



One Nation Under God!



# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus

## Notes - March 2016

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Editor: Timothy J. Guski

### He is Risen!



**Let us Rejoice and Be Glad!  
Happy Easter, All!**

#### State Deputy - Ronald F. Faust

My Dear Brother Knights,

It was almost a year ago when, at convention, we spoke of first things and the importance of keeping them first. And although we have failed many times and perhaps even spectacularly, we nonetheless commit again to renew our focus. That is our Catholic way: commitment, failure, confession (Mercy), and renewal. We strive always for perfection that we may, for a brief moment or two, catch excellence. And so with our focus ever forward, we are happy to announce six "first things" events.

But before I do, I must take a moment to ask you to join me in thanking State Membership Director Jon Olson, who has Wisconsin in the best position we have been in for a long time. Help him to finish the job! Let's close out the year the way Wisconsin always does: strong and running all the way through the finish line. See his article for more information. And to catch the excitement, get registered on [Flocknote](#). Things are moving fast and that is the best way to stay tuned in!

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#### State Chaplain -

Very Reverend Fr. Rick Heilman



Where is the "Same Page" of Unity?

I listened to a little bit of Ben Carson's endorsement speech while driving in my car from Mass.

It struck me when Dr. Carson called for unity. Don't we all want that? But, what does that look like? What is the "same page" we are all asked to be on?

I remember a time in my childhood when our country was mostly unified. When we all revered basic truths and values and principals, and were dedicated to those.

Yet, every year we lurch further and further away from these truths of God's will. We are asked to be okay with killing babies, and so let's be "unified" there. We are asked to use contraception, and so let's be "unified" there. We are asked to redefine marriage, and so let's be "unified" there. We are asked to remove talk of God from the public square, and so let's be "unified" there. We are asked to have the government control the message our children receive, and so let's be "unified" there. And so forth, and so on.

As Jeffrey Kuhner of the Washington times wrote: "Every major institution has been captured by the radical secular left. The media, Hollywood, TV, universities, public schools, theater, the arts, literature — they relentlessly promote the false gods of sexual hedonism and radical individualism ... Tens of millions of unborn babies have been slaughtered; illegitimacy rates have soared; divorce has skyrocketed; pornography is rampant; drug use has exploded; sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS have killed millions; birth control is a way of life; sex outside of wedlock has become the norm; countless children have been permanently damaged — their innocence lost forever — because of the proliferation of broken homes; and sodomy and homosexuality are celebrated openly. America has become the new Babylon."

In the meantime, those who have simply "stayed home" or, in other words, have chosen not to cede to the enemy, are vilified as "the problem." They are seen as out of date and old-fashioned for trying to "conserve" what our nation once had; what our nation was once envied by the rest of world for having.

Our role models have moved from Ward and June Clever to Jayzee and Beyonce. Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity have been replaced by self-indulgence, brutality and "getting even." I don't know if I see any "quick fix" for this. But, I do know that the only solution is to boldly accept our call to be light to the world.

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(State Deputy continued) OK, those six “first things” events.

**April 1:** Join Bishop Powers and your State Chaplain, Father Rick Heilman, at the Cathedral in Superior for your [Into the Breach, Awaken Sons of God](#) tour event in the Superior Diocese. I hope to see you there!

**April 29:** Join your entire State Officer Team for a first-of-its-kind, special Kick-Off Presentation on Friday night of your annual State Convention. If you were not able to attend any of the five “Into the Breach, Awaken Sons of God” events, here is your chance to get a small taste of what you missed. The presenter, your State Chaplain, Father Rick Heilman, is the author of several books, including the popular “54 Day Basic Training in Holiness,” and a veritable fixture on Relevant Radio.

**April 30:** Consecration to the Holy Family – Opening Convention Mass. This comes to us directly from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. Here is his message to all of us:

As we begin to implement the Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative announced at the Midyear Membership Meeting in San Antonio, I want to advise you of two new related activities that will be announced in my February Columbia column.

*First*, the Supreme Chaplain has composed a Consecration to the Holy Family. A new prayer card featuring this consecration is being developed and samples will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

To help launch this initiative, I would ask that this consecration be included in the Opening Mass of your state convention this year. It would be most appropriate if one of the blessed images of the Holy Family could be carried in procession and placed in the sanctuary for your Opening Mass. At an appropriate time, the celebrant could invite all those present to make the act of consecration together.

**June 19:** Special Father’s Day Corporate Communion and Affirmation of Wedding Vows. This also comes to us directly from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. Again, here is his message to all of us:

*Second*, councils will be asked to host corporate communions on Father’s Day (June 19, 2016) — inviting members and their families to attend Sunday Mass together — and request that the celebrant officiate at a Father’s Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows. Councils may also consider hosting a special reception after Mass to further celebrate the commitment of married couples in their parish. Support materials for the council and celebrant will be developed in the coming months.

**October 7:** Holy Hour with Benediction and Consecration. This was already in the works in Wisconsin when this message came to us from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson just days ago on March 9th.

As we continue to implement the Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative, I am writing to ask every State Council to expand our Holy Family Prayer Program by hosting a diocesan-wide “Holy Family Celebration” one Saturday in October.

These celebrations should be based on the existing, rosary-based Holy Family Prayer Program (#5050) already in use by councils, but should also be expanded to include the Consecration to the Holy Family (#10371) and a period of adoration and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The program can also be supplemented in other ways, such as by inviting a Knights of Columbus family — perhaps your jurisdiction’s Family of the Year — to give a witness talk. These celebrations could be held in a cathedral, major church or other suitable venue to facilitate the greatest participation possible, both by brother Knights and their families, and by the broader Catholic community.

**NUMBER SIX:** For number six, you will need to set the date. Number six is my personal invitation to you to join me, if you haven’t already done so, as an insurance member of our order. What has this got to do with “first things?” Consider this.

An insight came to me at the Madison Diocese “Into the Breach” event, as I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. That is, a lot of Catholic men are really busy and might avoid making another commitment, such as joining the ranks of The Knights of Columbus. For that reason, it is very good to share with them that they can make a positive difference without spending any time. How, you may ask? Simple; just become a Knight and meet with thier Field Agent. They can help build a "Civilization of Love" by making sure the money they spend to protect their family is used only for good. In this battle in which we find ourselves, it is very good that we have a wholesome alternative to offer. They do not have to be subjected to having their own money used to undermine virtue, and damage their family members. Praise God that as Knights we have a better option!

But how do we do this with any integrity if we do not believe it ourselves? And how can we say we believe it and still not be an insurance member? My brothers, I implore you, use every weapon at your disposal in this great battle in which we find ourselves. What battle? Read this month’s Chaplain’s report.

*Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us.*

*May God Bless the Knights of Columbus and our Holy Mission!*

*Vivat Jesus my Brothers,*

Ronald F. Faust, State Deputy



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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**

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

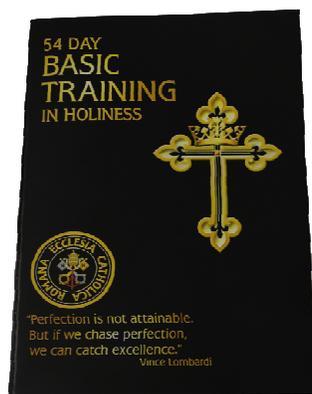
(State Chaplain continued) We simply MUST infuse more and more of the virtues and gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit into the world - Faith, hope, charity, prudence, temperance, fortitude, justice, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, courage, piety, fear of the Lord, charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. We simply must give "evidence" that God is real and his Divine Life DOES transform us into "Christ for others" ... "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20)

"Stay Home With The Lord!" This is the same page ... this is where unity will be found.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Go to Joseph!

