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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes - December 2014

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What is the mission of the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 to provide a means by which Catholic men could:

- Support the Catholic Church,
- Provide financial protection to protect their families, and
- Engage in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate

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Your United Wisconsin Team wishes you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Gathered together with your local District Deputies from across the Badger State.

Pictured above are from left to right in the back row are, Immediate Past State Deputy -Tim Genthe, Dan Baxter -General Agent Southwest Wisconsin, Ed Knolmeyer -General Agent Northwest Wisconsin, Joe Molosky -General Agent Northeast Wisconsin, Ken Sosnowski - General Agent Southeast Wisconsin. In the front row from left to right are State Warden -Pat Reiff, State Secretary -Tim Guski, State Deputy -Ron Faust, State Treasurer -Gordy Kremer, State Advocate -Jack Wrbanich.

The states leadership team gathered for the semiannual meeting to set the course for the future of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin. Heavy emphasis was placed on the importance of Building the Domestic Church and the role of our fraternity in supporting each other and the Catholic Church.

State Deputy Ron Faust



My Dear Brother Knights

At Christmas, when God chose to dwell with us, we are reminded in a unique way about the utmost importance of building strong and healthy relationships. With this message I will talk to you about four relationships with which we have all been blessed.

The first relationship I will talk to you about in this message is our relationship with our Brother Knights. I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to build on our Vocation to Fraternity by making the strengthening of your relationships with your Brother Knights a priority for your council. Our Brother Knights are all, through Jesus Christ, beloved sons of God our Father. Let us act accordingly.

Worthy Grand Knight, task your Council Retention Committee, headed up by your Deputy Grand Knight, to do all they can to make personal contact twice each year with every member of your council; once on their birthday and once on the anniversary of their exemplification into our order.

If personal contact cannot be established send a card. Send it with return requested so you can know if they are no longer at the address that you have on file. Your Financial Secretary has tools at his disposal for finding our "Lost Sheep," and training in the use of those tools has been, and will continue to be, made available to him. Let us together commit to finding our lost sheep and leading them back home into our Brotherhood.

The next relationship that absolutely must be protected and made as safe as we possibly can make it is our relationship with the children who we serve. Each and every one of us shares, with our Supreme Council, a sincere desire to protest from all harm the children who participate in our youth programs. This is why our Supreme Council has retained the services of the same company employed by the Boy Scouts of America to ensure a safe environment for the boys involved in their programs. Please be patient with the roll-out of this program throughout our order. There are bound to be some bumps in the road with an effort this massive, but if we keep our focus on the goal we can all get there together and we can leave a smoother road for those who follow us.

Another relationship essential for a healthy, growing council is the relationship of your council with your council's home parish. Now, if your first reaction is one of wondering which parish is your council's home parish, there is some work to be done. If, when your parish priest asks a men's group for help with something, it is not your council that he is asking, there is some work to be done. And if the parishioners of your council's home parish do not see the Knights of Columbus as a key contributor to vibrant family life, well, we have a program for that called Building the Domestic Church.

My Brothers, make no mistake, our Knights of Columbus programs are excellent. And your council might do a great job with those programs. But if your council does not have a strong relationship with your home parish, that is a warning flag that is only ignored at your peril.

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Finally, the most important relationship, the one at the very center of our lives together as Christian gentlemen, is our personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with this understanding that I support the initiative to establish Holy Hours specifically designed for men. I am convinced that your work in helping your brothers, and all the men of your parish, deepen their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the one most essential thing that we can do together. I have full faith and confidence that if we get this right, everything else will follow. And if we do not get this part right, are we simply building another tower of Babel?

