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WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL

"FIRST IN FAITH AND CHARITY"

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PHOTO CHALLENGE



Columbus Day offers Knights a unique opportunity to reflect on faith, heritage, and the ideals that have shaped our nation. While Christopher Columbus remains a figure of debate, for many Catholics, he represents a courageous explorer whose voyages symbolized the spread of Christianity to new lands. His journey, undertaken with faith in God's providence, reminds us that discovery and exploration are physical and spiritual endeavors. Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies traditionally celebrate their namesake during October with Landing Day Banquets, parades, and other celebrations. This month's photo challenge is to capture your events and submit them to the Badger Bulletin. Email your favorite photo to **PR@WIKOFC.COM**.

Front Cover: LA CROSS KNIGHTS Getting ready to march in the Athens Parade!!

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Menasha Knights presentation of charity checks to local charities

SAVE THE DATE! 124TH STATE CONVENTION GREEN BAY WI MAY 16-18, 2025



Eastern District Master installed our Fourth Degree Officers in a combined Assembly Officer Installation Ceremony in Two Rivers. Two Rivers Assembly 1220 and Manitowoc Assembly 1212.



Green Bay Bishop Ricken speaking at our 2024 Summer Diocesan meeting to our District Deputies and Council leaders.

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Great Job Council 1170 Stevens Point!!
Hosting an afternoon exemplification.
Welcome brothers!



The Fr. John Eisen Assembly 1219 from
Marshfield Honor Guard is stepping up to
support the Marshfield Deanery Confirmation.



Another successful Sportsman's Banquet! John F.
Kennedy Council 1257 Eau Claire sponsored and
worked the event. The event featured door prizes,
games, a silent auction, dinner, and refreshments.



Queen of Apostles Council 16280 Marathon
ran another successful cheese curd stand
during the recent Festival of Arts weekend.

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Once again, Knights from around the state came together to host a special breakfast for Wisconsin's Special Olympians and volunteers at the Special Olympics Wisconsin Fall Games. The Fall Games Pancake Breakfast was a heartwarming event held in Wisconsin Dells.



Recent pancake breakfast was sponsored by the Ridgeway-Barneveld Knights of Columbus. Honoring Leo Clerkin, a charter member of our council, and his wife Norene, who have been married for 69 years. They have eight children, 29 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

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25 Knights from Council 4648 in Brookfield built 44 bunkers for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace build-a-bed project. Bunkbeds will go to local families whose children don't have a bed to sleep in. Beds will be delivered, including all the bedding needed, at no cost to the family.



Knights of Columbus Council 6448 members coordinating a mini lawn golf event during a recent parish picnic.



Congratulations to Brother Knights Thomas Connolly and Phil Rizzitano on their selection to attend the annual Knights of Columbus Leadership Conference for College Councils in New Haven, Connecticut! As President and Vice President, respectively, they established the Carthage College Round Table in January 2024 and have excelled in leadership through Faith, Family, Community, and Life. The Knights of Columbus Council 973, St. Joseph Catholic Academy, and All Saints Elementary are immensely proud of these remarkable young men!



Brother Knight Ryan Murray is helping Kenosha Council 973 and is hard at work for the community. He is a prime example of putting faith into action.

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2024 SUPREME CONVENTION DELEGATE OBSERVATIONS

It was a real gift to be elected as one of the Delegates to represent the State of Wisconsin at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Quebec City this past August. I've always heard from past attendees just how unbelievable and energizing the convention is, so it's been on the bucket list for Barb and I, and it certainly did not disappoint. Supreme puts great effort into hosting an event that will be remembered for a lifetime. It's like a State Convention times three.

Ten countries were present and, in addition to Canada and Mexico, others represented included France, Poland, Ukraine, and South Korea. The French speaking Province of Quebec really added an international flair. I had a chance to sample a little(?) imported Vodka in the Hospitality Room for Ukraine and Poland. They do know their business!

Knights were present from all fifty States and the multiple countries. The size, strength, and fellowship of our Fraternal Order is unmatched. And, of course, it was special to spend time with my Wisconsin State Officers and fellow Delegates. Fraternity is the third principle of our Order, and camaraderie never lacked with these guys. With a few new friends, I look forward to future activities here in Wisconsin.

There were about 43 Bishops and 10 Cardinals present, most concelebrating the daily Masses. As a Past Faithful Navigator, I volunteered to assist in the Honor Guard at all the Masses and was also chosen to be in the Color Guard for international flag presentations at the States Dinner. Disciplined rehearsals with Supreme demanded serious time commitment (hours) to perfect precision, but it was a tremendous personal

reward to be so close to the action and provide a visible display of our love for God, and love for Country. It was also a chance to meet our Supreme Master, Michael McCusker, who personally thanked each of us for our service.

Basilica of Notre Dame and Quebec City tours furnished historical interest, and the popular Canadian folk family "Leahy" provided a most enjoyable welcome concert following the Awards session. The folks recognized with Supreme level awards in areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life are truly amazing people. With great pride you witness our Catholic faith in action at awe-inspiring levels.

But there was business to attend to. The Business Sessions included the Supreme Knight's Annual Report to stay "On Mission" in building up families, parishes, and communities that are centered on Christ. Among Resolutions worthy of note were ones "In Solidarity" with Ukraine, Indigenous Peoples, and Persecuted Christians. "In Support of the National Eucharistic Revival" and "Celebrating the 350th Anniversary of the Diocese of Quebec" who hosted our convention were also notable.

Thank you, Wisconsin State Council, for this special honor and privilege. My experience confirmed again for me that I am a Knight for Life.

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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
- Articles need to be brief, highly relevant, and actionable.
- 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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