Very Rev. Richard Heilman, V.F.



### Choose one or more of these options ...

Order your Basic Training book:

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Order in bundles of 20

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Receive daily emails with these reflections.

<https://new.flocknote.com/knightswisc/TraininginHoliness>

Find them posted each day at RomanCatholicMan.com

<http://www.romancatholicman.com/>

You can join the Special Forces Training Facebook group, where they will be posted each day.

Join <https://www.facebook.com/login.php?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F1525909717679090%2F>

Calling All Men to join with other Men of the Cross in a Holy hour of Adoration filled with the reverent sounds of Gregorian chant and a rousing charge from Father Rick Heilman, titled: **"Calling Men into the Breach; Awaken Sons of God."** The evening will include an opportunity for confession, passing through the Mercy Door, fellowship and refreshments. (no sign-up required)

The **"Into the Breach,"** event at includes:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrament of Confession
- A Welcome followed by the talk by Fr. Richard Heilman
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Concluding with an Opportunity for Fraternity (social)

**6:00pm, Friday, April 1st**

**Diocese of Superior**

**Christ the King Cathedral**

**(Weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**More Information at: [www.romancatholicman.com/into-the-breach/](http://www.romancatholicman.com/into-the-breach/)**

All men who attend will receive - free of charge - the following spiritual weapons ... 1) Epiphany Holy Water, 2) Blessed Salt, 3) Combat Prayer Book, 4) Brown Scapular - touched to First Class Relics. First Class Relics will be with us All who attend will be encouraged to touch their religious articles to these First Class Relics, making them a Third Class Relic of each of these saints.



### Celebrate 2015 - January 1 - June 30, 2016

Celebrate 2015 by giving the gift of Membership to a fellow Catholic. -Recruit 1 to 4 members receive 1,500 VIP\* points for each member.

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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State of Wisconsin: July 1 to February 31 Fraternal Year-to-Date Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goals	Target to Date	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	Council without a new member	New Ins. Members	Lost Ins. Members	%
Green Bay	300	200	173	86.5%	69	104	28	35	40	57.7
La Crosse	260	174	197	113.7	27	170	21	71	35	75.8
Madison	271	181	120	66.4%	30	90	25	36	29	44.3
Milwaukee	422	282	159	56.5%	88	71	24	47	31	37.7
Superior	147	98	85	86.7%	29	56	23	21	20	57.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>52.4%</b>



Circle of Honor	(i.e Needed) Current Status
1200	734

52.43%

Circle of Honor Net
840
491

58.45%

Circle of Honor Net/Net
100
-176

-176%

# Deceased Members
667

**Jonnie O says,**

**“I Wants You to Leap into 2016 by Recruiting 24/7/366!”**

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

**“One First Degree - Per District - Per Month”**

**Membership**

Member-ship as of	Current Member-ship as of
7/1/2015	2/1/2016
36,319	36,143

Brother Knights,

This Past month we made a great push toward our goals for recruitment. We achieved over 9% of our yearly goal this past month. We also recruited a higher percentage of members than any other jurisdiction in Division 2 (states with membership 25,000 to 50,000 members). I thank all the members that helped bring in a new member. Your help with recruiting is what will help our order continue to make an impact in our Church and community for years to come.

The race for best Diocese in the state is getting close. The members in La Crosse are still on top with over 100% of their year to date goal. Close behind and back in second is Green Bay with 90% of the year to date goal. Falling to third is Superior with 84% of the year to date goal. In fourth and way behind is Madison with 61% of their year to date goal. Finally Milwaukee made some strides this month but still is off the pace with 50.4% of the year to date goal. We need to keep the momentum up and push through to June 30 with recruitment. Keep your schedules of the your first degrees and let no obstacle keep you from recruiting to the first degree date.

Make sure that you order your supplies for your March recruitment drive. The directions on where to find the order blank on the Supreme website were in you winter council packets you received from your District Deputy. Please make an effort now to organize with your local Parish Priest to have a recruitment drive soon. Always remember to help him and he will be in a better position to help you recruit and expand your presence in the parish.

State Membership Director - Jon Olson

**DATA TO BE AWARE OF:**

DD Green Bay 13 @ 116.7% DD 1, 8 and 9 are close together  
 DD La Crosse 28 @ 111.11% DD 23 and 27 are fighting for second  
 DD Madison 43 @ 58.33% DD 48 is getting closer to him  
 DD Milwaukee 69 @ 110% DD 72 in second  
 DD Superior 87 @ 133.33% DD 89 making a move  
 DD at 50% or more: 1, 8, 9, 13, 23, 26, 27, 28, 43, 48, 61, 69, 72, 87, and 89

DD under 0%: 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 42, 45, 46, 64, 66, 71, 86, 90, 91  
 Number of Councils at 0% or lower 149  
 Councils at 75% to 99%: 697, 2478, 4932, 4963, 11301, 12468, 12644,  
 Councils at 100% to 200%: 765, 2770, 4505, 4520, 5438, 6444, 6448, 8108, 8985, 9230, 10714, 13880, 14362, 15659, 16244  
 Councils at 200% or above: 5127, 12269

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### 115th Annual Meeting Official Notice

The 115th Annual Meeting and State Convention of the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus will convene at Chula Vista Resort and Convention Center, 2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965. Beginning Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 registration will be open from 3:00 – 7:00p.m. and attendees will be Welcomed with entertainment and a social from 6:00 – 9:00p.m. Ladies are encouraged to attend the Convention and participate in all social activities and programs prepared for them. This is a family oriented convention.

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 starts at 7:30a.m with the Opening “Blue” Mass., honoring civilian and military service Men and Women in Uniform followed immediately by the Public Civic Opening at 8:45 a.m. at the Chula Vista Resort with Knights and their Families.

The 115th Annual Business meeting will convene Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00a.m. for the State Deputy’s address and break at 11:30a.m. for lunch. The business session will reconvene at 12:30p.m. followed at 2:30p.m. by Caucuses to nominate delegates for the 2016 Supreme Convention to be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

There will be a reception and dinner for all Chaplains at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call the State Office at 608-274-5740 to reserve a space for your Council Chaplain.

We will celebrate the Convention Memorial Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday with all clergy attending the convention invited to celebrate. Following Mass a social leading up to the State Deputy’s Banquet at 7:00 p.m.

The Convention Business session will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, to include the Annual Meeting of Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., the election of State Officers and other business as properly proposed..

**State Secretary, Tim Guski**

**RESERVATIONS:** Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center has a block of room being held. Call the Host Hotel (855)595-4904. PLEASE CALL THE HOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE AND MAKE YOUR INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS FOR THIS UPCOMING EVENT. The rooms are being held at the group rate. Reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. Reservations should be made no later than March 15, 2015. *Note: it is common practice for these hotels to bill your credit card immediately for the first night room.*

**CERTIFICATION: A Delegate Certification form must be completed by each Council. The current Grand Knight and a past Grand Knight are to be designated as the delegates. Alternates may be selected from any of the Council’s 3rd Degree members.**

An questions or concerns can be directed to the  
State Officers or the State Council Office:

**Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus**  
4297 West Beltline Highway  
Madison, WI 53711  
(608) 274-5750  
www.wikofc.com

### Wisconsin K of C State Charity Raffle

Grand Knights and Council Raffle Chairmen continue to promote this worthy cause. We should strive to sell a minimum of 6 tickets per member. Ten per member is better. We receive many grants weekly and want to help all those in need. Council Chairman please make at least one deposit each month of March and April to your Diocesan Charity Coordinator to help reduce the amount of money brought to the convention.

