prayer celebration on Sunday February 12th, 2017!

Here is a quick guide on what needs to be done

Contact the parishes your council serves and request permission to hold the Our Marriage Prayer event.

Send them the bulletin announcement so it can get included in the bulletin for the event <http://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/Portals/0/OMPEvent/Bulletin-Announcement-02.pdf>

Order Our Marriage Prayer cards. The Our Marriage Prayer cards are now available on Amazon. Please order them from there as soon as possible to ensure you get them in time! To order them, either click on this link (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01MQODVP8>) or search for the cards by entering **Our Marriage Prayer Cards Knights** in the Amazon search bar.

Complete instructions on how to celebrate the Our Marriage Prayer in your parishes can be found at <http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

May your council be blessed with a beautiful event!

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Uchytel

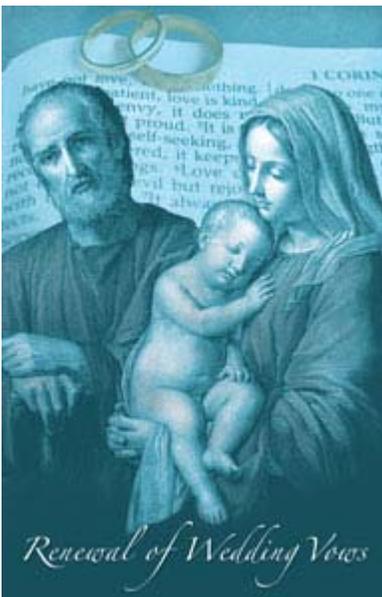
Council 7895 - Monsignor Gehl

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920-757-5138

The marriages you will treasure more than your own will be those of your children and grandchildren

FATHER'S DAY RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS



Father's Day is an important time to celebrate the role of fatherhood within the Christian family and is an ideal day for fathers to celebrate and honor their marriage vows. Annually sponsoring this event on the third Sunday of June will serve to make your council visible to the parish community and show your member's support for all fathers and husbands. During these events, Knights and their wives — along with all the married couples of the parish — have an opportunity to affirm their commitment to their wedding vows. After the event, councils should host a reception where they can congratulate each couple and thank them for their witness.

Working together with your pastor, provide the opportunity for married couples to recall and affirm their wedding vows together with a special blessing during or after the Sunday liturgy. In the 'Support Materials' section on www.kofc.org/en/domestic-chruch/index.html site provides two suggested programs you might consider.

Ceremonials

I would like to take this opportunity to thank State Deputy Guski for this appointment as your State Ceremonials Director. Also, my appreciation goes out to PSD Roland Ransom for his assistance during this transition.

I joined the Knights of Columbus in 1984 as a charter member of Winneconne Council 8810 and have been a member of their 1st Degree team ever since. Through the years I was a member on two separate 2nd Degree teams that were formed in District 10, a 3rd Degree team member under the tutelage of my old friend Ray Dufano and a member of the East Wisconsin District 4th Degree team. I am currently a member on all (4) Degree teams.

My goals for the future are very simple.

1. I will be working to get new 2nd and 3rd Degree teams in the State to help serve the membership.

2. I would like to improve the quality of these teams. To be honest, I have seen many Degrees throughout the State. The quality of these Degrees has been both good and bad. My motto will be . . . "I Want To Teach, Not Preach". I will be offering improvement tips through future newsletters that will be helpful to your Degree teams.
3. I will offer my services to any teams that would like my assistance. I would prefer to have this service provided during a practice before a future Degree rather than as a critique after a Degree.

I am looking forward to this new challenge and to be a member of your State Council team again.

Fraternally,
Mike Jordan
State Ceremonial Director



Since the time of our Order's founding, Knights of Columbus councils have actively responded to the most pressing issues facing people in our parishes and communities. As soon as he becomes a member of the Order, a Knight accepts this fraternal mission. Unfortunately, many Knights don't understand the extent of this mission, while others simply feel ill-equipped to be an effective presence in their parish or community.

It is your responsibility as an officer to help your new Knights understand this mission and actively engage in it. Learn how to do so by participating in our next webinar, "How WE are Seen is How WE are Known," on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The one-hour webinar will provide a detailed look at:

- Keeping our Ceremonial promises
- Attracting young members through service projects
- Spreading our mission through charitable service outreach programs

All council and assembly officers, district deputies and state officers are encouraged to participate in this webinar.

Click [HERE](http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/membership-webinar.html) to register.
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2016 - 2017 Scheduled Degrees: see updated schedule at <http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>
(Contact State Secretary Jack Wrbanich with scheduled degrees - jwrbanich@wikofc.com)

Admission Ceremonial Degree:

<u>Green Bay Diocese</u>	<u>La Crosse Diocese</u>	<u>Madison Diocese</u>	<u>Milwaukee Archdiocese</u>	<u>Superior Diocese</u>
<i>February</i> 6 - Council 3955, De Pere 7 - Council 4735, Demark 8 - Council 2210, Algoma	<i>February</i> 6 - Council 4125, Tomah 14 - Council 1654, Arcadia	<i>February</i> 6 - Council 1637, Portage 7 - Council 605, Beloit 12 - Council 4879, Sun Prairie 23 - Council 13480, Oregon	<i>February</i> 16 - Council 697, Racine 16 - Council 15659, Racine 21 - Council 1547, Berlin 29 - Council 4706, Whitefish Bay	<i>February</i> None

**District Deputies log on to: <http://kofcknights.org/DistrictDeputy/>
to schedule your council's Admissions Degrees!!**

To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact SK Michael Jordan 920.858-7709 e-mail: michael.jordan@luvata.com

Formation Ceremonial Degree:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
3-19-17	10:30 a.m.	3955	De Pere	Corey Coonen	920-819-9409

Knighthood Ceremonial Degree:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
3-4-17	11:00 a.m.	697	Racine	Jason Rusnak	262-344-9797
3-19-17	1:00 p.m.	3955	De Pere	Corey Coonen	920-819-9409

Fourth Degrees: Patriotism

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
April 1, 2017	Green Bay, WI	Eastern	(920) 468-1979

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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS
TEAM WISCONSIN 2018
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
PLEASE fill out form
4584**

We all contribute time and energy to Special Olympics. If your council donates part of their Tootsie Roll check to Special Olympics, they have donated time to Special Olympics.

