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# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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## Membership Memo

September closes out the first quarter of the fraternal year and our recruiting efforts have out gained our suspensions again! The state will now be rebating \$448 worth of per capita on the next per capita billing. Excellent job everyone. Let's keep the momentum going into the second quarter and finish the calendar year with even bigger numbers.

Remember, the more men we can recruit, the more we can accomplish.

### State Diocesan Membership Fraternal Year

	Green Bay	La Crosse	Madison	Milwaukee	Superior	Total
Quota	325	228	261	431	120	1365
9/30/2011	48	71	52	40	16	227
	15%	31%	20%	9%	13%	16%

Percentages for the month of September quotas are: Green Bay 33%, La Crosse 168%, Madison 32%, Milwaukee 64%, Superior 30%.

God Bless!

*Daniel Spencer*  
State Membership Director

ps: Membership is your responsibly and mine.

### Message from the State Deputy

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the beautiful fall so far. The warm weather has been delightful along with the brilliant fall colors.

I wish to extend a big thank you to the Diocesan Program Coordinators for a great job with organizing the Diocesan Meetings in September. Thank you to all the presenters that prepared a presentation on their program. Thanks to the host Councils and the people who prepared the meals. Without all of these people we would not be able to hold these meetings.

Congratulations to the La Crosse Diocese on achieving their first quarter goal in membership. The State is making progress in membership growth. The incentives that were offered have encouraged our brother Knights to go out and ask a man to join the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. As we start the second quarter lets not slow down the momentum that has been started by continuing to bring in new members.

Degree work in Wisconsin has some issues that need to  
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### Chaplain Report

What does "Oktober Fest" mean to you? I would expect that most people would be visualizing a German-style "beer-swilling" event accompanied by loud conversation, laughter and appropriate music. Oh, the wonders of cultural diversity!

However, there are some other events proper to this month, which can be noted and celebrated with some enthusiasm also. The months of both October and May have traditionally been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary – with October 7 being the celebration of **Our Lady of the Rosary**. The Church calendar also bring the Feasts of: Luke(10/18), Simon & Jude(10/28) and Francis of Assisi (10/4). And, surely, as Knights of Columbus, we celebrate Columbus Day (10/10 – the national observance or 10/12 – the traditional observance)!

You may or may not appreciate the season of autumn, but you've got to acknowledge the fact that our Creator God does some marvelous coloring in Nature this time of year - with or without the assistance of Jack Frost. And

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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### From the State Programs Coordinator's Desk

**B**rother Knights,  
The beauty of fall is upon us. I hope all of you are enjoying the colors and preparing for the upcoming cooler climate. Our State competition for fall sports is Oct 22 as you know in Marshfield and I hope all of you who are sending representatives to compete also send a council representative to cheer them on. How many of you have offered the Right to Life Essay to your youth or discussed the Substance Abuse Poster contest? If you do not offer these, you certainly will have no participants, right?

I hope you had good turnouts at your Diocesan meetings, I attended two of them and I believe attendance was down with some councils not sending any representatives. I do realize that we all have busy schedules but do any of you believe that a council could not find one individual able to attend?

It is time to start preparing for your Free Throw Competition. I hope we can see 100% participation amongst the councils this year. This is by far our most attended event and I hope we reach our goal. If you do not have a facility to use, contact your District Deputy and find out if you can run your competition along with another council's event. Bring your people to help and your participants and you will have a great time.

The Columbus Day Dinner celebration time is here. For whatever reason our council does not get to it until the first weekend

in November, I guess the timing just works better when you consider all the other events going on. Do not forget that there is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification in Wisconsin Rapids on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Ask your 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members who have not taken this final step to full Knighthood and see if it is time for them to complete their journey. Speaking of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree ask your Chaplain or Parish Priest if you can provide an honor guard at a mass. We have started doing this at our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday masses and combine it with a membership drive. The comments we receive are very positive from the parish.

Do not forget to start collecting goods for the Sentiments for Seminarians, your District Deputy will bring all donations to the December DD meeting. Remember there are many people going through very rough times out there, organize a food drive or clothing drive to help them out

Please print a copy of the State newsletter and bring to your meetings. We have several individuals in our council who still despise computers and need a copy brought to the meeting in order to read it. It is circulated and read by these members. You might have one of them ask why your council is not doing some of the things mentioned by the various contributors.

Remember it is up to all of us to make a difference in whatever way we can.

Vivat Jesus!

**Don Schoenherr**

*State Programs Director/Youth Development*

### Country Store Update

**B**ack in April at the state convention, I made an announcement on the floor that the country store was going to be going online.

Having had the chance to travel with the state deputy and state secretary to the diocesan meetings in Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Turtle Lake, I had the opportunity to personally announce to those in attendance that the country store was up and running and now available to all brother knights in the state. Those in Madison and La Crosse should have had the announcement made to them by the state officer who ran those meetings.