Make sure to fill out and send in your Council’s Charity Grant Form no later than the convention. We have received only a handful of Council Charity Grant Forms to date. Delay in receiving this Council Charity Grant Form will delay your council receiving your 65% portion of the net monies raised for charitable use.

Those Councils and District Deputies who are submitting State Charity Request for State Consideration, I would like to bring to your attention the following: Many of these request are delayed due to poor penmanship, incomplete forms or missing Grand Knights signature to mention a few. At the top of the form it clearly states to Write or Type clearly. If your handwriting is poor, please have someone from your council type the information on the form. Make sure that all boxes are filled in. A Knight must fill out the form not the recipient. Also, if the recipient is a minor we need the name of the parent or a guardian who is in charge of the minor. Grand Knights read the form over before signing to make sure that all of the information has been given.

*“Remember – We make a living by what we do. We make a life by what we give.”*

**Mark Wagner - State Charity Director**

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State Program Coordinator - Bill Frayer



Brother Knights,

In March, we culminate our Youth programs with the State Knowledge and Free Throw Competitions at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids on March 19. I want to thank all the contestants their families and especially Council 1558 and all its Knight/family volunteers who hosted the contests and helped to make them a success! Special thanks to Worthy State Secretary Tim Guski, State Knowledge Coordinators Peter Schulteis and Randy Demars, Worthy District Deputies Gary Wolf, Jacob Grzywacz and Mike Tomczyk, Former Master Ron Shymanski, and Youth Coordinator Duane Spinler and Grand Knight Wayne Tracy for their assistance; and to our Diocesan Program Coordinators, host Councils, volunteers and competitors at the 5 Diocesan contests who combined to set the stage for the State events.

In March also, we reach the ¾ mark for our Fraternal year. Your programming should be concentrating on, first of all, your Membership Drives, 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees, Founder's Day observance and Orderwide Charitable Service Week project(s). If you're using your monthly planners, you should be well on your way to carrying them out. We need all Councils to be actively working to increase their/our membership and increasing our charitable work in the footsteps of our great founder, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney!

You should be advancing steadily toward those twin goals of reaching Star and Complete Council status! Use those checklists you've been provided with, work with your DDs to finish up what is yet to be done in these last 3 months of the Fraternal year in order to reach those goals! Work also with your Fraternal Benefits Agents to not only help reach your membership and insurance goals, but also to get your Fraternal Benefits Night arranged, to strengthen your families and spread the word about the great work of our Honored Order.

I hope that you are progressing with your plans for the ID Drive in April. It's such a great way to help the Intellectually Disabled, earn money also that can go to help Special Olympics and create visibility for us in the community! Likewise, Food for Families Drives, which many Councils are wrapping up here in March, are also a super way to not only help families in need, but also can earn a nice rebate from Supreme for your work well done with collecting food for pantries, donations to help them out and hours serving at meal programs. Also in April, it's a great time with spring arriving, to help get involved in such Supreme programs as Habitat for Humanity, Global Wheelchairs, Special Olympics, etc. You can head into participation in 40 Hours for Life, get your Corporate Communions and Memorial Masses in, plan and get information to your members for their participation in the State Golf Outing (Neenah-Menasha) and the State/International Camping Outings.

Most importantly, with spring, as a time of re-birth, it's a time to plan to get more closely involved with your parish's programs, lend your assistance to your pastor and the parish leadership to help complete the projects they need done, increase your visibility and strengthen your Council/parish/membership in the process!

One way to do that is to attend the Convention; check out all the displays, get fresh ideas for your Council's programming for 2016-17. I look forward to seeing and meeting you all there. I'm always open to your ideas on how we can improve, alter, strengthen our programming in the State. Any suggestions you can make for helping to achieve the Supreme Knight's new initiatives, revamping of the Complete Council Award are welcome. Be sure to check out the various program display tables, Complete Council record boards, etc.

Let's finish out the last quarter of the 2015-16 Fraternal year on a strong note. With your help, I know we will!

Vivat Jesus! Go To Joseph!

Fraternally, **Bill Frayer, State Program Director**

### March - Family of the Month Report

I want to thank all of the councils that took the time to select a Family of the Year. I would like to Thank, all of the councils, that honored their Family of the Year, by submitting a nomination for the Family of the year from their diocese, and have a chance to be selected as the Wisconsin State, Family of the Year. The Wisconsin State Family of the Year is also the family who will have their Nomination, sent in to Supreme, for consideration as the International Family of the Year.

This year there were only eleven nominations, for the Family of the Year Committee to look through. There were two diocese, that had only one nomination each. I know that there are a lot of families, of Wisconsin KofC councils, that would appreciate, having a nomination completed for their family. Next year let it be a priority in your council, to complete a Family of the Year nomination. Then send the nomination to the Family of the Year Committee, to be considered, for the diocesan Family of the Year.

**Larry Julson, State Family Coordinator**

### DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH January 2015

Green Bay Diocese	<u>Council</u>	<u>District</u>
Pat Pflieger, Sturgeon Bay	2478	4
La Crosse Diocese		
Don & Alice Young, Plover	13880	27
Madison Diocese		
Paul & Cynthia Gorectke, Sun Prairie	4879	51
Milwaukee Archdiocese		
Christopher Kraemer, Fond du Lac	11301	60
Superior Diocese		
Ben & Jill Redman	7827	85

The recipients of the Holy Family Plaques from Supreme for January are:

Edwin & Arlene Banfield	765	Cuba City
Paul & Cynthia Gorectke	4879	Sun Prairie
Randy & Pam Themar	10919	Little Chute

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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

### The Catholic Difference

Many companies claim that their founder was a saint. As brother Knights, our claim is not simply hyperbole: We know that our beloved founder lived a virtuous and holy life. We hope and pray that he will be raised to the dignity of the altar.

In fact, by proclaiming Father McGivney “venerable” in 2008, the Catholic Church has declared that Father McGivney exercised Christian virtue above and beyond the call of duty.

As members of his brotherhood, it is incumbent upon all brother Knights to act in a way that pays homage to Father McGivney, carries on his mission and works with the same virtuous spirit that animated his life. That duty applies to all aspects of Columbianism, whether it be our charitable work, our fraternal work or our business endeavors.

Those two concepts — Catholic virtue and profitable business — may seem incompatible, but the Knights of Columbus has long been a shining example of how businesses can succeed by placing faith and values before financial gain.

Our Catholic heritage permeates our business. It’s part of what makes us so unique. We call it our Catholic difference.



Asked recently about the Knights of Columbus and its Catholicism, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson replied:

It means that we are different. We talk a lot about the “Catholic difference” of doing business with the Knights of Columbus. We present our members with a clear choice between doing business with us and doing business with a secular insurer. We are proud of our identity as a Catholic company. ...