Vivat Jesus and Merry Christmas to All,



Ron Faust, State Deputy

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

State Family Coordinator -Larry Julson

We just finished the winter meeting with the District Deputies this past weekend. Part of my presentation, I spoke about an interesting thing that had happened to me. During a Sunday Mass, during the, Prayer of the Faithful, I prayed that God would give me something, to help me talk to others, about God and Jesus. On Monday evening my wife and I went to a wake, and I just happened to notice a man with a Tootsie Roll Pop in his mouth. I didn't think much about it until sometime later when I began to think about how a Tootsie Roll Pop was constructed. I realized that it was made up of three parts, the hard candy outside, the soft chocolate center, and the stem, that was stuck into the center. Then I began to think about how the sucker was much like people. A bag of Tootsie Roll Pops are of all different colors, and flavors, just like people. Our eyes, hair, and skin may be of different colors, but if that is taken away, we all have the same things, inside of us. Our blood is all red, we all have bones, our hearts all pump, and our bodies all run on electricity. We are all human! When a "Pop" is unwrapped and first placed into your mouth, it is very hard and rough, and is much like when we are first born, when life is rough and very hard. As you continue to lick and consume the "Pop" the edges begin to get smoother, just like life gets easier and smoother. The closer you get to Jesus the easier and smoother life gets. I then began to think again, about the three parts of a Tootsie Pop. The hard candy outside is like God, and covers everything, and is made up of all the flavors. The chocolate center is like Jesus, it should be the center of our life and it holds everything together. The white stem is like the Holy Spirit, it goes to the center of the sucker and our life. If you take a Dum Dum sucker you can never make a Tootsie Roll Pop out of them for there is no chocolate center. If you want to make your councils like a "Pop" make sure you include the Family programs into your agenda. Remember, Father McGivney started the Knights of because of families, and we should honor him by honoring our families by recognizing them with a nomination to the Family of the Month, and the Family of the Year program. I hope this analogy is a delightful tidbit for you, and that you may never look at a Tootsie Roll Pop the same again.

State Family Coordinator -Larry Julson

Family Photo - Your State Officer Family with the Ladies



Merry Christmas!

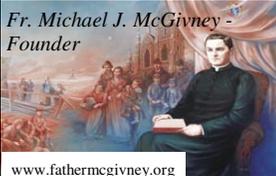
From left to right: State Secretary Tim & Angi Guski, State Warden Pat & Terese Reiff, State Treasurer Gordy & Sue Kremer, State Advocate Jack & Lisa Wrbanich, Immediate Past State Deputy Tim & Mary Jo Genthe, (seated) State Deputy Ron & Gail Faust

Winners of the Supreme drawing for the Holy Family Plaque for October are:

Mark & Jill Breuning, Council 3099 Sauk City
Daniel & Mary Spaeth, Council 4831 Caledonia
Leo & Mary Ann Kmiec Council 7048 Mukwonago
Rod & Stephanie Runde Council 10919 Little Chute

October Diocesan Family of Month

Green Bay: Rod & Stephanie Runde, Appleton Council 10919 D9
La Crosse: David & Lora Zebro, Mosinee Council 5488 District 28
Madison: Davis & Sue Foelker, Sun Prairie Council 4879 District 51
Milwaukee: James & Margaret Guell, Fond du Lac Council 9685 D 60
Superior: Todd & Laurie Edelman, Hammond Council 7030 D 81



Father McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue

his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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State of Wisconsin: November Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goal	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Insurance Members	Lost Insurance Members	%
Green Bay	280	117	100	85.7	55	45	47	17	19	35.7
La Crosse	248	104	79	76.5	32	47	43	30	15	31.9
Madison	257	108	66	61.6	42	24	47	23	17	25.7
Milwaukee	401	168	111	66.4	33	78	44	29	17	27.7
Superior	139	58	27	46.6	24	3	37	15	10	19.4
Total	1325	553	383	69.4%	197	197	218	114	78	28.9%

	Circle of Honor	Current Status (needed)		Circle of Honor Net	Circle of Honor Net/Net 100	Deceased Members
		1325		998	-132	
	1325	383		197	-132%	329

26.88%

19.74%



SUPREME AND STATE CHURCH DRIVES

January all month: Honor council Chaplains

(dedicated to the holy name of Jesus)

March 14-15: Honor Fr Michael j McGivney (dedicated to St. Joseph)

May all month: Honor Bishops (dedicated to Mary)

Membership as of	Current Membership as of
7/1/2013	10/1/2014
36,616	36,484

State Membership Coordinator - Jon Olson

Time to get onboard with Recruitment Drives

It is after the Mid-year District Deputy meeting. Now we have your district meetings to go over what we have done, what we can do to improve, and what steps need to be done to achieve Star Council. These district meetings need to be attended by more than just the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary. There is so much information that can be learned at these meetings and we need more people to be there to receive it. You can hear about new programs that are working and also you can share in areas that you have succeeded. Also when you go to district meeting, please be ready to tell the district deputies when you will hold a first degree for the next nine months. Please remember that we have asked all districts to have at least one first degree every month.