The items available online differ from those available in the store when the store is at a state function. This was done to try and keep things simplified for people, and the items can be changed, and new items added seasonally or by requests and demand. Except for the baseball cap, all items online include per-

sonalization with your council or assembly information.

With the online store now available, I can now shift some focus to specialized items such as aprons, bowling shirts, jerseys, etc. The other thing to note is that if a council is looking to order more than 12 shirts for their council they should contact me as we may be able to get them a better price point for the shirts.

Also, please note that all order must be placed by either the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary of their council, and that all orders must be placed through the store. Anyone trying to contact the supplier will be directed to contact the store manager.

Vivat Jesus!

**John Booth**

*Country Store Manager*

**Columbia**  
The Online Edition

**October 2011**

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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Tootsie Roll Drive

At the recent Diocesan Meetings the Intellectually Disabled Committee presented numbers from the 2011 drive. At the upcoming District Deputy Meeting in December District Deputies will be picking up forms and posters for their councils for the 2012 Drive. This Press Release has been sent to state newspapers however, feel free to use it in your local publications if you so desire.

Respectfully

**Chuck Simmons**  
*Intellectually Disabled Committee Director*

September 26, 2011

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Knights of Columbus  
"Aid Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities"

The Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus has released the final figures of their recent Tootsie Roll Drive to "Aid Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities". The 2011 program raised in excess of \$654,000.00. Local councils will distribute in their immediate area over \$446,000 of these funds to local groups and organization that assist the intellectually disabled. The State Committee will have available an additional \$148,000 to distribute through their grant application process.

Organizations that work with Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities are encouraged to submit applications for these Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus funds. Grant applications can be directed to: Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus % Chuck Simmons, State Chairman, 63476 Lohmann Lane, Eastman, WI 54626. Fifteen (15) copies of the application are necessary and must be submitted by December 1, 2011. Applications must be written on your organizations letterhead and must contain the following information: an exact amount of money needed for the project or service, what the money will purchase or provide and how many individuals will be directly served by the grant.

Councils are you collecting items for our seminarians? The seminarians are in need of every day items; soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shavers, shaving cream, deodorant, and many other items too numerous to mention. Also do not forget about pens, paper, notebooks, books and other utensils they can use while in school. Some of the seminarians come for colder climates and do not have hat and gloves. Gas cards make an excellent gift for a seminarian. Remember all these items should not be used or worn. Please, give these items to your District Deputy so they can bring them to the District Deputy meeting in December. Our seminarians will have a joyful Christmas with your generous gifts.

### RESOLUTIONS!

Brothers, the business of your State Council is designed to be conducted on your behalf according to the resolutions that are passed at your State Convention. Now is the time to begin preparing those resolutions. At your monthly meeting, please encourage your Brother Knights to bring their ideas. Those that are approved by your Council should be forwarded to me. My address is below for your convenience. And do not hesitate if you are not entirely sure how to put a resolution into proper form. Just get your idea to me early and I will help with formatting. Please note that I cannot offer advice regarding content, nor does my opinion regarding worthiness matter. My duty is to help you to clearly express YOUR idea to your Brother Knights.

**Worthy Financial Secretary**, this note is for you. Your members reaching their 50, 60 and 70 anniversary years of membership will NOT BE RECOGNIZED at the next State Convention unless you send me their names. If you are preparing your necrology for your November memorial please take a moment to also compile the list of your longstanding members and send it to me. It would be a shame for your deserving members to miss out on this recognition.

Worthy Standing State Committee Chairmen, other than subordinate councils, the State Deputy, and the State Officers as a whole, you are the only Knights in Wisconsin who may submit resolutions. However, any submissions by you must be germane to the work of your committee.

#### DELEGATES

Section 12a of your Charter Constitution Laws clearly state that delegates to the Annual Meeting, aka the State Convention, shall consist of the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight actually residing in the state. All others must be listed as alternates. Note that a council with no Past Grand Knight may elect any of its Third Degree members in good standing.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Madison Diocese for a great start in recruiting this year. At the Diocesan meeting we were tied for the lead with the La Crosse Diocese.

Councils 1547, 1909, 4392, 4416, 6151, 7370, 10893, 11555, 12491 and 12644 are off to a great start, having achieved 25% or more of their quota in the first quarter of the fraternal year. You are well on your way to earning the coveted Father Michael J. McGivney Award. And congratulations to District Deputies Robert Winter(40), Rob Kurczek (44) and Tom McDonald(49). Your **districts** have achieved 25% or more of their quota!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ronald Faust**  
*State Advocate*

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be addressed. Every Council in Wisconsin has a first degree team. There should never be a man left waiting to join our Order because we didn't have a degree team to hold a degree. The second degree needs a team in each District. With the structure of the third degree being able to be held at a Council meeting, the second degree becomes a vital link. Marshfield held the first new Third Degree with great enthusiasm and success.