Our ethical practices, in fact, received international recognition in 2014 and 2015, when the Ethisphere Institute designated the Knights of Columbus as a World’s Most Ethical Company®.

We stayed true to our principles and knew that if we did the right thing for the right reasons, we would get the results that we wanted — and we have. Last year marked our 15th consecutive year of insurance sales growth.

The signature way in which our Catholic identity impacts our business is in our investment strategy. We put our money where our faith is.

We have established a strict screening process that prevents us from investing in companies that participate in any of the following lines of business:

- abortions and abortifacients
- contraception
- human cloning
- embryonic stem cell research
- for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned
- pornography



We also do not invest in junk bonds or in risky investment instruments. We do not believe that the potential for profit is worth jeopardizing our Catholic faith or our solemn promise to our members and their families.

“It is a principled approach to investing,” the supreme knight said, “that highlights the depth of our commitment to our faith. And while following these principles, our investment team has consistently achieved positive and competitive financial returns.” That’s integrity.

Not all insurance companies are fraternal benefit societies. Not all fraternal benefit societies are Catholic. Not all Catholic insurers are like the Knights of Columbus —we *are* different.

We are different because of who we are. We are different because of what we believe. And we are different because of the way we act on those beliefs.

It’s a difference that traces its way back to Father McGivney, and that ought to be a point of pride for all brother Knights and their families.

Contact us today to find out more about how you and your family can benefit from our **Catholic difference.**

Fraternally,

**The Supreme Council General Agents serving the State of Wisconsin:**

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*\*To be eligible for both the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program, the member must be in good standing, and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150, or providing at least \$5,000 in permanent life insurance coverage. Eligibility for the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program is also contingent on the child being covered by an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



### Culture of Life Committee



On Saturday, November 19, about 15 people, KC members and their wives and children, will give one or two hours of time to prayer and fasting on the sidewalk near our local Planned Parenthood clinic. 40 Days for Life officially started in 2007. Since then there have been 3,895 total campaigns in:

- 607 cities
- 32 countries
- 675,000 individual participants
- 18,000 churches
- 11,165 lives saved from abortion
- 127 abortion workers quit
- 64 abortion facilities closed



That's 11, 165 confirmed lives saved from abortion. Hopefully many more were saved that we do not know about. And it all started with a few men praying outside an abortion mill in College Station Texas in 2004. Prayer and fasting works miracles "...for with God nothing shall be impossible." Lk 1:37

Contrary to some politically correct beliefs, I think it is self-evident that men and women are different... Praise God! Women's bodies, minds and spirits are made to give and nurture life, to hold families together; men's bodies, minds and spirits are made to protect life and fight, if necessary, to defend life, the born and unborn. The KC council that I belong to has over 400 members: perhaps 15 of those men will participate in Saturday's two-hours of prayer outside a Planned Parenthood clinic in Green Bay. I wish I could say 50+ would be there.

In Psalm 139 the author describes God's creative power, not by describing the creation of the cosmos, the stars, planets, mountains and oceans, but by describing the creation of life in the womb (14-16). The Hebrew word used to describe the creation of life is the word for embroidery. We are a tapestry, "... fearfully and wonderfully made."

Let's take a stand for life, from conception to natural death, so that one day our children's children can proudly say "My grandpa took a stand for life" and that was when the whole country, supported by the government, supported by the Supreme Court, promoted abortion up to and including partial birth. How will we be judged if we don't make our voice heard on this issue?

Richard Porior  
Culture of Life Coordinator - Green Bay Diocese

### Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities (ID)

Thank you all for getting your Tootsie Roll orders in on time. Only one district was late and it was only by one day. Your timeliness make my job much easier and it will allow everyone to get the candy on time. Candy should begin to arrive in mid-March and every district should have the Tootsie Rolls by the first week in April. Any DD who does not have candy by April 8, please call me.

We are planning the ID Drive from April 15-May 15. Now is the time to start lining up your collection locations and making any changes your council would like to do this year. I would like to see each council improve in some aspect. Some ideas are: asking different members you don't know well to help, increasing the money raised per member, adding/changing collection locations/times, having someone from the group receiving the funds stand next to you during your collection, or other ideas to improve your drive, church and council.

The ID Committee is trying to listen to the membership and has made the following changes over the past two years:

District orders can be emailed in. (Less paperwork and postage)

Approved State Grant Applications are published on the State website.

Checks from the councils are not required to be certified.

All forms associated with ID program are on the State website.

In turn the committee is asking your council to: Mail in your council report and check as soon as your drive is complete. (All money received before June 30 will be in the fall packets)

Distribute the checks in the fall packets to your groups in a timely manner.

As we are not requiring certified checks and in turn do not allow your council checks to bounce. If we do have checks bounce we will go back to requiring certified checks.

Thank you for running this worthy program to assist Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

Mark Jelinek  
Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



### SPECIAL OLYMPICS WISCONSIN - SUMMER GAMES, JUNE 9-11, 2016

**On June 9, 2016**, we will again have an opportunity to show our colors and be a part of Wisconsin Special Olympics Summer games. Last year, we had more than 35 4th Degree Honor Guard present to usher in the more than 1500 athletes that participated in the 2015 Summer games. (If you are honor guard and wish to participate in this year's special opening, contact Ron Shymanski or Roland Ransom)

If you want to see the difference we are making by supporting our **Special Athletes** of Wisconsin,

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Come to Stevens Point June 9-11, and witness the good we do!!**

Our contributions support Special Olympics Wisconsin's goal to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of Society.

And through sports training and competition increase the public awareness of their capabilities and needs.

Special Olympics is a worldwide movement of more than 4.4 million athletes in 170 countries, where one can act locally, but make a global impact.

As Knights and Catholics, we are committed to helping these Special Athletes achieve their goals.

Our commitment of \$100,000 to team Wisconsin 2018, requires only 75 cents per member per year. (not even a can of pop or a can of beer!!) All donations should be run through the Knights of Columbus Charity account, which is a 501(c)(3).

Checks should be made out to "Wisconsin K of C Charities, and mailed to;

Bryce Lisowski, 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*

### INVITATION TO BID ON HOSTING THE 2018 STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Article V - Section 1 of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus State Bowling Committee, Structure and Guidelines, states that any subordinate Council may present a bid for a future bowling tournament. Said notice must be in writing, signed by the Grand Knight of the Council and forwarded to the Secretary of the State Bowling Committee William A. Plante prior to May 1.

Information available at [wikofc.com](http://wikofc.com) or <http://www.kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=181>

Each Council shall have the privilege of appearing before the Committee to present its claim as to the advantages of its respective Council for holding such a tournament and shall be heard alphabetically according to cities. "Only literature from bidding Council or Chamber of Commerce material shall be brought to the meeting. No other gifts or gratuities will be allowed distribution at any time.

The Committee shall at the Spring Meeting to be held on May 7, 2016 at KC Council #664 Club House, 795 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI, 54935, decide by a majority vote where the 2018 Annual Tournament shall be held.

**Bidding** will begin about 12:30 pm following lunch. The State Committee Meeting will start at 9am, and break for lunch about 11:30 am. Please plan to be there by 9am or arrive at lunch time.

If after making application you find that you cannot host the event for any reason you must contact the State Bowling Committee Secretary prior to the spring meeting.

