

## 2 big events

This issue again has the flyers for Memorial Day and the June 3 Department Encampment in Wauwatosa. Come to our Memorial Day, and act quickly on the Encampment – the early registration deadline is this Friday. Then the price goes up.

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## CAMP ORDERS

MAY 2023

CHOSEN AS THE 2022 BEST CAMP IN THE NATION

## COLLINS RETIRING AFTER 3 DECADES AS MEMORIAL DAY ORGANIZER

In 1995, Dean Collins attended Camp 1's Memorial Day service, a few months after joining the Sons. He counted 24 at the Roman Catholic Mass, of whom 18 stayed for the patriotic ceremony.

Collins thought this could be made much bigger and profound, and brought the matter to the Camp. He quickly became the officer in charge – and within a decade, the crowd size had rocketed to about 800.

Collins, 76, is retiring as the organizer after Monday's Memorial Day, where the ordained deacon and Milwaukee Police Department veteran will concelebrate Mass with Archbishop Jerome Listeki.

Timothy Dolan, now the cardinal of New York, did the event three times, eagerly firing the Cushing's Battery cannon. Listeki has happily filled that role, too.



Dean Collins, right, turned a small event of 1995 into a giant one by 2003, with an appearance by future Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Bob Rotgers as the nation's 16th president. The photos is from Kent Peterson's archives.

Way back in 1995, "I saw a tremendous potential for something a lot more meaningful, significant and patriotic," Collins says.

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The next Camp meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Lions Clubhouse, 7336 St. James St., Wauwatosa. PDC Kent Peterson will have the patriotic presentation.

## EVENT GREW AND GREW

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Collins quickly went to work. He got the choir of his parish, Mother of Good Counsel, involved, and invited singers from other parishes. Bob Rotgers provided a great Lincoln – “He was not part of the event when we began. He was outstanding and he had THE FACE.” Later, Nic Bur succeeded Rotgers.

Cushing’s Battery was enlisted, and, around 2011, the First Brigade Band. And Collins turned to the American Legion Police Post 415 for a second honor guard and the bugler.

Danielle Michaels and the Auxiliary encouraged him to have children decorate graves at the ceremony. Collins says others in the Camp, including Steve Michaels, Fred Murphy and Maurice Felton, were instrumental in providing ideas and muscle.

“This all was very much a total Camp and Auxiliary effort,” Collins says.

One of the duties in the Camp is posting a guard at the Calvary Cemetery entrance until the Mass starts, and counting with a hand-held clicker. Collins keeps this attendance history in his computer. The crowd first passed 100 in 1998, then doubled every couple years, peaking when Dolan first concelebrated the Mass in 2003.

As a deacon, Collins has many ties in the



Archbishop Jerome Listecki has concelebrated the Memorial Day Mass multiple times, including this one in 2013, held indoors because of rain. It was at St. Vincent Pallotti Church.

Archdiocese and thus was able to recruit Dolan. Dolan was honored with an artillery kepi from Cushing’s Battery.

Listecki has come every two years. Last year, after two years with no public ceremony because of the pandemic, and no Listecki, the counter showed 351. The year before COVID, it was 421.

Collins works before Christmas to line up the keynote speaker. He is the chief publicizer of the event, posting fliers up and down Bluemound Road, at Gilles Frozen Custard and giving them out to businesses and passersby all over town.

It’s like a cop pounding his beat, which is exactly what Collins was when he started in the Milwaukee Police Department in 1969, walking a beat around 20th and North Avenue. He retired at age 55 in 2002, as a deputy chief, full inspector of police. His

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## REMEMBERING COL. PIER: 1890 MEMORIAL DAY

*These monthly articles about our Camp namesake are written by PCinC Steve Michaels. This item first was published in the May 2003 Camp Orders.*

Basking in the popularity of the very successful National GAR Encampment, held in Milwaukee in 1889, Col. Pier was in demand as a speaker. He had served as the Encampment’s executive secretary, and was the second of three speakers on Memorial Day evening 1890.

Memorial Day, May 30, 1890, concluded with exercises at Milwaukee’s Lincoln Hall (On North Jefferson Street, now the site of Holiday Inn Express – Downtown) under the auspices of E.B. Wolcott GAR Post #1. Earlier that day, the post and auxiliary societies decorated veterans’ graves in seven cemeteries with both donated plants and cut flowers. They also were part of a procession and program held at the National Soldiers Home.