Our November in the state was a good month. We gained over 10% of the total yearly goal of members in November. If we keep this rate up, we could achieve over 100% of our goal for the state. I congratulate all who recruited in November and I hope you have found how easy it is to recruit and will continue to do so in the upcoming months. However if we look in past years, we always have done well in November, but fall off tremendously in December. I have looked into why we fall off from one month to the next and come to a conclusion that we do not have a drive scheduled or a state organized drive.

A state organized drive is something we are going to try to see if we can help our councils have better success in all months. So the State Membership team has introduced State recruitment drives every other month. January will be our first state recruitment drive month and we ask that you hold a recruitment drive to honor our council Chaplains. Also any first degrees done in January, please dedicate them to the Holy Name of Jesus. In March we have a Supreme Recruitment drive on March 14 -15 and dedicate the drive to Fr Michael J McGivney. Any first degree held in March, we ask them to be dedicated to St Joseph. Our last scheduled recruitment drive in May. We ask councils to dedicate May's drive to honor Bishops. Also to dedicate the first degrees in May to Mary our blessed mother.

I wish all of you great success and great rewards in this Christmas season and the upcoming months in recruitment. Please remember all catholic men should have to opportunity to become a Knight of Columbus. I do not know any of us that hinder any Catholic man to joy and the honor to become a Knight of Columbus. All we have to ask "are you interested in knowing more about the benefits of the Knights of Columbus".

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jon Olson State Membership

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"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the wicked rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens."
Ephesians 6:12

Building the Domestic Church "The Family Fully Alive"

<http://www.kofc.org>

Because God is the Lord of mercy, we want to help heal our family wounds and promote forgiveness.

Family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation. There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of "reconciliation," that is, communion reestablished, unity restored.

St. John Paul II

Familiaris Consortio, §21

1. *What is one moment I felt truly forgiven and reconciled with another person? How did I know that person had forgiven me?*
2. *Remembering that going to confession not only reconciles us with God but also gives us grace to be better, how often should our family try to go?*
3. *When there is a rift between me and another person, what does it take to reconcile? How can I forgive when someone isn't sorry?*
4. *Does reconciling mean I have to believe that what was done is right?*
5. *Remembering that the fruit of God's forgiveness is that we become closer to him again, how can I make those I forgive — or those I wrong — know I want to grow closer to them again as well?*



HOLY LEAGUE

Joining Forces in a Spirit of Marian Chivalry

<http://holyleague.com/>

"And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." - Malachi 4:6

BATTLE READY on Special Mission: www.battlereadystrong.com/

January Psalm of the Month (Psalm 51)

Pray the Psalm of the Month during every Sunday of the month at your family prayer space.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy
steadfast love;
according to thy abundant mercy blot out my
transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
and done that which is evil in thy sight,
so that thou art justified in thy sentence

and blameless in thy judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which
thou hast broken rejoice.

On the last Sunday of the month, discuss as a
family which verse stood out most for each member.

To recoil before an enemy, or to keep silence when from all sides such clamors are raised against truth... such mode of behaving is base and is insulting to God... This kind of conduct is profitable only to the enemies of the faith, for nothing emboldens the wicked so greatly as the lack of courage on the part of the good... Christians are, moreover, born for combat."

- Pope Leo XIII, 'Christians as Citizens' -

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We have started to build an effective way to communicate on a statewide scale. However, as robust as the UKnight system is; it is only as good as the information presented and only as powerful as the number of councils active on the system. The State Council highly encourages each council in our jurisdiction to consider activating their UKnight interactive website to ensure that we are connected and together we will continue to grow our Order.