**William A. Plante**  
1820 Hagen Street  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495  
(715) 421.1698 day  
(715) 570.0751 cell  
[planteb@live.com](mailto:planteb@live.com)



## Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis declared a Jubilee year of Mercy to from December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, to November 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King.

In calling for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to know the face of God's mercy — Jesus Christ Incarnate — and to show that face of mercy to our friends and neighbors (as well as our enemies!).

To that end, we have prepared for you a to-do list for the upcoming Jubilee:



- Forgive those who have hurt you or have done you wrong. If possible, consider forgiving debts owed you and/or returning collateral.
- Go to Confession regularly — monthly or even weekly.
- Read and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Gospel of Luke.
- Perform one or more works of mercy every day.
- **Go on a pilgrimage.**
- Share the Good News of God's mercy through your words and good deeds.
- Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in your parish, receiving Communion in the state of grace in order to receive the "clean slate grace."
- Place the Divine Mercy Image in a prominent place in your home and venerate it daily.
- Offer a novena of chaplets for the intentions Jesus gave St. Faustina in the nine days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy "on us, and on the whole world."
- Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3 p.m., the Hour of Great Mercy.
- Read Divine Mercy in My Soul — Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.
- **Fulfill the conditions for plenary indulgences and offer those indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.**
- Resolve to learn more about some saints who are outstanding for receiving mercy or showing God's mercy to those around them.

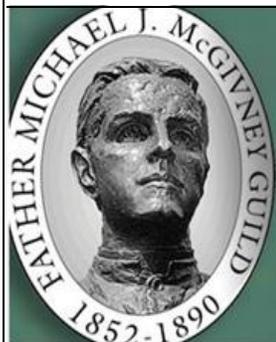
## Founders Day - March 29th

On March 29, the Knights of Columbus celebrates Founder's Day, marking the anniversary of the reception of its charter from the state of Connecticut. Knights of Columbus councils throughout the world will be joining in the commemoration.

### Join: The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members.

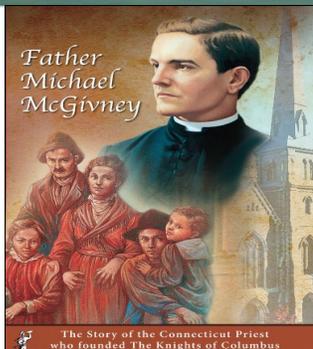
To join the Guild go to: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

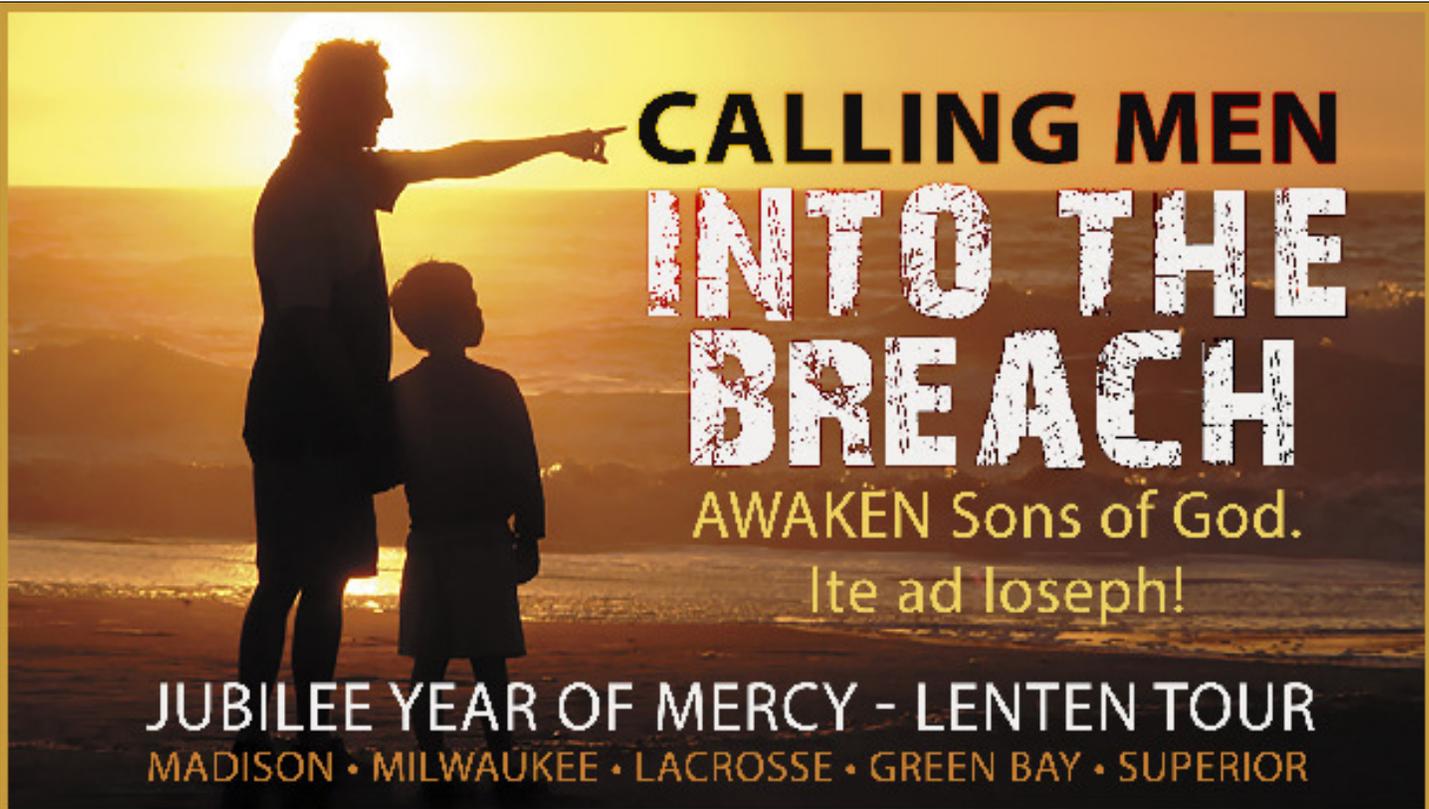


HONOR  
OUR  
FOUNDER

An hour-long docudrama on Father Michael McGivney that aired nationwide on public television is now available for purchase on DVD. Learn more about the founder of the Knights of Columbus as his cause for sainthood moves forward at the Vatican.

<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>





# CALLING MEN INTO THE BREACH

AWAKEN Sons of God.  
Ite ad Ioseph!

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - LENTEN TOUR  
MADISON • MILWAUKEE • LACROSSE • GREEN BAY • SUPERIOR

## WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

The rallying cry as we enter into this training in holiness "Chase Perfection, Catch Excellence!" comes from legendary coach Vince Lombardi's quote: "Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence."

Here, in Wisconsin, in company with our bishops from around the State, Fr. Heilman, the Wisconsin State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, will be traveling to every diocese to rally men to accept this challenge to "Step Into the Breach".

### This is offered to all men!

- Friday, February 12 – Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- Friday, February 19 – Diocese of Green Bay
- Friday, February 26 – Diocese of LaCrosse
- Friday, March 4 – Diocese of Madison
- Friday, April 1 – Diocese of Superior (Weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday)

[www.romancatholicman.com/into-the-breach](http://www.romancatholicman.com/into-the-breach)

CHASE  
PERFECTION  
CATCH  
EXCELLENCE

"Perfection is not attainable.  
But if we chase perfection,  
we can catch excellence."