There are seventeen men that said they would put a team together and start practicing the part so we can hold more third degrees closer to home. At this time I know of seven teams that are practicing their parts. They are Jim Zoellner (Marshfield) Charlie Silver (Hudson) Don Daniewicz (Sauk City) Tim Genthe (Cuba City) Roland Ransom (Big Bend) Mike Angeli (Milwaukee) and Richard Briski (Hales Corners). If anyone is interested in being a member of a team please let me know. The other men that have the degree books are Ray Knapstein (Woodruff) Mike Gehrke (Winter) Larry Julson (Strum) Jack Grzywacz (Mosinee) Tony Felber (Tomah) Don Leu (Watertown) Bill Brosius (Cross Plains) Charlie Bornemann (Green Bay) Dan Stunger (Appleton) and Mark Wagner (Menomonee Falls).

We need to keep State Ceremonial Director Erv Jakowiak informed as to when a degree is being scheduled in your council. This will keep the state informed of where degree is being held and when.

*Enjoy the fall season in Wisconsin but please do it safely.*

**Daniel E. Hull**  
State Deputy

### Missing 185's (Officers), 365 (Coordinators) and Audit Reports

Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Trustees these reports are vital to the operations of your Councils. If your council is on one of the list below, please file the missing report with the Supreme Council and the State Council, ASAP. With out 185 (Officers) and 365 (Coordinators) reports the council is missing important announcements from both Supreme and State Council. Without a current Audit on file at Supreme Council the council will lose their fraternal benefits and the Financial Secretary and Trustee are no longer bonded by the Supreme Council. District Deputy, please follow up with the councils on this listing.

God Bless

**Timothy Genthe**  
State Secretary

185 Report of Officers				365 Report of Coordinators				Report of Audit					
4	4896	45	13480	1	9406	25	6487	61	11301	1	4932	29	2787
4	6444	47	531	3	2836	25	9438	62	6776	3	1922	29	11832
6	2990	49	10920	3	12185	26	12606	63	1825	3	2836	30	12673
8	6464	50	6547	4	4896	28	12467	67	4831	4	2210	41	1501
8	8061	62	6776	4	6444	29	1654	67	8108	4	6444	42	605
9	607	63	182	6	2990	29	11832	67	14362	6	2990	43	3450
11	5539	67	14362	7	10714	30	12662	70	1578	6	10260	44	9078
20	4295	80	669	8	6464	41	1386	71	12677	8	4692	49	10920
24	7894	80	6786	8	8061	42	1471	80	669	8	6464	61	11657
25	6487	83	9546	9	607	43	3450	80	832	8	8061	62	6776
26	12606	85	2066	9	12596	43	6463	80	6702	9	1033	63	1825
28	12467	86	7132	11	5539	43	7811	80	6786	9	10919	63	10715
29	2787	89	7022	13	5844	44	9078	83	9546	12	1957	64	6883
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										27	13880	89	7022
										28	12467	90	9608



### RECYCLING FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The recycling program has been going on for a number of years now. In 2011 there were 113 councils involved, but only 42 councils have shipped anything in.

What has happened with the other 71 councils that signed up to take part? As of 10-1-2011 we have received \$1039.30 from the recycling effort, an average of \$24.75 per council. Council #2556 Chilton has raised over \$240.00 so far this year. If all 113 councils had shipped in the average we could have raised \$2,800.00. The values have dropped over the years, because of modern technology. The older phones and printers are being replaced with newer

technology, which reduces the value of the older ones for recycling. Also any ink or toner cartridge that has been refilled are of no value. This is a very easy no cost way to help the Special Athletes in Wisconsin.

All I need to start up a council is;  
Council number;  
Person in charge;  
Address;  
Phone number;  
What type of boxes needed?

I will have boxes sent to him and he can place them at businesses, church, or any other location of choice. There are collection boxes for Cell Phone's, Ink jet cartridges, and large boxes for Toner cartridge-

es. Check the collection sites monthly and when a box is filled, pack it up and ship it in. The boxes have prepaid UPS labels on them. Pack securely and take to a place where UPS picks up on a regular basis.

There is no charge for this to the council. Some shipping locations do ask for \$2.00 or \$3.00 for handling, but I have found that when you explain who we are and what we are doing they drop the charge. If your council is interested in this program and have any questions, please contact me at 715-884-3197.

**John Benisch**  
Special Olympics Coordinator.

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Northwest Agency Message

What is the mission of the Knights of Columbus? This question, if asked to members, will without doubt put charity at the top of the list.

However, as stated by Supreme, the mission is as follows: **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.**

Currently, many brother knights have been ill informed about the passion that our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney had that every knight's responsibility was to financially protect his family even at the time of death. This passion of Fr. McGivney was so intense that he delegated the other fraternal duties and spearheaded the research and implementation of the insurance program. Every candidate had to have insurance through the order before they became a knight.

