

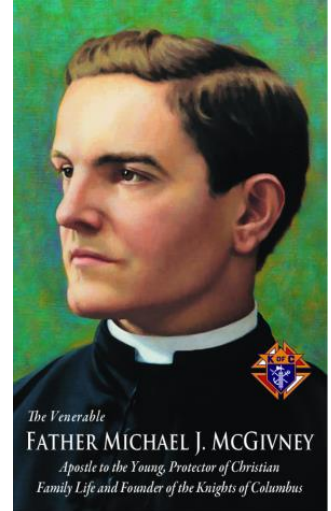


THE CABLE

SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII COUNCIL 1837 – Knights of Columbus



January 2026



Our Founder
Father Michael J. McGivney

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Unity is the second principle of the knights of Columbus. In unity there is strength.

I think all of you remember the demonstration of unity used in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The candidate is asked to break a string. This is easily accomplished, Then they are asked to break a rope made up of many strands of string. The rope cannot be broken,

The reason I am bringing up unity at this time is as 2026 begins there are several events coming up that require the Knights of your Council to work together.

The first is the State Charity Raffle. You should have received your tickets by now. Please try to sell your tickets or purchase them yourself. If you are a good salesman there are more tickets available.

The second is the baby bottle drive which is now going on. There is more information about the drive later in the Cable.

The third is the "Tootsie Roll" drive which will take place this spring.

I would like to end with a quote from Rick Raulin the Office Manager for the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus

“It is amazing what we can accomplish when no-one cares who gets the credit”

Dan Tess
Grand Knight

Spiritual Advisor



Brother Knights,

2025 is out and 2026 is in. At the beginning of each year, we turn to the Blessed Mother as we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God, on January 1st. It's an appropriate way to kick off the year—with Mass and intercessory prayer to our Lady.

This is a time to develop some lasting resolutions for our spiritual life. Remember, it's a marathon, not a sprint. We don't want to bite off more than we can chew. However, we should also set some goals that, while attainable, will also challenge us. Like weightlifting, if we want to see some progress, we need to add a little more weight when we hit a plateau.

For some, maybe that means starting with a decade of the Rosary each day and working up to a second, third, and fourth to ultimately an entire Rosary each day. For others, it may mean attending daily Mass on First Fridays or First Saturdays and growing in that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

No matter what it may be, may it be something that will help your soul grow in holiness and closer to God.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. William Arnold



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Officer's Meeting – **Jan 7th WTI 7PM**
- General Meeting – **Jan 8th WTI 7PM**
- Assembly Pizza Ranch Fundraiser – **Jan 15th 4-8PM**
- Month Of **January** – Baby Bottle Drive at Masses
- St. Katherine Drexel Evening of Glitz – **Jan 31st 4:30PM BDCC**
- Officer's Meeting – **Feb 5th**
- General Meeting – **Feb 12th**
- 4th Degree Benvenuto's Fundraiser – **Feb 17th 11AM-9PM**
- Dues due for the 2026 Calendar Year.
- Wisconsin KOC Statewide Raffle Tickets due – **April 24th, 2026** to Jim Maulthauf. Easiest if you bring to the meetings.

Three Vacant Positions In Our Council

Our council is in a tough place currently with three vacant positions open, yet to be filled. If you or another Brother Knight are interested in any of these positions please reach out to our Grand Knight, Dan Tess, as I am sure he would love to fill any and all of these positions. If there are any questions on these positions as well please feel free to reach out.

Deputy Grand Knight – OPEN

Chancellor – OPEN

Recorder – Arden Howey Temporarily Covering unless someone would like to fill this role

Christmas Party Report

On Friday December 12 your council's Christmas party was held at the Community Center in Juneau. 55 people attended which included members spouses and guests. They all enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Chef Chanse.

Awards were presented to:

Patrick Burke Knight of the year

Tom & Sharon Kalinosky Family of the year

Two 50-50 raffles were held. The winner was able to choose who to donate the proceeds to from a list of organizations the council supports.

Patric Burke won the first one and \$210 was donated to the Pregnancy Support Center.

Dan Tess won the second one and \$230 was donated to Wisconsin Right to Life of Dodge County.

It is your Council's tradition to collect gift cards at this party for the Sentiments for Seminarians program. This year around \$700 worth of cards we're collected. Thank you to all who donated.

Lastly thank you to Brenda Meyer who mailed invitations to the widows of the deceased members of your council, and made table decorations which were later used for door prizes.

Baby Bottle Fund Raiser for the Pregnancy Support Center of Dodge County

The fund raiser started at the weekend masses January 3rd and 4th. Before the masses I asked Knights and a few men who I thought were Knights If they would hand out baby bottles after mass. This was a good way to connect with members of our Council who don't always attend meetings or participate in our many events. It worked but is not a very efficient way to get helpers.

Baby bottles will be collect on the remaining weekends in January. In order to get helpers, at the January 8th meeting a sign-up sheet will be passed around, and if needed a Sign-up Genius will be created, Three bottle collectors are need before mass and one bottle emptier is needed after mass.