-Vince Lombardi



Friday, April 1 – 6:00pm  
Diocese of Superior (Weekend  
of Divine Mercy Sunday)  
Christ the King Cathedral

"Plenary Indulgence"  
for going through the holy doors

Every evening during this tour, in each of these dioceses, will be an amazing night for enlistment in this battle:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrament of Confession
- Talks by local Bishop (if available) and Fr. Richard Heilman
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Concluding with an Opportunity for Fraternity (social)

In this Year of Mercy, by Papal Decree, a plenary indulgence is granted for all those who pass through the Holy Doors designated by the local bishop.

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Winners - Culture of Life Essay Contest - 2015

The topic the students were assigned was “Abortion vs. Slavery” (As slaves were considered “property” and not persons, which was eventually found to be illegal, can unborn fetuses be aborted because they are “property” of the mother and not human beings?) Essays were judged and awards presented at local Council and Diocesan (Regional) levels. First and second place winning essays were forwarded on for State competition. The contest is open to all students grades 7-12 in the State.

First-third place winners received gold, silver or bronze medals and Certificates of Merit at both the Diocesan and State levels. First place State winners received \$75 gift cards, 2<sup>nd</sup> place State - \$50 gift cards, and Diocesan 1<sup>st</sup> place winners - \$25 gift cards.

In announcing the winners, KC State Program Director William Frayer said, “These essays showed excellent work and tremendous insight into the depth of this issue in our society today! We congratulate and commend these students for their outstanding efforts.” The winning essays will be on display at the KC State Convention in Wisconsin Dells on April 29-May 1.

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic men’s fraternal organization with over 1.9 million members globally and over 36,000 in Wisconsin. The Essay Contest is just one of the many youth and Culture of Life supporting activities of the Knights who are noted also for their many charitable, parish-support, family, faith formation, and community programs.

For more information on the Culture of Life and other programs, contact

KC State Culture of Life Director Dan Miller at 262-424-8787,

State Program Director William Frayer at 262-633-7887 or see the

State website at [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com)

#### Grade 7

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Sofia Ricker (Kenosha)	All Saints Catholic School-South	Council 14362	District 67
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Raphael Cary (Bonduel)	Grand Hall Academy	Council 1069	District 28
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Anna Silvis (Spoooner)	St. Francis de Sales School	Council 5397	District 87
Honorable Mention	Katie Andrews (Altoona)	Regis Middle School, Eau Claire	Councils 1257, 12468 District 22	

#### Grade 8

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Grace Gage (Marathon)	St. Mary’s School	Council 1069	District 28
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Olivia Gauser (Jefferson)	St. John Baptist School	Council 1864	District 50
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Beth Wittman (St. Croix Falls)	St. Croix Falls Middle School	Council 12609	District 87
Honorable Mention	Emily Cole (Prairie du Sac)	Sauk Prairie Middle School	Council 3099	District 43

#### Grade 9

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Heather Kuhnau (Sauk City)	Sauk Prairie High School	Council 3099	District 43
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	John Nauertz (Spoooner)	Homeschool	Council 5397	District 87
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Lauren Meinel (Wisconsin Rapids)	Assumption High School	Council 1558	District 27
Honorable Mention	Saralyn Carcy (Junction City)	Stevens Point Christian Academy	Council 1170	District 27

#### Grade 10

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Alayna Deignan (Eau Claire)	Regis High School	Councils 1257, 12468 District 22	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Signe Fronck (Schofield)	NCHS	Council 1069	District 28
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Evelyn Kirchberg (Columbus)	Homeschool	Council 1609	District 51
Honorable Mention	Alexis Ladick (Mosinee)	Mosinee High School	Council 5488	District 28

#### Grade 11

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Caleb Kulich (Plover)	Pacelli Catholic High School	Council 1170	District 27
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Ann Connolly (Marathon)	Homeschool	Council 1069	District 28
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Mary Kirchberg (Columbus)	Homeschool	Council 1609	District 51
Honorable Mention	Lauren Dujardin (Burlington)	Burlington High School	Council 15665	District 72

#### Grade 12

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Garrett Johnson (Wisconsin Rapids)	Stevens Point Christian Academy	Council 1170	District 27
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Katie Wieland (Wisconsin Rapids)	Assumption High School	Council 1558	District 27
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Ava Van Stratein (De Pere)	Notre Dame High School	Council 3955	District 8
Honorable Mention	Adrian Dujardin (Burlington)	Burlington High School	Council 15665	District 72

***“In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.”— Proverbs 3:6***

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### 2016 State Knowledge Contest

A BIG thank you to Peter and Alice Schulteis from me as the new State Knowledge Contest Coordinator for a smooth and seamless transition. Thank you to my wife Nancy for assisting with the contest administration duties and registrations. Special thanks to Ron and Kathy Shymanski and to all the volunteers from Council # 1558 that helped with the 2016 Knights of Columbus State Knowledge Contest. Thanks to the staff at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids for the use of their facilities for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Thank you to State Programs Director William Frayer for being well organized and for presenting the awards with help from State Secretary Tim Guski. Many parents expressed their appreciation for the efforts of our Diocesan Coordinators, District Deputies, Grand Knights and the many volunteers from participating councils who provided this opportunity for their children.

#### Wisconsin Knight of Columbus - Notes of 2016 State Knowledge Contest

##### Mathematics Winners

<b>Grade 5 (10)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Caden Solle	Sheboygen	722	61	Milwaukee
2 <sup>nd</sup> Andie Barron	Mukwonago	7048	68	Milwaukee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam Gard	Lena			Green Bay
<b>Grade 6 (9)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Mark Fieweger	Marshfield	1799	30	La Crosse
2 <sup>nd</sup> Geoff Saemann	Cottage Grove	7775	48	Madison
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nicholas Rabiego	Mukwonago	7048	68	Milwaukee
<b>Grade 7 (10)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Keven Leng	Cambridge	15229	48	Madison
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kylie Bartel	Mazomanie	7811	43	Madison
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sean Moore	Brown Deer	6646	69	Milwaukee
<b>Grade 8 (9)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Blaise Zander	Lodi	6463	43	Madison
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mitchell Rouse	Brown Deer	6646	69	Milwaukee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Matthew Redlinger	Muskego	6648	69	Milwaukee

##### Spelling Winners

<b>Grade 5 (9)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Dirkse	Sheboygen	722	61	Milwaukee
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cooper Wood	South Milwaukee	1709	65	Milwaukee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nathan Mork	Pulaski			Green Bay
<b>Grade 6 (9)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Abigail Dykstra	Rice Lake	2137	83	Superior
2 <sup>nd</sup> Julianna Williams	Green Bay			Green Bay
3 <sup>rd</sup> Joseph Bonadonna	Suamico			Green Bay
<b>Grade 7 (9)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Jake Cipar	Medford	1744	90	Superior
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alexandra Bahr	Beaver Dam	1837	71	Milwaukee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jackson Thiel	Sherwood			Green Bay
<b>Grade 8 (8)</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Hsu	Middleton	4527	47	Madison
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kathryn Baker	Sheboygen	722	61	Milwaukee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tyler Krutke	Tomah	4125	23	La Crosse

#### **Randall DeMars, State Knowledge Contest Coordinator**

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Eau Claire, WI 54703  
715-271-4157  
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Knights of Columbus

**F O U R T H  
D E G R E E**

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

#### Exemplification

The Masters of Wisconsin wish to extend to every Third Degree Member of our Order an invitation to advance to the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Patriotism is the principle of the Fourth Degree. Its ceremonials are orchestrated such as to exemplify our love of country and the church. Therefore, the Fourth Degree primary purpose is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in its members and the community at large. Join us by asking your Grand Knight how to join.