Today, approximately thirty five percent of members are insured through the order. As stated at the first degree, participating in the order's insurance program is voluntary, but protecting your family is not. This is where your assigned field agent will

help you in determining if you have adequate insurance protection and if it will protect you whenever you die.

I do realize that the Northwest quadrant of Wisconsin has been sparsely staffed in the past but here is my commitment to you. We will be staffed to Supreme's recommendation of one field agent per eight hundred members, if you will give us the opportunity to review your insurance needs. This commitment may take a few years but once you see how impressive our insurance program really is; your demand will warrant the staff increase.

Moreover, I am currently in the process of interviewing five full time positions that will need to be filled now or through the end of 2012; with another five positions before the end of 2013. If you want a career that is a ministry to Fr. McGivney's vision and to your brother knight, then contact me. Yes, you can make a decent living doing something that has more rewards than just money.

God Bless,

*Ed Knolmayer, FIC*  
*General Agent, NWWI*



### Building a Future with Squires

When you are at your next council meeting, take a look around and think of Father McGivney's reason for founding the Knights of Columbus:

*"the young priest felt there should be some way to strengthen religious faith and at the same time provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner."*

From <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/life/history/priesthood.htm>

Do you see a need to include young men in your parish that have or will soon have families and therefore a requirement to strengthen their religious faith? That is the reason the Squires program is essential to a stronger parish, stronger community and stronger council. Most young men don't understand the important role they play in their young lives. As Brother Knights we should mentor the young and teach them to carry on the importance of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. There is no better way to start than to create a Squire Circle within your council.

The Squires program is essential in developing our future Catholic leaders, and there is a new team to assist you in that endeavor. New State Squires Coordinator Greg Elrick, along with John Young (Chief Counselor of the Greg Otte Circle in Weyauwega) and James Vosters (First Chief Squire of Blessed Pope John Paul II Circle in Little Chute) are excited to offer help toward Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's goal to develop a circle in every council. Please contact us to get more information.

*Greg Elrick*  
*Squires Coordinator*  
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### FORM 4584-PARTNERSHIP PROFILE WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Thank you to all councils that filed Form 4584 for the 2010 year. Final figures from Supreme show that **121 councils** filed Form 4584 on time showing over **\$174,360.00** donated to Special Olympics. The Supreme Council uses this report to determine the size grant we receive at each year's convention. This last year's grant from Supreme was for **\$7,000.00**.

We finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place only a few hundred dollars from 1<sup>st</sup> place, which would have increased the grant by another \$1,000.00. We could have easily reached that if **ALL** councils that made donations would have filed the report. All councils should file this report by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. Supreme also uses the percent of councils reporting to determine the grant, even if the council had no donations that could be reported.

Now is the time to start gathering information needed for this report. I will be sending a report in late December to the Grand Knights as to what I show the council has donated and any recycling income the council earned. Please be sure to use these figures along with any donations made directly to Special Olympics.

*John Benisch*  
*Special Olympics Coordinator.*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### October 12, 1492 - WHAT A GREAT DAY!!

Imagine yourself greeting the new land after a journey across the vast ocean. What an experience that must have been! With sea weary legs, land is spotted. The row boats are manned and the founding of new land is underway. Then the captain, Christopher Columbus, claims the new land for the country of Spain with the Cross of Jesus. America, Christian from its founding on that great day. This exploration continues throughout the pages of history with Catholic Martyrs and explorations spreading Catholicism throughout the New World. As Knights of Columbus, we need to boldly proclaim and support our inheritance.

These examples show how Christian our country was formed from the days past are reminded to us each and every time that we spend our currency – “In God We Trust”, when we look at the Supreme Justice Building which has the Ten Commandants displayed, and every time that we recite the Pledge of Allegiance – “One Nation Under God”. These Christian symbols and words are under attack all the time by groups like the A.C.L.U. and others. As Knights of Columbus we need to stand for our rights and make sure that our country remains Christian. In 2012, we’ll be able to make choices by reviewing the stance taken by the candidates on key issues that may turn our country wayward from what our forefathers wanted our country to be like. A good Christian review is needed by good Christian men and women.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus are such good men. These fine Sir Knights are the most visible and prestigious mem-

bers of the Knights of Columbus. They are the outward sign to our communities, friends, and neighbors that Christianity still prevails. As they march in procession and in parades they are telling us that God is The Supreme Master. Without Him we would not exist. Some of these good Sir Knights are becoming elderly and need to be supported with their efforts. New members are needed to help keep this goal of Christianity and getting our message out is important. This is available to all Knights. At present, the average is about 9% of the Third Degree Members are members of the Fourth Degree. There is great opportunity for increasing our membership.

