

# BADGER BULLETIN



WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL

"PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP"

APRIL 2024





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Greenville Council #16244

### Pizza's for Haiti

The second annual pizza fundraiser by Greenville Council 16244 was recently held to support the charitable mission of Produce Good Fruit (PGF) Inc. A total of 1,400 pizzas were made with the help of over 42 volunteers. Immaculate Mary Council 16244 donated over \$11,000 to PGF over the past two years. The non-profit, charitable mission is run by Chuck Vanderloop, which aims to help the people of Haiti by relieving poverty, building operational water cisterns, and constructing roads and school buildings. For more information, please visit [producegoodfruit.org](http://producegoodfruit.org) or follow them on Facebook.

*Editors Note: Please keep the people of Haiti, in your prayers that violence cease, and peace and reconciliation returns to this island nation.*



Front Cover: Menomonee Falls Knights Serving up some breakfast

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## CORRECTION

### All Saints Council 4240 Menomonee Falls

On Super Bowl Sunday, All Saints Council 4240 Menomonee Falls from Brookfield held the 15th Annual Knights of Columbus PGK Drew Dederich Memorial, which raised a record-breaking amount of \$4,843.19 for the Wisconsin Special Olympics. Drew Dederich's legacy inspired the event, as he noticed the struggles the Special Olympics faced in raising funds for local participants 15 years ago. Drew's oldest daughter, Missy, had greatly benefited from their program, and through the council event, she and other athletes were given the opportunity to participate. The charity check will be presented by Drew's widow, Vickie, and Grand Knight Don, continuing the tradition of kindness and generosity that Drew exemplified.



**Correction:** Our March Badger Bulletin on page two 'IN THE SPOTLIGHT' article incorrectly listed Holy Spirit Council 4648 from Brookfield as the council in the spotlight. The correct Council is All Saints Council 4240 Menomonee Falls.

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### Green Bay Diocesan 2024 Free Throw Contest

DePere Council 3955 hosted the successful District and Diocesan levels Free Throw Competitions at West DePere High School on March 16th, 2024. Thanks to the amazing volunteers, led by Joe Bergner, the events went smoothly and had a solid turnout of 90 participants. The facilities were wonderful, and we extend our gratitude to Scott Eggart and West DePere High School for hosting. Matt Mueller captured the moments through pictures, and James Vosters presented the awards to the Diocesan Level winners.



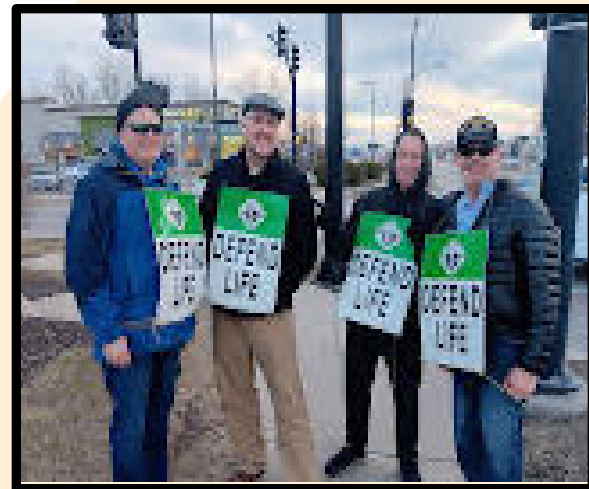
### Investing

Omro/Winneconne Council 8810 Investing officer Gary Scheidegger invests Andy Meyers with the rosary.



### Food Bank in Need

The Denmark Council 4735 Knights set an inspiring example by donating the fruit they purchased at the Denmark FFA fruit sale to the Denmark Community Food Cupboard. It was a selfless act of kindness led by Brother Jim Wavrunek, which will undoubtedly make a positive impact on the community.



### 40 Day For Life

Fort Howard Council 5382 participated in the "40 Days for Life" event by walking in front of Planned Parenthood in Green Bay, WI. The council has been participating in this event for over 20 years. During their participation, they have heard many interesting stories from people who wanted to thank them for their efforts. Some have shared that if they did not see the council walking, they might have had an abortion. They also said that having their child was the best thing that has ever happened to them. It is evident that the efforts of the Knights are making a positive difference in people's lives.