At 7:15 p.m., Wolcott members met at the post hall at the Light Horse Armory (near the intersection of Broadway and Wells) and marched to Lincoln Hall, escorted by the drum corps ... a distance of about seven blocks. The program was attended by other GAR posts, the Woman’s Relief Corps and Camps of the Sons of Veterans. The public also was invited.

Singing by the Temple Quartette and remarks by the post commander and chaplain opened the event. There was a “well-timed speech” by Edward Q. Nye, an attorney and fellow comrade of Post #1. He spoke on the day’s hot topic, American citizenship, and consequently received more press coverage.

After the WRC’s Wisconsin department president read an original poem, “Col. Pier entertained the audience with an earnest patriotic address.”

Another comrade read “The Drummer Boy of Mission Ridge.” At the close of the exercises, the Wolcott Post re-formed, and, headed by the drum corps, marched back to the post hall.

*From Milwaukee Sentinel, May 30 and 31, 1890*



## THE ARMY JACKET

BY PATRICK FALLON  
DEPARTMENT JVC



The fatigue coat was more commonly called the sack coat.

Contrary to what many think, the actual regulation coat for the Army is the frock coat. The fatigue coat was the coat to be worn while on work details, but it supplanted the frock coat because it was more economical to construct – both in materials and the time required in manufacturing it.

I have provided four different examples of sack coats – two different contract coats, one arsenal-manufactured coat and a private purchase officers sack coat.

The term contract coat refers to those coats made by private companies under contract to the government. These same companies also frequently provided trousers, shirts, drawers, shelter-half tentage, haversacks, knapsacks and many other items required by the military. All items produced were made to the specifications supplied by the government to the contractors.

The two contract jackets here are reproductions of a J.T. Martin coat and a Gale coat. These reproductions were made by John Wedeward and Nicholas J. Sekela, respectively.

They have differences in fabric weight, lining materials and fabric colors. This is common between not only manufacturers but also occurs from changes in materials from one roll of fabric to another.

The Gale jacket also been has field-modified with the addition of two pockets. It bears the modified style of officer straps mandated by a circular sent from the headquarters of the Army of the Cumberland instructing all officers to make themselves less obvious. That was because of the success that Confederate Gen. Patrick Cleburne's sharpshooters were enjoying in picking off Northern leadership.

The arsenal-supplied coat is from the Schuylkill Arsenal of Philadelphia. This arsenal supplied uniforms and other equipage to all theaters of the conflict. There are two outstanding features to this coat: It has a rather colorful lining compared to other sack coats, and, like all other clothing issued from Schuylkill, it is entirely hand-sewn. The colorful linings seem to have been almost a trademark of this arsenal, because it is a common trait with many other surviving coats from there.

I purchased this coat as a kit from Wambaugh, White and Co. and sewed it by hand, myself. Which

explains why it looks this way. In contrast, most contract coats are a combination of machine and hand stitching.

The fourth coat is a privately made and purchased officer's coat. Officers were not issued uniforms; instead they were given funds with which to purchase their uniforms. They were allowed a bit of latitude in how closely these uniforms adhered to specifications, which granted them room for some personal expression.

They also were allowed to purchase articles from the quartermaster's stores if available supplies allowed.

The Gale contract jacket could be considered an example of that. This particular officer's coat has the long length considered fashionable at the time, and a black cotton lining. The three outside pockets allowed for the convenient storage and easy access to such important items like tobacco, matches, a pipe or a notebook and pencils. This reproduction is from the Quartermaster's Shop except for the captain's straps, which were made by Nick Sekela.

### Here are the websites for the companies named in this story:

<http://www.cwuniforms.net/index.html>

**this is named Camp Randall Quartermaster, and is based in Stoughton, Wis.**

<http://www.njsekela.com/index.php>

<https://wwandcompany.com/>

<https://www.quartermastershop.com/>

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**Michael Deeken of Brookfield has joined the Camp as an associate member, pending records for an upgrade to lineal.**

**Deeken is a veteran, serving eight years in the Army and 22 in the Army Reserves, reaching the rank of colonel.**

**Welcome, Michael!!!**

license plate still is MPD 1969.

“I was retired 16 days,” he says, and quickly heard about an opening for assistant chief in Brookfield. He retired from Brookfield in 2016; this time for good.

As for his deacon job: A decade into his MPD career, Collins was feeling the religious calling more and more. He was married and a father, so the priesthood obviously was not a route. But being a deacon was. He launched three years of study at St. Francis de Sales Seminary (during which time his second daughter was born), and was ordained on June 9, 1984.