Please visit our new site www.wikofc.com and see how your council can become active.

Brother Knight Leonard Labriola from UKnight will be contacting Grand Knights in our jurisdiction to offer each council the opportunity to become a part of the growing UKnight family. His purpose is to make himself available to support your effort to join our network of councils on the web. Please take time to work with Brother Knight Leonard Labriola. www.wikofc.com

State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer

Brother Knights,

Hope that your 2014 programming is wrapping up well and planning for your 2015 activities are ready to roll. Remember that every program is a mechanism to recruit parents, parishioners and prospects! Not only do we want to increase our ranks, we also have the goal to see a huge increase in the number of Councils attaining Star Council and earning the Columbian Award and Complete Council Award. Hence, your DDs will be working closely with you from January-May to reach those goals!

This year, with 2 separate Christmas Poster contests in operation, remember that all winners for grades 1-4 for the "True Meaning of Christmas" Poster Contest need to be to your Diocesan Program Coordinator by December 31. (In the Madison Diocese, send them as before to Richard Schwartz.) If you have done the Supreme "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest, those winners for ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-14 should come directly to me. Thanks!

Our featured Supreme program for this month, as we focus on "Peace on Earth, Good will to all," is the Global Wheelchair Mission. In 2003, the Knights of Columbus began participating in this mission, sponsoring 2000 wheelchairs to be distributed in Afghanistan. Since then, Knights in the U.S. and Canada have sponsored distribution of over 40,000 wheelchairs in 14 countries in the Americas, Europe, Asia, the Pacific and Caribbean areas! These gifts aid those who lack freedom of mobility. The Global Mission purchases the wheelchairs in bulk and delivers them by sea containers around the world. They're then distributed by numerous NGO's such as the Knights; Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions groups, etc. For every donation of \$150, the Mission can deliver a brand new wheelchair which would cost \$500 in a medical supply store! They're shipped by 100-280 chair containers directly from factory to destination countries at no cost to the recipients! Councils are encouraged to promote the program to their membership, invite personal donations; implement this as an ongoing charitable program. Conduct targeted fundraisers such as pancake breakfasts, pasta dinners, car washes, etc. with proceeds going to the Global Wheelchair Mission. Involve the entire parish; do monthly or quarterly collections after mass. Secure your pastor's support for announcements promoting the program. Get the entire community involved in working on/supporting the project!

If a Council purchases at least 1 case (100) chairs by raising funds through Council, parish and/or community activities, it'll qualify for the entire Community area for the Columbian Award! See the Supreme "Charitable Programs Plan for 2014-15" for more information!

On another note, remember that the State Knowledge and Free Throw Contests are set for Wisconsin Rapids Assumption High School on Saturday, March 28. Your Council, District and Diocesan Contests need to be completed before then. Be sure your green (Council-District/Diocese) and orange (Diocese-State) travel cards are completely and accurately filled out.

Finally, Ginny, our family and I wish you all a Blessed, Joyous, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful New Year 2015!
Vivat Jesus, Bill Frayer State Program Director

Intellectual Disabilities Committee (ID)

The ID Committee will be holding their yearly committee meeting in January to disburse 25% of the Tootsie Roll monies raised during the 2014 campaign. The Committee will be disbursing \$158,000 to several of the 70 groups who applied for State Funding. We will not be able to assist all of the groups who applied, as the total application amount came in over \$575,000. Any council is able to assist groups in their area to apply for state funding in future years. Applications are accepted during; September, October, and November, with application instructions on the Wisconsin State Council Forms Page.

In the Winter Packets are all of the paperwork to order Tootsie Rolls for the 2015 campaign. Please return the Council Order Form to your District Deputy as soon as possible, which will allow the District Deputy to get the District Order Form turned in on time. If your council is in need of aprons please order the aprons through Developmental Service Center. As soon as you have completed your drive, fill out the Council Disbursement Form and mail it in with a check as instructed on the form. All forms are on the Wisconsin State Council Forms Page.

Tootsie Roll weekends will be held around the Wisconsin from April 16 through May 3. Start to contact your local businesses and parish priests to see which weekend works best for your council.