Qualifications are minimal: You need to be 18 years of age at your last birthday, a citizen of the country in that you reside, a member of the Knights of Columbus for six months, and a Third Degree Member in good standing.

#### Exemplifications are:

Oct 29, 2011	Mead Inn and Convention Center	Wis. Rapids
April 14, 2012	Milwaukee Marriott West	Waukesha
May 14, 2012	St. Patricks Parish School	Onalaska, WI
Oct 27, 2012	Mead Inn and Convention Center	Wis. Rapids
April 13, 2013	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel	Appleton

For more information contact the Masters of Wisconsin.

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### SPECIAL OLYMPICS - 2014 BE A FAN OF OPPORTUNITY - MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

A resolution was passed at the 2011 convention that all councils take an active part, support monetarily, and file form 4584. Our drive to fund the expenses of **Team Wisconsin** to the 2014 National games in Newark, New Jersey is off to a slow start. With a goal over the next 2 1/2 years of \$100,000.00, we need to pickup the pace. We have received from donations; recycling, supreme grant, and tootsie roll donations a total of \$20,654.22 as of 10-1-2011. A long way from where we should be at this time. I would very much like to report at convention that we have reached at least 50% of the goal, not the 20% we have at this time. Councils please start making plans as to how you can help fund this worthwhile drive. It would be nice if all Councils could make a donation each year towards the goal; rather then wait till the last minute. If we divide the goal by members and 4 years it amounts to an average of \$0.75 per member per year. I am sure that would be easier then trying to meet an average of \$3.00 per member the last year. Remember that these athletes are counting on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus to **MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE.**

For this drive we are including all monies received from the recycling effort and any Tootsie Roll donations made to Special Olympics Wisconsin towards our goal (remembering to continue supporting whatever organization you have previ-

ously donated your share to). Councils can find various ways of raising these funds, raffle, breakfast, card party, bingo party, recycling program, brat fry, car wash, and many other ideas. If a council would like to have a special athlete at a fundraiser, contact me and I will get you in touch with someone to schedule.

**Grand Knights** a suggestion that could help is to put an article in the council newsletter asking for donations from members. Most council’s only have a small share of there members come to council meetings, but all should receive a newsletter. Also do not forget to bring it up at council meetings. Another suggestion would be to have a notice put in the church bulletin of parishes served by the council with a name and address to send donations to. This not only may help our drive, but also show parish members that the Knights of Columbus are active with Special Olympics. Who knows you may get new members by doing this.

With the grace of God we will **NOT** let these special athletes down. Remembering that Jesus said, “What ever you do to the least of my brothers, you do onto me”.

*John Benisch  
Special Olympics Coordinator.*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Wisconsin State Council's DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH September 2011

#### Green Bay Diocese

Gerald and Janet Van Handel  
Council 5514 / 10  
Neenah, WI

#### La Crosse Diocese

George and Joann Derks  
Council 1257 / 22  
Eau Claire, WI.

#### Madison Diocese

Robert and Debra Haufschild  
Council 4879 / 51  
Sun Prairie, WI.

#### Milwaukee Archdiocese

Michael and Barbara Schmitt  
Council 4897 / 71  
Waupun, WI

#### Superior Diocese

Dennis and Susan Ashbeck  
Council 2963 / 86  
Phillips, WI

### Family of the Month Report

**W**hen we are busy, it always seems like time flies. There is always something to do in our councils, our church community, or our social community. I am sure many of us know families that are involved and active in local organizations, that helps out in our communities. I am sure many of you give generously of your time, since charity is the first degree of the Knights of Columbus. So I am going to make an assumption that if you are reading this article, you are probably a Knight of Columbus. And since you are a Knight, what does this tell me about you?

You believe in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the Trinity. You are one of God's children and a member of God's family. You belong to the Catholic Church and its family. You are a member of a parish family and part of your K.C. council's family. Even with this information, what don't I know about you? I don't know who you are, or what you do to spread the word of Jesus Christ, and his teachings. Do you live and demonstrate Christ's teachings in your community, church, council, with the youth, for pro-life, and within your fami-

ly? How many years have you been involved, or helped within your organizations? Why is this important? If I get a family of the month nomination, and it tells me that a person has been involved for several years, I can only guess that the involvement is for probably for only two to three years when they may have been involved for ten years or more. For a good nomination, please try to specify the number of years of involvement, instead of saying several years. By knowing a specific number, there is more weight put on the charity of time that one has donated to their community.

By the way keep up the good work, this month there were some very good nominations that came in and I select only one nomination from each diocese. All District Deputies, there are still many councils that are not participating in the Family of the Month program, please encourage all councils to select a family and recognize their achievements and contributions to our communities.