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

Hilton Garden Inn Milwaukee-Park Place,  
11600 W Park Place,  
Milwaukee, WI 53224

10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. Candidate Registration  
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Men's Luncheon  
12:00 P.M. – Ladies Luncheon and Program  
12:15 P.M. – Exemplification  
4:00 P.M. – Holy Mass  
5:00 P.M. – Social Hour  
6:30 P.M. – Banquet

All Reservations to:

Edward Vander Bloomen, Master  
2211 Dewey Street  
Manitowoc, WI 54220-6340  
(920) 683-8996



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



*I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives.*  
 ~The first words spoken by Our Lady of America, September 26, 1956 [www.ourladyofamerica.org/](http://www.ourladyofamerica.org/)

*“God bestows more consideration on the purity of the intention with which our actions are performed than on the actions themselves.”*  
 -- Saint Augustine

### 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

#### Schedule

<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
<b>March 6, 2016 through April 9, 2016</b>		

District 70	District 27	District 91
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<b>April 10, 2016 through May 7, 2016</b>		
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District 69	District 20	District 83
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<b>May 8, 2016 through June 4, 2016</b>		
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District 68	District 44	District 87
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<b>June 5, 2016 through July 2, 2016</b>		
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District 67	District 5	District 89
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<b>July 3, 2016 through July 30, 2016</b>		
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District 72	District 10	District 88
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<b>July 31, 2016 through August 27, 2016</b>		
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District 49	District 14	District 81
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<b>August 28, 2016 through September 24, 2016</b>		
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District 50	District 9	District 21
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<b>September 25, 2016 through October 22, 2016</b>		
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District 48	District 8	District 22
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<b>October 23, 2016 through November 19, 2016</b>		
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District 51	District 7	District 29
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<b>November 20, 2016 through December 17, 2016</b>		
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District 47	District 13	District 25
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<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
<b>December 18, 2016 through January 21, 2017</b>		
District 42	District 4	District 26
<b>January 22, 2017 through February 18, 2017</b>		
District 45	District 12	District 23
<b>February 19, 2017 through March 18, 2017</b>		
District 43	District 11	District 46
<b>March 19, 2017 through April 22, 2017</b>		
District 52	District 61	District 30
<b>April 23, 2017 through May 20, 2017</b>		
District 40	District 62	District 24
<b>May 21, 2017 through June 17, 2017</b>		
District 41	District 60	
<b>June 18, 2017 through July 15, 2017</b>		
District 66	District 1	

**Building the Domestic Church**  
***“The Family Fully Alive”***

<http://www.kofc.org>

**Because our children may be called to become spouses and parents,  
we want to help them to explore the vocation to marriage and family life.**

Analyzing the nature of marriage, both St. Augustine and St. Thomas [Aquinas] always identify it with an “indivisible union of souls,” a “union of hearts,” with “consent.” These elements are found in an exemplary manner in the marriage of Mary and Joseph. At the culmination of the history of salvation, when God reveals his love for humanity through the gift of the Word, it is precisely the marriage of Mary and Joseph that brings to realization in full “freedom” the “spousal gift of self” in receiving and expressing such a love. “In this great undertaking which is the renewal of all things in Christ, marriage — it too purified and renewed — becomes a new reality, a sacrament of the New Covenant. ...

The Savior began the work of salvation by this virginal and holy union, wherein is manifested his all-powerful will to purify and sanctify the family — that sanctuary of love and cradle of life.”

How much the family of today can learn from this! “The essence and role of the family are in the final analysis specified by love. Hence the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God’s love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church his bride.” This being the case, it is in the Holy Family, the original “Church in miniature (*Ecclesia domestica*)” that every Christian family must be reflected. “Through God’s mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families.”

**St. John Paul II**

*Familiaris Consortio, §17*

God calls you to make definitive choices, and he has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment. God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us. Some are called to holiness through family life in the sacrament of marriage. Today, there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion. Is it out of fashion? In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of “enjoying” the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision “forever,” because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, that believes you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you and I pray for you. Have the courage “to swim against the tide.”

**Pope Francis**

*Meeting with volunteers, 28th World Youth Day*

1. *What is one virtue I think I would need to grow in, in order to give myself to another as a loving spouse and loving parent? What is one strength I think I have that would be helpful as a loving spouse and loving parent?*
2. *Do I share Pope Francis’ confidence in me, that I am capable of true love and responsibility?*
3. *How does our family complete its “mission” to guard love, reveal love or communicate love?*
4. *What is an “ephemeral love,” and how is it different*

**April - Psalm of the Month (Psalm 16)**

Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, “Thou art my Lord;  
I have no good apart from thee.”  
As for the saints in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.  
Those who choose another god multiply their  
sorrows;  
their libations of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.  
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
thou holdest my lot.  
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be  
moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also dwells secure.  
For thou dost not give me up to Sheol,  
or let thy godly one see the pit.  
Thou dost show me the path of life;  
in thy presence there is fullness of joy,  
in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2015 - 2016 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 by Diocese: Charity**

**Green Bay Diocese**

*March*  
29 - 4877, Ripon  
*April*  
4 - 3955, De Pere  
*May*  
16 - 10243, Green Bay

**La Crosse Diocese**

*April*  
25 - 6789, Alma  
*May*  
2 - 3825, Whitehall

**Madison Diocese**

*April*  
5 - 605, Beloit  
10 - 4879, Sun Prairie  
12 - 1609, Columbus  
*May*  
2 - 6460, DeForest  
5 - 9360, Janesville

**Milwaukee Diocese**

*March*  
28 - 13733, Big Bend  
28 - 15090, Waukesha  
*April*  
12 - 524, Milwaukee  
13 - 6646, Brown Deer

**Milwaukee Diocese (cont.)**

*April*  
13 - 6719, Milwaukee  
14 - 1837, Beaver Dam  
21 - 697, Racine  
21 - 3702, Brookfield  
21 - 15659, Racine  
25 - 13733, Big Bend  
25 - 15090, Waukesha  
*May*  
3 - 7798, Holy Hill  
9 - 4529, Grafton  
10 - 524, Milwaukee  
10 - 3562, Pewaukee  
10 - 13583, Milwaukee  
19 - 697, Racine

**Milwaukee Diocese (cont.)**

*May*  
19 - 3702, Brookfield  
19 - 15659, Racine  
23 - 15090, Waukesha

**Superior Diocese**

*April*  
2 - 1762, Hudson  
4 - 6560, Gilman  
20 - 8985, Webster  
*May*  
1 - 9608, Rib Lake  
9 - 4902, River Falls  
15 - 1744, Medford  
15 - 16298, Amery