### ASAP Delivery

Gary Oudenhoven, the District Deputy handed over an ASAP grant check to Cindy Brengosz, Executive Director of First Choice PRC located in Stevens Point. The grant was made possible by the State Council's Culture of Life Grant program. Over the years, this program has granted more than a million dollars to local pregnancy resource centers in Wisconsin.



### A Taste of Italy

At the "A Taste of Italy" event, the St. Bronislava Council 13880, Plover showed their selflessness by volunteering to support the Parish Youth Ministry, which was truly inspiring for Brother Knights and their families.



### Helping those in Need

The Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council 1257 in Eau Claire were recently appreciated for their generous donation to the Beacon House. The Beacon House is an organization that advocates for and supports families who are homeless in our community, by providing them with temporary housing and support services, and fostering independence.



### Honorary Life Award

During a ceremony held at Eau Claire's Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council 1257, former District Deputy Mark Aebly was awarded an Honorary Life Membership by Grand Knight Kyle Johnson. This recognition is given to members over the age of 70 who have provided 25 years of continuous service to the order.



**75 Years of Service**

Brother Ray Siberz, a proud member of the Knights of Columbus Monsignor O'Reilly Council 746 in Baraboo, Wisconsin, was recently honored for his remarkable 75 years of membership. Brother Ray's commitment and dedication to the council serve as an inspiration for all members, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of Knights.



**ASAP Check Delivered**

Rick Raulin, the District Deputy, uplifted Kila, Director of the Women's Care Center in Madison by presenting her an ASAP grant check. The State Council's Culture of Life Grant program has been instrumental in supporting local pregnancy resource centers in Wisconsin, granting over a million dollars over the years.



**BROTHER HONORED IN DEATH**

SK Roy Nelson, a member of Msgr. Joseph E. Hanz Assembly 1209 in Beloit, stands at attention during the funeral visitation for SK Bob Henning, an assembly member and past grand knight of St. Thomas Council 605.





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## Monastery Move Completed

*By Jim Massey*



**(HOLLANDALE, WI)** – After more than 10 years of planning and fundraising, the nuns at Valley of Our Lady Monastery have moved from Prairie du Sac to a new monastery near Hollandale.

The majority of the move took place during the first full week of March, when a group of more than 40 volunteers worked with a moving company and with the nuns in moving items from the previous monastery just north of Prairie du Sac to the new monastery on Urness Road, just off of County Road K, between Hollandale and Barneveld.

Groundbreaking at the 229-acre site was in early 2022, as the building site was prepared for construction of the 54,000-square-foot monastery. Actual construction began in August of 2022 and is still in its final stages. Completion is scheduled for May of this year.

Day Host-Jablonski of Madison, who was the project manager for the move, said 22 Cistercian sisters will live in the monastery, which was built

to house up to 30 women. The nuns come from all over the world – interestingly, none are originally from Wisconsin – and range in age from 27 to 92. Their primary source of income is producing communion wafers for churches across the country.

Mike Ashmore, a member of Msg. Bier Council 10905, Ridgeway/Barneveld, worked closely with Host-Jablonski to coordinate the move and seek local volunteers to help. Michelle Lancaster, a member of St. Bernadette Parish from Barneveld, developed an online signup form that resulted in volunteers coming from Barneveld, Ridgeway, Hollandale, Blanchardville, Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb, Mineral Point, and Madison.

Members of the Blackhawk Council 3099, Saul City, helped with the move at the site of the previous monastery, while members of the St. Patrick Council 7489, Hollandale, Fr. Ignatius Klein Council 10559, Mt. Horeb, the Father Samuel Mazzuchelli Council 2854 in Mineral Point and the Ridgeway/Barneveld Council were involved on the Hollandale end.

The new Valley of Our Lady Monastery includes a chapel for nuns and guests; quarters and parking for guests; living, working, and other liturgical and ceremonial spaces for the nuns; an altar bread-production building; a garage and other outbuildings.