Mark Jelinek -ID Coordinator

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Building a Culture of Life “St. Joseph – Pray For Us!”

Dear Brothers,

Building a Culture of Life requires time, effort, resources and prayer. As Knights of Columbus, we are called on for many things. Among the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, sometimes we put prayer at the bottom of the “To-Do-List.” Don’t do that!

In this season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of our Lord, let us simply take some time to reflect and pray.

What road will that prayer lead us to? Hard to say – but unless we take the time to pray, we’ll never find out! If you are not sure where to start, I have a suggestion! Providentially, our State Council has adopted the motto, “Go to St. Joseph.” Abortion is a spiritual battle. Yes, we fight it in the temporal world, but it is essentially fought and won in the spiritual world. In the Litany of St. Joseph, he is referred to as the “terror of demons.” Call on St. Joseph in this novena during Advent to end abortion, would you?

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

This prayer saved my life on the mountaintops of Guatemala in 1996. My dad and I were driving a donated vehicle to a Catholic orphanage, the Farm of the Child, in Trujillo, Colon, Honduras. AFTER we had the brakes fixed in Guatemala City, we proceeded on our trip east. Mid-way down one of the mountains outside GC, I pushed down on the brake pedal to slow down our descent. There was no brake pressure! As I was white-knuckling the steering wheel, pumping the brakes furiously down that guard-rail-less, gravelly mountain road with my dad, he said, “Don’t worry Daniel, I got this one! I’m praying the St. Joseph Prayer for us! It promises that we don’t die in a ball of fire!” That was not the visual I was looking for at that exact moment! Miraculously, I found some pressure in the brake lines and was able to bring the vehicle to a stop. We thanked God and St. Joseph for their help – and then bled the brakes to carry on to Honduras. Dick Miller – my dad, is a member of the Immaculate Conception – Burlington KofC Council.

You see, with God, all things really are possible!

Through Christ,

Dan Miller, St. Jerome’s Council - Oconomowoc
Culture of Life – State Coordinator
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2014-2015 CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

All students in Grades 1 – 4 in private or public schools or who are home schooled are eligible to submit entries. (Grades 5 & 6 may be included but only at the council level.)

Admittedly the theme “The True Meaning of Christmas” results in numerous scenes of the Holy Family in the stable. While this may compromise originality, a manger scene of high artistic quality will certainly catch the eye of many judges. Past winning entries have focused on the Baby Jesus, the Madonna and Child, or the Magi on their journey to Bethlehem. Others emphasized family gatherings, a country church on Christmas Eve, Peace on Earth or incorporated Christmas carols.

COUNCIL LEVEL

December 1st to December 15th Several councils recommended that the contest should begin after the First Sunday in Advent rather than before Thanksgiving. This later starting date corresponds with the season of Advent and makes the contest more timely!

Please use the official Identification Label found in the Wisconsin Book or on the KC web site. Be sure to fill in the COUNCIL and DISTRICT NUMBERS and the DIOCESE. Only FIRST PLACE WINNERS at the council level are eligible for Diocesan competition. Grand Knights/Contest Chairmen must record the winners’ names and the number of entries at each grade level on the official poster contest report forms or on your own spread sheet. Send them to the Diocesan Program Coordinator by Dec. 30, 2014. This later deadline enables councils to display their posters at Christmas parties, or other venues if they wish.

DIOCESAN LEVEL

Diocesan Program Coordinators are obliged to send their 1st and 2nd place winners along with the DIOCESAN total number of council participants at each grade level to the State Poster Contest Coordinator by January 15, 2015. Diocesan awards should be mailed to the winners and the results should be sent to each District Deputy to be forwarded to participating councils.

STATE LEVEL

The 12 winning posters will be displayed at our 2054 State Convention. State awards and these posters will be mailed to each winner.

EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO RETURN ENTRIES AT ALL LEVELS PROMPTLY!