“I knew a cop, Claude Kennedy, who was a deacon. That’s how I got interested,” Collins says. “It is a perfect fit: Cops and deacons are servants. It’s all about service. Cops are God’s ministers. Being a deacon made the whole MPD career a religious vocation easy to navigate.”

How to be an MPD officer and a seminary student at the same time?

“As a lieutenant and shift commander, I was not allowed to leave my desk. All

arrests, reports and serious phone calls had to go through me. Thus, I had (some) time to study Scripture (Old and New), Letters of Paul, sacramental theology, moral theology, etc., etc. God evidently had a plan in mind for me when He got me promoted to lieutenant.

“Classes were on Saturdays but the homework and the papers were every night.”

A deacon performs weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc., but not Mass, Confession and the Last Rites.

Collins organizes the Archdiocese’s part of Memorial Day along with the Camp’s. He lines up the other concelebrants, Communion hosts, altar servers and the like.

Collins will stay involved, but already has taken care of two big tasks in the transition: He will mentor Brother Paul Eilbes, who will take over the Camp’s organizing, as well as two men in Collins’ parish who are studying on the deacon track and have agreed to be the religious liaisons.

Collins has no plans to step down from deacon duties.

### CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

**Q:** What was a priest cap?

**A:** Two redans (fortifications) that were placed adjacent to one another to provide enfilading fire. See <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/glossary/fortification-terms>



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

21 – Tom Heinen

23 – Joel Schanning

**Camp Commander – Grant Johnson**

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**SVC – Joe Fallon [jf1776@yahoo.com](mailto:jf1776@yahoo.com)**

**We are at <https://www.facebook.com/CKPierBadger> and <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>**

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Report address changes to editor Tom Mueller, PCC, at [thewisconsin3800@gmail.com](mailto:thewisconsin3800@gmail.com) Your Banner is not forwarded by the Postal Service, so you need to report a new address to us.

### COMING UP

**May 28 (Sunday), 1 p.m.:** We will help the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table dedicate Maj. Gen. Lysander Cutler’s new family obelisk at Forest Home Cemetery. In Section 25, south of the office, almost all the way to Cleveland Avenue.

**May 29:** Memorial Day commemoration at Calvary Cemetery, starting with the 10 a.m. Mass. See the flyer.

**June 3:** Department Encampment, hosted by Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 in Wauwatosa. See the flyer. Deadline for early registration is this Friday!!!)



At Oak Hill Cemetery in Wauwatosa, the Camp again teamed up with Boy Scout Troop 61 for the annual cleanup. Chaplain Dean Collins and PCinC Steve Michaels (above) installed the cemetery's address numbers, 11900 W. Capitol Dr.



## Carrying out cemetery missions this month



At Calvary Cemetery, Brother Cliff Howard and his son, Parker, 8, helped place flags on the graves of veterans of the Civil War and other wars. Getting the very first flag was Pvt. Richard Goggin, whose name is on the monument to the massive 1883 Newhall House fire. The discovery that Goggin was a Civil War veteran was reported in the March newsletter.



The Camp funded two banners for Calvary, advertising the Memorial Day commemoration.



Photos by Danielle Michaels, Tom Mueller and Grant Johnson

# WHERE WE SERVED AND FOUGHT

— A SERIES SALUTING THE ANCESTORS OF CAMP 1 BROTHERS



Photo from Find a Grave.

The Battle of Hatcher's Run was fought Feb. 5-7, 1865, and was one in a series of Union offensives during the siege of Petersburg, aimed at cutting off Confederate supply traffic on Boydton Plank Road and the Weldon Railroad west of Petersburg.

Thielmann's 6th Wisconsin was in the 3rd Division, under Maj. Gen. Samuel W. Crawford, in its 1st Brigade, under Brig. Gen. Edward S. Bragg.

More info at:

– <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/hatchers-run>

– <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/battle-hatchers-run>

– [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hatcher's\\_Run\\_Union\\_order\\_of\\_battle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hatcher's_Run_Union_order_of_battle)

– [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Hatcher's\\_Run#:~:text=The Battle of Hatcher's Run,Weldon Railroad west of Petersburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Hatcher's_Run#:~:text=The Battle of Hatcher's Run,Weldon Railroad west of Petersburg)

– <https://stonesentinels.com/less-known/hatchers-run/>

## **BROTHER JOHN THIELMANN'S ANCESTOR:**

### **PVT. JOHANN THIELMANN**

Was a draftee in the 6th Wisconsin Infantry, Company K. Listed as Tillman in the roster.

Was from Richfield in Washington County.