ALL COUNCILS, need to fill Form 4584 out so we may get the most back from Supreme. We may receive up to \$12,000., depending on how many councils report.

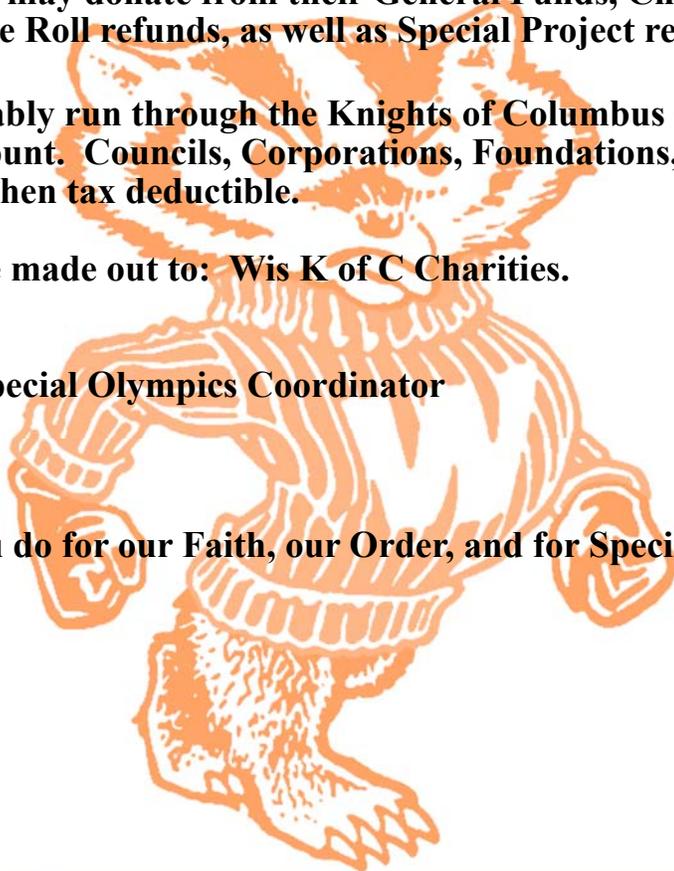
**If you just fill the form out and send it to Supreme, we will get credit!!!!
If you need dollar totals for your council, THEY ARE ON THE STATE WEB SITE.
The completed 4584 may be e-mailed or faxed to Supreme before January 31.**

**Each of us is needed to achieve our \$100,000 commitment to Special Olympics
Councils and Assemblies may donate from their General Funds, Charity funds,
Recycling income, Tootsie Roll refunds, as well as Special Project receipts.**

**All donations are preferably run through the Knights of Columbus Charity account,
which is a 501(c) (3) account. Councils, Corporations, Foundations, individuals, and
members donations are then tax deductible.**

**Please, Checks should be made out to: Wis K of C Charities.
And be mailed to:
Bryce Lisowski
Knights of Columbus, Special Olympics Coordinator
S 1345 County Road NN
Alma, WI 54610**

God Bless you for all you do for our Faith, our Order, and for Special Olympics



Badger Bulletin

Wisconsin Knights In Action

Ozaukee Council #2035 Port Washington



True Meaning of Christmas Poster Winners



Free Throw Contest Winners

Mazomanie Council # 7811 COUNCIL FREE THROW CONTEST



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Badger Bulletin



Msgr. Looze Council #4869 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



Menomonee Council #4240 Council members taking time out of their busy holiday schedule to help usher at Holy Hill Basilica for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.



Members of Menomonee Council #4240 Spreading some Holiday cheer right after Bingo at the Menomonee Falls Healthcare Center!



**STEVENS POINT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1170
DELIVERED 78 CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Each year KC Council 1170 in Stevens Point partners with Operation Bootstrap in Stevens Point to distribute Christmas food baskets to households/individuals in need. Thanks to Brothers, family, friends that donated items, packaged them and delivered a total of 78 baskets to needy members of our community on this very snowy day in December. Each basket consists of three cardboard boxes containing various food items including canned and boxed goods and perishables like bread, ham, butter, milk eggs etc. Each household receives enough food items to prepare several meals during the Christmas season. Jeff Slowinski coordinates this project and we all are grateful for his hard work.



Badger Bulletin



SD Guski presents a Fire Check to Todd and Lori Beranek of Colfax, WI



Msgr. Borusky Council #10243, Green Bay, Brother Knight Randy Barrett presents Sr. Caroline with a check from the proceeds of the placemat advertising: \$1,385 for the local food pantry.



Bishop Leo J. Brust Council #3702 in Brookfield, Wisconsin sailed the Santa Maria ship in the Memorial Day Parade in Elm Grove, Wisconsin and in the Brookfield, Wisconsin