*Larry Julson*  
*State Family Coordinator*

### Medallion Award

**W**e are seeing the rapid passing of the summer. Before you know it, the holidays will be upon us and life will get more hectic. Let me encourage each council to get ready now to submit a worthy knight for the prestigious Medallion Award. Entry forms can be downloaded from the state council website.

To do a good job of accumulating all pertinent information, takes time. If you have submitted someone before and they did not win, submit their resume again after it is updated. Two of our winners this year were men who had their resumes submitted more than once. There is no better way to show a member how much he has given to the Order, church and community.

Do you have questions or need clarification? Call me at 608-152-1882, I will be more than happy to assist you.

*Larry Lanners, PSD*  
*Medallion Chairman*

### Respect for Life

**M**y Brother Knights, You should have received this year's appeal letter from me and our State Deputy in regards to the Respect Life fund. Please take the time to read it and make a conscience decision on what you can do to support Life with your donation. Please don't procrastinate some councils just missed 100% by a few dollars.

There have been changes made to the Essay contest this year. We now will not be giving savings bonds as awards. This was gone over at the diocesan meetings and an updated on the State web site. Remember that the winners need to be sent to the Diocesan programs coordinator for judging by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

We are asking each council to notify the respect life committee the names of their respect life couple and what they have done and are doing currently. This information should be sent to Mark Kohls at [mark.kohls@att.net](mailto:mark.kohls@att.net)

At the diocesan meeting I had a lot of good

feedback on the organ donor program. Remember the most important thing is to share your wishes with your family. Discuss with them the options. And remember that the lives you save with your final donation in life will allow someone's to continue and give them a second chance. Fr. Mullen the Superior Diocesan Chaplin brought up the fact the before Pope Benedict was pope he was a strong advocate (and donor) for organ transplant. But once he became pope his body belongs to the church and he released that commitment. Also I have received to website I would like to pass along on organ donation. <http://www.yesiwillwisconsin.org> and a living donor program at [www.uwhealth.org/livingdonor](http://www.uwhealth.org/livingdonor).

In closing I receive many emails but one that really says it all on the issues of abortion and life in general is <http://180movie.com>. This is a little graphic but I was amazed but the peoples response.

Fraternally yours,  
*Jim Otto*  
*Respect Life Coordinator*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State Faith Development Committee

**B**rother Knights,  
The old Baltimore Catechism was very direct and distinct. We are here to know, love and serve God. We must know Him to love Him. That knowledge with love is the driving force in our service to God. But that knowledge cannot be static. It's growth must be a part of our daily lives.

What constitutes your daily life? How many times during the day do you reflect on God? How much of your time during the day is saturated with crime/violence on the news, violence/sex on evening programs, lies/deceit by politicians, idolatry with sports, just to name a few?

Try an experiment for one week. If it shows promise, do it for Advent.

1. Wake up in the morning with Relevant Radio. Drive to work with Relevant Radio.
2. Focus on Christ in the people around you at work. Not necessarily easy.
3. Drive home with Relevant Radio.
4. Turn the TV on (that's correct) to EWTN. Daily Mass is at 6:00pm. On

Mondays the Mass is followed by Journey Home and then Scott Hahn. How can one justify missing Scott Hahn for Monday night football?

5. Carry the rosary and use it. A hand in the pocket as one walks to a meeting is relaxing.
6. Find a Chapel with Perpetual Adoration. It is amazing what you can listen to at 2 or 3 in the morning before the Lord.

Are we afraid of what may happen? Could it be that we put aside the garbage and stress of the world that our culture throws at us and we actually trust in God?

Pass it on to your brother Knights and their families.

**PS:** Start planning now for the icon of our Lady of Guadalupe. Fill the church when it arrives in your district.

Vivat Jesus

*John Sustar  
La Crosse Diocese  
State Faith Development Committee*

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then there is the variety of birthdays and anniversaries of a more personal nature that touch us more closely. Even the Packers, Brewers and Badgers are currently drawing celebratory attention to their own achievements.

We are Catholic, Christian men – initiated into the Knights of Columbus. We have much to appreciate within our organization and our own personal lives. If you are a participant in the usual German “Oktober Fest” observance, then good for you. But we all have a lot more to celebrate and praise God for - if we only take the time to look and ponder.

God bless you all, Brother Knights!

*Fr. Pete Renard, O.Praem.  
State Chaplain*

### 2011 – 2012 Christmas Poster Contest

**@**ll 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Send them to the Diocesan Program Coordinator by Dec. 30, 2011. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners along with the DIOCESAN total number of council participants at each grade level to the State Poster Contest Coordinator by January 15, 2012. 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 2012 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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### Ed Knolmayer, General Agent for NW Wisconsin Quadrant

The Supreme Agency has appointed Ed Knolmayer as General Agent for the Northwest quadrant of the state of Wisconsin on September 1, 2011. The northwest quadrant consist of the area from Alma to the west, over to Nekoosa to the south, from Plover to Eagle River to the east, to the north and west borders.