Peter J. Schulteis, Christmas Poster Contest Coordinator

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Our Marriage Prayer - Getting Started
World Marriage Day February 8th, 2015
www.ourmarriageprayer.com



Our Marriage Prayer

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us.
To work that love into practical things
so that nothing can divide us.
We ask for words both kind and loving
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness
as well as to forgive.
Dear Lord,
we put our marriage into Your hands.
Amen*



Worthy District Deputies,

On behalf of our State Deputy, I wish to convey the following information and ask for your assistance in obtaining information from your assigned Councils.

Supreme Council Resolution No. 340 "SUBORDINATE UNIT OBLIGATION TO HAVE TERMS OF USE AGREEMENT AND CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH HOME CORPORATIONS" was approved at the 2014 Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL. The resolution stipulates that all Subordinate Units (Councils) using premises of Home Corporations for meetings and other functions must have a signed terms of use agreement and a charitable distribution agreement (collectively the "Model Agreements") in place with the Home Corporation. "Home Corporation" is a generic term for what are variously known as Permanent Homes, Home Associations, Council Halls, Columbus Clubs, KC Clubs, Knights of Columbus Clubs, etc.

In order to ensure that each of our Council which use Home Corporation facilities have access and are made aware of the new policy, it is requested that each District Deputy report which councils currently have an association with a Home Corporation.

State Advocate -Jack Wrbanich

Merry Christmas Brother Knights!

For Christmas this year, give your bride and married children a framed Our Marriage Prayer for about \$5 each. It is a beautiful gift that will help protect the marriages of the couples that God has entrusted to you for generations to come.

All the instructions are at the top of the web page

<http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus>

We are down to just a little over 1 month away from celebrating the Our Marriage Prayer weekend on February 8th, 2015!

The <http://www.OurMarriagePrayer.com/Knights-of-Columbus> website has been significantly updated recently and even contains checklists to help organize the event!

Hopefully by now your council has identified someone that can help lead this event. If not, it is not too late! Send them to the **Getting Started** section on the web page and it will help guide them on how to plan the event so it will be a success.

Please visit the website for everything you need to know and contact me if you have any questions or have any feedback.

Let's make this a fantastic event!

Vivat Jesus, Viva Christo Rey!
(Jesus Lives, Long live Christ the King!)

Joe Uchytel

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2015 Knowledge Contest

Council Level

The countdown to the State Contest at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids begins on January 2, 2015. Participating councils may obtain master copies of the 2015 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!

Council Knowledge Contests must be completed by February 15th and the First Place winners and the number of participants at each grade level must be submitted to the Diocesan Coordinator promptly! Use the Knowledge Contest Report Forms on the State Council Web Site or create your own Spread Sheet.

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. Efforts should be made to send an alternate (the 2nd Place winner) if the 1st Place winner opts out of the Diocesan Contest.

Diocesan Level

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!

Diocesan Coordinators— Your Diocesan Contests must be held by March 15, 2015. The tentative date of the State Contest makes this change 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

This contest will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015. 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 Diocesan Report Forms. Please fill out the TRAVEL CARDS for the State Contest completely and accurately. Contact Bill Frayer for the times for REGISTRATION and the start of the CONTEST. 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 CONTEST MATERIALS SECURE AT EVERY CONTEST LEVEL!

Peter J. Schulteis, State Coordinator - Knowledge Contest
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Western Wisconsin District 4th Degree Exemplification February 7, 2015

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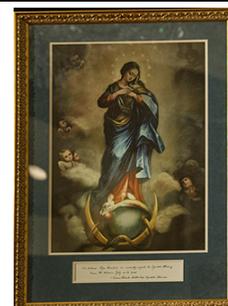
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER

December 14, 2014 - January 31, 2015

Schedule

(follow schedule using 2013-2014 Districts)



Attention Madison Diocese Councils
Council program forms (free throw, Christmas poster, knowledge contest) should be forwarded to Richard Schwartz.

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District 40	District 62	District 24
District 41	District 60	

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

The Dummies' Guide to Writing an Effective Resolution

When do you need a resolution? The simple, but not complete answer to that question is "anytime you want to propose a new policy or make a significant revision or change to an existing policy or By-Law statement." The resolution process is intended to enhance the fraternal character of our Order, to improve its governance and administration, and to serve its evangelical mission. It is not meant to be used to "send a message" to the State or Supreme Council or to challenge policies that have been affirmed at previous State or Supreme Conventions. While the State Council welcomes resolutions to be submitted in good faith and in the spirit of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, we strongly discourage Councils from submitting resolutions challenging well settled policies of the Knights of Columbus and that represent the sound judgment of the Supreme Council.

Resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting of the State Council may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, the State Deputy, the State Officers as a group, and by Standing State Committees. (Resolutions submitted by Standing State Committees must be germane to the work of that committee.)

A resolution is composed of two parts. The first part consists of one or more paragraphs setting forth the relevant facts and the rationale for the action that the delegates are being asked to take. Each paragraph in the first part begins with the word "**WHEREAS**," each subsequent paragraph ends with "**; and**". The second part consists of one or more paragraphs describing with specificity an action to be taken. The first paragraph of the second part of the resolution begins with the words "**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**;" any subsequent paragraphs begin with the words "**FURTHER RESOLVED**,".

Example of a submitted Resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1882, Venerable Michael McGivney, a parish priest of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, envisioned the establishment of a fraternal society that would strengthen the faith of Catholic men and provide aid to their widows and families after their death; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1882, the Connecticut State Legislature officially approved and chartered this new organization called the Knights of Columbus, with its purpose of rendering pecuniary aid to its members and their families; rendering financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy; overcoming prejudice and bigotry against the Catholic population; and promoting religious, charitable, and social welfare activities; and

WHEREAS, Pope Benedict XVI, while celebrating Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral during his Apostolic journey to the United States in April of 2008, called Venerable Michael McGivney an "exemplary American priest ... whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that we will pray for the beatification of our founder, the Venerable Michael McGivney, and encourage all Brother Knights and their families to become active members of the Father Michael McGivney Guild; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Following these guidelines will enable the Resolutions Committee to perform its duties. Resolution submission is due to the State Advocate no later than February 1st, 2015 to be considered at the 114th State Convention in April 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns about submitting a resolution please call or email your State Advocate Jack Wrbanich.

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;

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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2014 - 2015 Scheduled Degrees: see updated schedule at
<http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/degreeSchedule.asp?CN=US&ST=WI>
 (Contact State Secretary Tim Guski with scheduled degrees - tguski@wikofc.com)

First Degrees: *Charity*

Green Bay

January 10 - 4125 Necedah
 January 19 - 10243 Green Bay
 January 20 - 710 Manitiwoc
 January 21 - 1957 Two Rivers

Madison

January 13 - 4879 Sun Prarie
 January 13 - 531 Madison

La Crosse

January 5 - 974 Chippewa Falls
 January 19 - 6585 Bloomer
 February 16 - 6585 Bloomer

Superior

January 6 - 1762 Hudson
 January 12 - Spooner
 January 13 - Medford
 April 18 - 1762 Hudson

Milwaukee

January 8 - 1964 West Bend
 January 12 - 4520 Grafton
 January 13 - 524 Milwaukee
 January 26 - 13733 Big Bend
 February 24 - Whitefish Bay

Second Degrees: *Unity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 8	pm	1964	West Bend	John Flynn	(262) 366-5082
January 10	11:00am	1558/1799	Necedah	Al Janeczko	(608)372-5677
January 18	1:00pm	4879	Sun Prarie	Michael Tomsyck	(608) 837-9324
January 31	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 15	1:00pm	10914	Onalaska	William Jaekel	(608)792-6757
April 18	am	1762	Hudson	Mike Frase	(715)381-8444

Third Degrees: *Fraternity*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 10	1:00pm	1558/1799	Necedah	Al Janeczko	(608)372-5677
January 18	pm	4879	Sun Prarie	Michael Tomsyck	(608) 837-9324
January 31	11:00am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
February 15	2:30pm	10914	Onalaska	William Jaekel	(608)792-6757
April 18	10:00am	1762	Hudson	Mike Frase	(715)381-8444

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



Fourth Degrees: *Patriotism*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
January 17, 2015	Burlington	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232
February 7, 2015	Deforest	Western District	(715) 423-0939
April 11, 2015	Appleton	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232



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