The bread-production machine—which last year produced 13 million wafers—originated in France. In January, a crew came from France to move the machine, known as the Communion Wafer Workshop, from Prairie du Sac to Hollandale. After the machine was moved and reassembled, the nuns were able to resume production on March 11.

Reverend Mother Anne Marie and Sister Mary Benedicta were on the residential moving committee. Sister Christina Marie coordinated the

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*The Move*  
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Communion Wafer Workshop move.

Host-Jablonski said the move would have been difficult without the large group of volunteers.

“The nuns are hugely grateful for the help of the volunteers and their neighbors, new and old, for their friendship and ongoing support,” she said.

The volunteers helped move items from the trucks to the various rooms, provided snacks, assembled furniture, put up curtains, and cleaned the building when the move was complete.

Host-Jablonski said that once construction on the chapel is finished in May, regular Masses at the monastery will be held open to the public.

According to the Valley of Our Lady website, in 1908, a small group of Benedictine monks in France founded a new monastery where they could live their vows more fervently. As they grew, they founded many more monasteries throughout Europe. The Cistercian Order now has houses all over the world in which monks and nuns continue to embrace a simple but intense life liturgy, manual labor and the search for God through deep contemplative prayer.

In 1957, Bishop William O’Connor asked the Cistercians to send contemplative nuns to the newly formed Diocese of Madison. Six nuns answered the call, establishing the Valley of Our Lady Monastery in Prairie du Sac.

The nuns plan to plant a garden and raise animals on their property to be as self-sustaining as possible.







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## Council 746 Baraboo

### Confessional Buliders

**(Baraboo, WI)** When the Parochial Administrator of the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin, Pastorate 7, Fr. Paul Arinze, was asked what St. Joseph Church in Baraboo, WI, needed, he gave a simple answer - confessionals. The Knights of Columbus Monsignor O'Reilly Council 746 in Baraboo, WI, immediately took on the project and ensured the Church's needs were met.

The Council's team utilized the talents of its members and members' wives to professionally design, raise funds, execute, and deliver turnkey confessionals to St. Joseph's Church. The construction team consisted of skilled craftsmen who completed the project in just three weeks. The Council's efforts were impressive, and

they delivered a high-quality product in record time.

Notably, Camp Gray in Baraboo donated over 100 board feet of sustainably harvested oak lumber for this project, which was a significant contribution. Anonymous donors also provided additional funding to ensure the project's success, and their generosity was greatly appreciated.

The confessionals were scheduled to be completed by Easter Sunday, which was a significant milestone for the Church. The project's success was a testament to the Council's dedication and hard work, and it was a source of pride for the entire community.



Construction crew pictured L to R:

Tom Stodola, Steve Hause, Becky Penzkover, Pat Finnegan, Gwen Finnegan, Devin Koppie, Becky Thompson, Bryan Thompson, Craig Skrivseth, Ron Laubmeier, Pat Kash. Not pictured: Brian Pillsbury, Palmer Sjoberg, Dan Fitzpatrick, Fr. Paul Arinze, Bill Ryan, and Jeff Hoeben.

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**Breakfast is now being served**

All Saints Council 4240 generously served breakfast to support the parish ministries following a successful church drive at Saint Mary Parish Menomonee Falls.



**Round Table Makes the News!**

*From the Catholic Herald:* Thomas Connolly (left) and Blake Drinka at the Knights of Columbus booth at the recent Carthage College Winter Involvement Fair. (Photo by Karen Mahoney) A chapter of a well-known Catholic fraternal group has begun at a local Lutheran college. Check out their story: [CLICK HERE](#)



**PRO-LIFE WAUKESHA**

Grand Knight Doug Wildes (left) and Deputy Grand Knight Jeff Brown of Holy Spirit Council 4648 in Brookfield, Wis., display nearly \$3,000 worth of baby supplies the council collected for Life's Connection with a drive at St. Dominic Parish. The Supreme Council will contribute an additional \$400 to the pro-life health center through the ASAP program. Council 4648 also recently donated nearly \$2,000 from its annual fund drive for people with disabilities to Grace Landing, a residential community for people with disabilities operated by St. Coletta of Wisconsin.