Ed has been a field agent since March of 2009 and comes with an extensive fraternal experience. He is a past grand knight of council 4902, River Falls, a former member of Council 765, Cuba City and 6759, Somerset; and is a current member of council 5456, Ellsworth. He is a fourth degree knight with Assembly 1947, New Richmond.

Ed holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Cardinal Stritch University where he graduated with highest honors. His extensive sales, marketing and management experience over the past thirty four years will be an asset to fulfilling the vision of Fr. McGivney to members.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Knolmayer Agency will have a store front office at 200 E. Elm Street, Suite K of C, River Falls, WI 54022. His email address is [Edmund.knolmayer@kofc.org](mailto:Edmund.knolmayer@kofc.org) and home phone number is 715-426-9898.

Please join the state officers in welcoming Ed to his new position and working with him to fulfill our mission on providing financial protection to members and their family.

*Daniel E. Hull*  
State Deputy

### Notes from the Training Coordinator

In the past few months I have been contacted and asked if non-members can attend meetings. The answer is all depending on the meeting. There are social and prospect meetings where no business is being voted on.

Since there is no business being done at these meetings, you can have non-member in attendance. I know some councils would like to have prospect members at your council's business meeting to show them what the council does for activities. However when you allow non-members into the business session you take away from the other members that have gone through their degrees and have taken oaths to make your council run efficiently and by the laws of the order that include not having anyone not a member attend your business meeting. Now remember if you have a guest coming to discuss something you are voting on at a business meeting, you can have a recess in the meeting to allow the guest to speak.

Then you escort the guest out of the chamber and resume the meeting to vote on the issue. I hope this answers all questions concerning non-members attending meetings.

*Jon Olson*  
Officer Training Coordinator

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### *Message from the Immediate Past State Deputy; Written by District Deputy George Ploof*

The Knights of Columbus, Milwaukee Metro Group, were the leaders in a successful campaign to raise funds for an ultrasound machine that will be located at the Women's Support Center of Milwaukee, 2051 W. Wisconsin Ave Upper Level - The Pettibone Mansion Milwaukee, WI 53233. Not only did the group contribute but they took the challenge back to their respective councils. With the help of Bishop Henni Assembly 1196-Greenfield, Council 1964 West Bend, Lomira Council 12621, Campbellsport Council 11301, Fredonia Council 11657, Port Washington Council 2035, West Allis Council 3095, Mequon Council 5438, Cedarburg Council 4520, Big Bend Council 13733, Milwaukee Councils 524, 6719, 13583, Germantown Council 10715, and the South Milwaukee Council 1709 Women's Auxiliary we were able to raise over \$15,000 which has been matched by our Supreme Council located in New Haven Ct.

#### Why an ultra sound machine?


Providing a quality ultrasound image with the sound of the beating heart and showing the flow of blood from that heart in color is essential in stopping an abortion and saving lives. Abortion clinics have claimed that it is not a child but merely a blob of flesh. The out of focus, black and white ultrasound provided by abortion facilities helps support that position. When a mother in crisis has an opportunity to see a quality ultrasound and hear all the support that is available through a Crisis Pregnancy Center, CPC, they will chose life over abortion 90% of the time.

#### Why in Milwaukee?

Milwaukee is one of three locations in the state that perform surgical and chemical abortions, the other two being Green Bay and Madison. There where 3,424 women from Milwaukee County that had surgical abortions in 2009. Giving side walk counselors in front of abortion facilities a tool like free ultrasounds is critical in changing the minds of mothers in crisis. There are currently three machines in the state that the Knights have placed in CPCs, two in Green Bay and one in Milwaukee. This machine will be the second one in Milwaukee. The Women's Support Center of Milwaukee is located a couple of doors from a Planned Parenthood center. The Planned Parenthood organization is the largest provider of abortions in the world according to their own financial statements and claims to their supporters. The ultrasound that was first placed in Milwaukee is located across the street from a provider of surgical abortions on Farwell Ave. The CPC's name is Women's Care Center and they have had over 100 mothers change their minds after seeing an ultrasound in the year they have been in operation. The pro-life sidewalk counselors on Farwell have reported 94 babies saved from abortion since August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 because of the services they can provide across the street and the free quality ultrasound the mothers receive at the CPC. The Women's Support Center of Milwaukee with it's location near a Planned Parenthood Center and located virtually on the Marquette campus can truly make a difference in saving lives and assisting mothers in crisis. There where 8,299 surgical abortions performed in Wisconsin in 2009 and 500,000 abortions performed from 1974 to 2011.

Thank you Brother Knights for standing up for life!