**Second Degrees: Unity**

Date	Time	Council	Location	District Deputy	Telephone
April 2, 2016	9:15am	1762	Hudson	Michael Frase	(715)381-8444
April 2, 2016	9:30am	3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
April 2, 2016	10:00am	16280	Marathon	Jacob Grzywacz	(715)574-9461
April 2, 2016	10:00am	9369	Janesville	Mark Lessner	(608)290-9170
May 15, 2016	12:30 pm	1733	Medford	Neil Micke	(715)678-6140
May 21, 2016	11:00am	3396	Fort Atkinson	Robert Pizur	(608)285-0175
May 21, 2016	10:30am	1964	West Bend	John Flynn	(262)366-5082

**Third Degrees: Fraternity**

Date	Time	Council	Location	District Deputy	Telephone
April 2, 2016		1762	Hudson	Michael Frase	(715)381-8444
April 2, 2016		3562	Hartland	Timothy Donlin	(262)573-3916
April 2, 2016		16280	Marathon	Jacob Grzywacz	(715)574-9461
April 2, 2016		9369	Janesville	Mark Lessner	(608)290-9170
May 15, 2016		1733	Medford	Neil Micke	(715)678-6140
May 21, 2016	1:30pm	3396	Fort Atkinson	Robert Pizur	(608)285-0175
May 21, 2016	12:30pm	1964	West Bend	John Flynn	(262)366-5082

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

**Fourth Degrees: Patriotism**

Date	Location	District	Telephone
April 16, 2016	Milwaukee	Eastern District	(262) 246-4232



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## Green Bay Men's Conference a Success

**Men for All Seasons**  
Green Bay Men's Conference  
**March 5, 2016**  
KI Convention Center, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
[www.gbmenconference.com](http://www.gbmenconference.com)



Knights were well represented making up about 2/3 of the 1600 Men in attendance. Your Membership team was hard at work recruiting that 1/3 that have not joined us yet.

Follow this link to view the conference:

<http://gbmenconference.zasdesigns.com/>



The 4th Degree Honor Guard was there to lead the procession for Bishop Ricken



Attendees were treated to a chance to touch the First Class Relics shared by State Chaplain Fr. Rick Heilman





**Neenah Council #5514  
Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities**



Neenah Council 5514 hosts an annual Valentine Days Party and Christmas Party for the patrons of SOAR (formerly ARC of the Fox Valley). These are in addition to the contribution from our ID Tootsie Roll Drive. This year, being the 60th year of the organization, a reporter and photographer from the Appleton Post-Crescent newspaper were present at the Valentine Day’s party. The article started “above the fold” on page 1a of the Monday, February 22, 2016 edition.

**Memorial Mass for Venerable Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP**



Photo of the Honor Guard at the Memorial mass commemorating the death of Venerable Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP at St Patrick Church Benton WI at 1:30PM Sunday, Feb 28, 2016. Hosted by Assembly 1202 Lancaster and supported by Assembly 2320 Highland. Area 10 covers Southwest WI.

From the left: Seated: Dave Renz FN 2320; Ron Timmerman FN 1202, Commander 2320 Jerry Brown, Commander 1202 John Pace & Area 10 Coordinator Bob Birrenkott Assembly 2320 Standing: Jerry Berning Assembly 1202, Joe Loy FC Assembly 1202, Tom Simmons FC Assembly 2320, John Chaffee Assembly 1202, Jason Thiele Assembly 1202, Mike Plear Assembly 1202, Darrell Kreul Assembly 2320

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## Year of Mercy

### CELEBRATION

May 13, 2016

Eucharistic Rosary  
Prayer Evening  
with Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, IN



Friday May 13, 2016  
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm

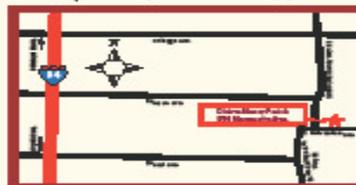
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
Bring your entire family and friends

#### DETAILS

- Followed by Refreshments
- Display tables available with Year of Mercy items, information and religious items
- Includes Scripture, homilies, testimonials, rosary, adoration and procession of the Blessed Sacrament & music
- There will be No Mass offered

#### LOCATION & MAP

Divine Mercy Parish  
800 Marquette Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172



From U.S. Hwy 54  
Take the Grand Ave Exit and go East on the road go on  
Turn left North on South Chicago Ave./Hwy 22  
Turn right East on Marquette  
Church is on your left. Large parking lot and handicap accessible.  
About 15 minutes from the freeway.

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## Knights in Action - 4th Degree Honoree

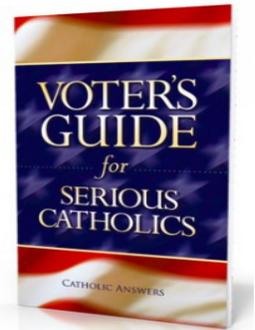


District Deputy 23, Sir Knight Al Janeczko of Tomah was the Honoree for the 4th Degree Exemplification on February 6th, 2016 at St. Patrick's Church in Onalaska. Sir Knight Al was honored for all the great work he has done in the Knights of Columbus, in the Church, in his Community, at the Veterans Administration Center, and at the Queen of the Apostles Elementary School. Western District Master Ron Shymanski presents a plaque in recognition of the honor.



*"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

Catholic Answers  
[www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com)



### A Vital Prayer Chain

Dear Beloved God in Heaven,  
Please give us a president that loves this country and everything it stands for.  
Please give us a president who respects you as the one true God.  
Please give us a president who will, with your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way you created her.  
Please help us to respect what you have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again.

Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without.  
May our eyes be opened.  
In Jesus' name, Amen

### God Bless America

As never before in the history of this country has this plea been so vital."  
**BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.**

Psalms 46:10



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## SOLIDARITY CROSS

A symbol of Unity  
A symbol of Hope



- Local councils and assemblies may use the form below to order crosses for \$5 each (minimum order of 10 crosses; free shipping).
- Councils then offer the crosses in their parishes and communities for a suggested donation of \$10 and make a single payment of the net proceeds to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966

*A council project in support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East*

Knights of Columbus  
Christian Refugee  
Relief Fund

**Prayer for those Persecuted in Iraq and Syria**  
O God of all the Nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, who in your providence willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son, look with mercy on your servants in Iraq and Syria who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will that we live in harmony. And in all things may we be united in truth and freedom to seek your will in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us. AMEN

Christians in the Middle East face persecution simply for their belief in the one who taught us to love one another. Despite the genocidal persecution against them, they continue to be an inspiration as they remain true to their faith and bear witness to the love of God and neighbor. Yet, regardless of their great witness, they need solidarity and support.

One way we are helping is through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed more than \$4.5 million. These contributions have provided food, clothing, shelter and medical care to refugees. Individuals can contribute to this fund by visiting [christiansatrisk.org](http://christiansatrisk.org) and making a direct contribution.

Along with financial support, Knights and their families are encouraged to pray for persecuted Christians. To aid in this, the new Prayer for Persecuted Christians prayer card (#10340) is now available. This prayer card is available in packs of 100 cards for \$3 per order, shipping charges included, and can be obtained by sending a completed Form #1 to the Supply Dept. via mail, fax (800-266-6340), or email to [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org). You may also order the cards by mailing a check, payable to the Knights of Columbus and addressed to: Knights of Columbus, Supply Department, 78 Meadow Street, New Haven, CT 06519.

Support the Christians Refugee Fund by ordering 5-inch olive wood crosses (\$5 each, minimum order of 10), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. The crosses may be sold in your community, for a suggested donation of \$10, with the net proceeds of the sale given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. For more information, please contact please contact the Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org).

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