Members often reply when asked to work an event I'm too busy, I have to work, or I have family events going on. The baby bottle drive is a perfect opportunity for busy people to help their Council. I believe you all attend mass each weekend, all you have to do is arrive ½ hour before mass. In effect you are only giving up 15 minuter of your time.

One positive note. As I was in the narthex before mass parishioners would see the bottles and say "Its baby bottle time, I will pick up my bottle after mass." This indicates that we have the support of the parishioners.

Dues Statements & Raffle Tickets

The dues statements and raffle tickets will be available for you to pick up at each meeting if they have not been passed out locally yet. We are not able to mail raffle tickets so if you have not picked yours up yet please do. Or consider delivery to a Knight you know or live near.

Please remember to bring your dues as soon as possible as this makes Brian Laufenberg's life a lot easier.

Thanks.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for the Assembly

This flyer below says the KOC, but I have been informed this is for the assembly itself.

With that being said this is a good opportunity to still support by choosing to eat at the pizza ranch on 1/15/26 from 4-8pm. Thanks all.

PIZZA RANCH pizza, chicken, pasta, desserts,
FROZEN Pizzas & other yummy menu items
are **COMING TO** support **Knights of**
Columbus!



Knights of Columbus
Thursday, January 15th, 2026
Pizza Ranch – Beaver Dam
1520 N. Spring St, Beaver Dam WI 53916

How it works:

1. Knights of Columbus will receive 10% of all sales + tips for Thursday, January 15th. Sales include Dinner as well as all delivery and carry out sales.
2. Knights of Columbus will provide volunteers to work as Guest Attendants at the restaurant from 4pm – 8pm on the night of January 15th.
3. Knights of Columbus will also have the opportunity to set up table at the Pizza Ranch to outline what the proceeds will be going for.
4. *Remember that Tips and donations are welcome!*

GIFT CARD PURCHASES or GIFT CARD DONATIONS:

Purchase through this fundraiser to save for later use, give as gifts or **DONATE GIFT CARDS** to the Real Hope Community Church Food Pantry to help feed those in need. At time of the Impact Event, you may specify if you'd like to buy a gift card to be then donated.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!
May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!



St. Katherine Drexel Evening of Glitz

St. Katherine Drexel hosts an evening of Glitz fundraiser every year. The students and staff as well as other local businesses have silent auction item's and a dinner is provided with the fee involved. This is a crucial benefit to support the school's continuous success.

If there are spots available and you would like to reserve your spot please use the web address or the QR code in the flyer.

Please join us for

An Evening of Glitz

Dinner & Auction

Benefitting St. Katharine Drexel School

Saturday, January 31, 2026
Beaver Dam Country Club

4:30 PM Doors Open, Silent Auction & Raffles Begin
5:00 PM Dinner Buffet Opens


Full Event with Dinner - \$40
Reserve a table of 6 or larger for a discount!

Dinner registration closes January 23!

Not interested in a full dinner?
Join us for cocktail hour and the auctions!
\$10 at the door

Live Auction starts at 7pm

Register at
bit.ly/glitz2026 or
Scan the code with
your phone:



4th Degree Fat Tuesday at Benvenuto's

All please help support our 4th degree by choosing to dine in or take out at Benvenuto's in Beaver Dam on 2/17/26. You must mention the Knights of Columbus or bring in this flyer to have the proceeds go toward this fundraiser.

Thanks

Coming Tuesday

("Fat Tuesday")

February 17th

A delicious way to support the
Knights of Columbus, Assembly 1206



**831 Park Ave.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916**



Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant in Beaver Dam and the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1206 are partnering up for a dining day on the above date from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

You must mention the Knights of Columbus or bring an ad in with you for Benvenuto's to then donate 20% of your purchase to Assembly 1206. This offer applies to dine-in, carry-out, and/or delivery.

See You There!!

**January Birthdays
&
KOC Service Time**

| Name | | Age | KC Years |
|----------|------------|-----|-------------|
| MICHAEL | ADSIT | 55 | 26 |
| ROBERT | BOHL | 66 | 43 |
| STAFFORD | CAUL | 75 | 13 |
| ROBERT | EILBES | 80 | 42 |
| CARLOS | FLORES | 55 | 25 |
| JAMES | FLYNN | 84 | 65 |
| SELVIN | GARCIA | 51 | 13 |
| DAVID | KLEINDL | 93 | 27 |
| LEON | KLINGER | 76 | 38 |
| BRIAN | LAUFENBERG | 59 | 16 |
| DAVID | NELSON | 87 | 51 |
| RANDALL | RICHARD | 71 | 14 |
| PAUL | ROEDL | 62 | 19 |
| FRANK | SCHMITT | 62 | 11 |
| LARRY | WILD | 69 | 44 |
| STEPHEN | WILD | 71 | 51 |

**The Good of the Order
November Meeting**

| Large Pot (no winner) | Small Pot |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Randy Wallintin | Javier Garcia |
| Les Ziece | |
| Chuck Frinak | |

Departed Brothers and Families

Please keep our departed brothers and their families in your prayers.

If you know or hear of a Brother Knight who passes away, please contact Jared Stofflet so that he may include it in our monthly cable. 920-382-3349 or stoffjar000@gmail.com