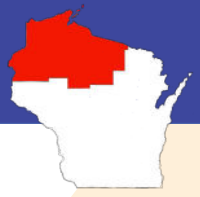
**Fourth Degree Civic Award**

The Archbishop Messmer Assembly 1201 members have been recognized and honored with the Supreme Civic Award by District Master James Ten Pas for their unwavering dedication towards honoring our nation's heroes. Their efforts, including participating in Stars & Stripes Honor Flights, conducting flag retirement ceremonies, and distributing flag pins to local businesses, have been truly inspiring. Additionally, their presence in the Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade has been a true testament to their commitment towards serving the community.



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### Walking with the Lord through Holy Week

Brother Knights of Columbus from Councils 499 and 16691 participated in a Lenten retreat called "Walking with the Lord through Holy Week" at St. Anthony Parish in Lake Nebagamon. This retreat is proving to be a powerful and great opportunity for the brothers to come together with other attendees. Let us remember that Jesus lives! Vivat Jesus!



### Cheers to Council 1762

Saint Patrick Catholic School is thrilled to express our immense gratitude to the Knights of Columbus Council 1762 for their outstanding support. Their generous donation of \$7,166 to the school is a testament to their unwavering commitment to the community. The school and community are deeply grateful for their recognition of the successful Knights of Columbus Basketball Tournament, which brought together our boys' and girls' basketball teams in an atmosphere of camaraderie and sportsmanship. Our 7th-grade Ladies' basketball team emerged victorious in the tournament, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication. The school extends their heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the volunteers, the sponsors, and all of the participating teams for their tireless efforts in making this event a resounding success.



### ID Check Delivered

Every day is a chance to make a positive impact in someone's life. Today, we delivered an ID check to Bishop Powers and SS Miles Casey, with the help of Superior Diocese ID Chairman Jim Michaelson. Let's aim to spread positivity and hope to those around us. We should always strive for excellence and inspire others to do the same.



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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus  
Intellectual Disabilities Committee  
4297 West Beltline Hwy  
Madison, WI 53711

My dear Brother Knights:

May the Lord give you peace.

Please accept my sincere gratitude to the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus for the donation of \$2,500 which will assist programs for those individuals in our diocese with intellectual disabilities. I am deeply grateful for the support of the Knights of Columbus.

I take the occasion to express my sincere appreciation for all that the Knights of Columbus do to promote the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse. May God bless and reward you.

With personal best wishes and prayers, I am,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan  
Bishop of La Crosse

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- Pictures need to be sent separately **as an attachment** in their original form. Please do not format or edit them in any way. In addition, please provide clearly labeled captions for each picture.
- Article size: 300 words ideal to 600 words max (half-full page)
- Articles need to be submitted a Word document attachment
- PDF submissions are for ads or promotions - not articles
- Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- At a minimum, Who, What, When and Where needs to be in the first paragraph.
- Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and of interest to the entire State Council
  - What is the event/activity about?
  - Whom did it benefit?
  - What was the result?
  - Who are the key players/Knights?
- Similar story submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the Editors.
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- Proof your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (use spellcheck).
- Document filename should reflect the Council/Assembly Number/office/title, i.e. *Cover Story Submission\_Council2055\_MsgBlecha*.
- Every Dioceses needs to participate – minimum of one page of the Badger Bulletin will be dedicated to each Diocese respectively.
- If a Diocese does not submit content their page will be eliminated from that issue.
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- Cover story photos – in portrait style at least 1mb in size - not formatted or resized.
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# Fraternal Benefit Event

Learn more about how you can align your finances with your faith.

## Nowak Agency



**Date:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 **Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Webinar

**Sponsor:** Timothy Nowak Agency **Contact:** timothy.nowak@kofc.org

**RSVP:** www.kofcwi.org/Live-Events **RSVP by:** Wednesday, April 24,



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## FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHT CHALLENGE!!

FBN watch event was hosted by Field Agent Derek Kalscheur and attended by several councils including council 4240 with over 16 attendees, council 3562 with several attendees, and council 10976.

**Send us your FBN event photo and get on the BACK PAGE!**

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