Gary R. Nolan, Vice President  
Membership Growth



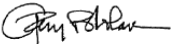
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**MEMORANDUM**

To: State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries

From: Gary R. Nolan, Vice President  
Membership Growth & Ceremonials 

Date: September 9, 2011

Re: First Degree Ceremonial Requirement for Star Council Award

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To qualify for the Star Council Award each council will have to "host" or "participate in" four First Degree Ceremonials during the 2011-2012 fraternal year.

The definitions of "host" or "participate in" are as follows:

**"HOST"** - To "host" a First Degree Ceremonial means to be the sponsor of the exemplification. Regardless of where the First Degree team or the candidate is from, and as long as at least one candidate is welcomed into membership in the Knights of Columbus, that council shall be given credit as the "host" of the First Degree Ceremonial. Each hosting council should invite all neighboring councils to participate in their First Degree Ceremonial. (See example below.)


**"PARTICIPATE IN"** - A council that provides at least one candidate that advances to membership in the Knights of Columbus shall have "participated in" a First Degree Ceremonial.

In the following example: Council A hosts a First Degree, however their candidate cannot attend; Council B provides two candidates, and Council C provides one candidate. In this scenario Council A would be credited as "host." Councils B and C would be credited for "participating in" the First Degree Ceremonial. The exemplification of the First Degree Ceremonial must be reported on Form 450 by the District Deputy, which includes his comments; or the new Form 450C by the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. The host council should submit the Form 450C after each exemplification of the First Degree, even if as the host council, they do not have a candidate. The Form 450 and 450C are available to be submitted electronically from the Knights of Columbus website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

All councils are reminded that they have the ability to conduct their own First Degree at their own council, and may read the parts (if necessary) or use the "Narration CD" in case they become short-handed. The Official Suppliers have available higher quality and lower cost First Degree paraphernalia items and should be contacted directly for those items, along with Ceremonial Baldrics.

CC: Supreme Officers  
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**ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

August 12, 2011

Daniel E. Hull State Deputy  
Wisconsin State Council  
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206 East Rusch Street  
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Worthy State Deputy and Brother Daniel:

Thanks for the donation from the Wisconsin State Council presented to us at the Supreme Convention for the benefit of the Alabama State Council Knights of Columbus disaster relief efforts which were necessitated by the April 27, 2011 tornadoes that wreaked havoc across our state.

On behalf of my fellow state officers and the entire Alabama State Council, I thank you for your generous support of your brother knights, fellow Catholics and the citizens of Alabama. Your significant donation will make a difference in what we are able to do for our brothers and sisters who were affected by the storms. Your generosity is truly an act of charity as envisioned by Father Michael J. McGinney and we thank you.

Please continue to pray for us as we work to aid those affected by the deadly storms and please pray for the soul of those whose lives were taken. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Vivat Jesus,  
Alabama State Council  
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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2011 – 2012 Scheduled First Degrees

### Green Bay

### Madison

Jan 15 – District 52 Dodgeville

### Superior

Oct 30 - 2481, Tony

Nov 5 - 1762, Hudson

Jan 29 - 2481, Tony

Apr 29 - 2481, Tony

### La Crosse

### Milwaukee

### Second Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Nov 5, 2011	9:00 AM	1762	Hudson	Michael Frase DD #81	(715) 381-8444
Nov 13, 2011	1:00 PM	3099	Sauk City	Don Daniewicz	(608) 643-6823

### Third Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Nov 5, 2011	10:30 AM	1762	Hudson	Michael Frase DD #81	(715) 381-8444
Nov 13, 2011	3:00 PM	3099	Sauk City	Don Daniewicz	(608) 643-6823

### Fourth Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Oct 29, 2011	Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids	Western District	(715) 693-3084
Apr 14, 2012	Marrriot West, Waukesha	Eastern District	(262) 567-7345
May 19, 2012	St. Patrick's Parish, Onalaska	Western District	(715) 693-3084
Oct 28, 2012	Mead Inn, Wisconsin Rapids	Western District	(715) 693-3084
Apr 13, 2013	Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton	Eastern District	(262) 567-7345

To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact PSD Erwin Jankowiak (414) 384-1435

### Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet information

Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly 1210 would like to thank all the Councils and Assemblies that purchased the Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and decals.

With your support and continued support of this project, we were able to donate \$1000.00 in gas cards to the Seminarians at the December District Deputy meeting, and also let us donate \$1,500.00 to support three Seminarians with the R.S.V.P program, as we have done in the past and will continue to do so with the profits of this program.

The price this year will be \$270.00 a case of 200 for the single magnets, and the three decals on one sheet plus shipping to you, or arrangements can be made for pick-up. I will split up and ship smaller orders.

Orders can be made by e-mail to Rob at [robkofc@centurytel.net](mailto:robkofc@centurytel.net) or by phone at 920-361-4201 or go to [kenativitysets.com](http://kenativitysets.com) and click to order, then on WI and order online.

Thanks for your ongoing support of this great project! And the yard sign project! Reminding people that Christ is the reason for the season is what's important.

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