Mustered in on Oct. 12, 1864.

Mustered out on July 14, 1865.

Wounded at Hatcher's Run, Va., in early February 1865.

In Thielmann's time, the 6th Infantry started at Hatcher's Run, then was in the Appomattox Campaign, including Gravelly Run and Five Forks, plus the fall of Petersburg April 2. It was at Appomattox Court House April 9 and took the surrender of Lee's army on April 12. The 6th marched in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C., on May 23.

It had been mustered in 1861 and compiled a long list of battles as part of the Iron Brigade, including Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania, etc.

See <http://civilwararchive.com/Unreght/unwiinf1.htm#6thinf>

Born Aug. 12, 1830.

Died March 12, 1900.

Buried at St. Hubert's Cemetery at Hubertus in the Town of Richfield in Washington County.



**Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War and Auxiliary**

**Memorial Day Service**

**Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10 a.m.**

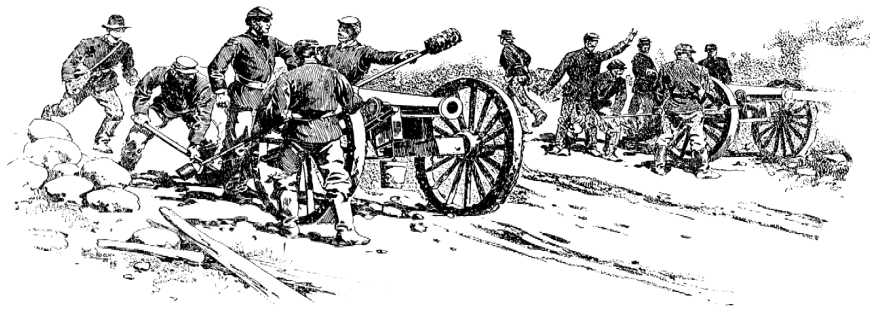
**at Milwaukee's Historic**

**CALVARY CEMETERY**

**5503 W. Bluemound Road**

**Outdoor Mass followed by a Patriotic Program:**

- **Archbishop Jerome ListECKI (Lt. Col., ret.), Main Concelebrant**
- Keynote Speaker Ruby Scheuing, Milwaukee County Veterans Association 2021 Veteran of the Year; Vietnam War Army Nurse
- Cannon firing by Cushing's Battery A, 4th U.S. Artillery
- Iron Brigade Guard musket salute
- Rifle salute and Taps by American Legion Milwaukee Police Post #415
- Civil War Music by the First Brigade Band playing original instruments
- Address by Pres. Abraham Lincoln (Nic Bur)
- Procession to graves of Union Soldiers
- Decoration of soldiers' graves



For more information, call (262) 782-0535 or [dcollins2809@gmail.com](mailto:dcollins2809@gmail.com)

*In case of inclement weather, ceremonies will be held in  
St. Vincent Pallotti Church at 5502 W. Bluemound Rd.*



**Department of Wisconsin**  
**140<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and**  
**Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**June 3, 2023**



**Old Main Renovation**  
**Milwaukee Soldiers Home**

Attendees will receive a souvenir button/ribbon with their name tag.

**Early Registration Deadline:** Friday, May 26, 2023

**Place:** Wauwatosa Lions Club  
 7336 St James St., Wauwatosa, Wis., 53213  
 (map on reverse)

**Schedule:**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration opens; light refreshments available
- 9:00 a.m. Joint Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service
- 9:30 a.m. Business Session
- 11:30 a.m. Break for Lunch—at Lions Club
- 1:00 p.m. Reconvene Business Session
- 3:00 p.m. Encampment closes
- 3:30 p.m. Private tour of the newly renovated historic Soldiers Home after the Encampment.**

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**SUVCW 140th Dept. of Wisconsin Encampment Registration**

**Early registration deadline: Friday, May 26, 2023**

Fill out the information on the right, and send it with your registration fee to:

**PDC Kent Peterson**  
**6024 S. Kirkwood Ave.**  
**Cudahy, WI 53110-3106**  
 (414) 614-3690

Make checks payable to:  
**C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1,**  
**SUVCW**

- Individual registration (no lunch) = \$7.00
- Late/at door individual registration = \$10.00
- Individual registration with lunch (pulled pork or beef, salads, beverage) = \$15.00
- Late/at door registration with lunch = \$20.00
- Soldiers Home tour after the Encampment (FREE)

**Total enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***THIS REGISTRATION FORM IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A VALID CREDENTIAL CARD SIGNED BY YOUR CAMP SECRETARY.***

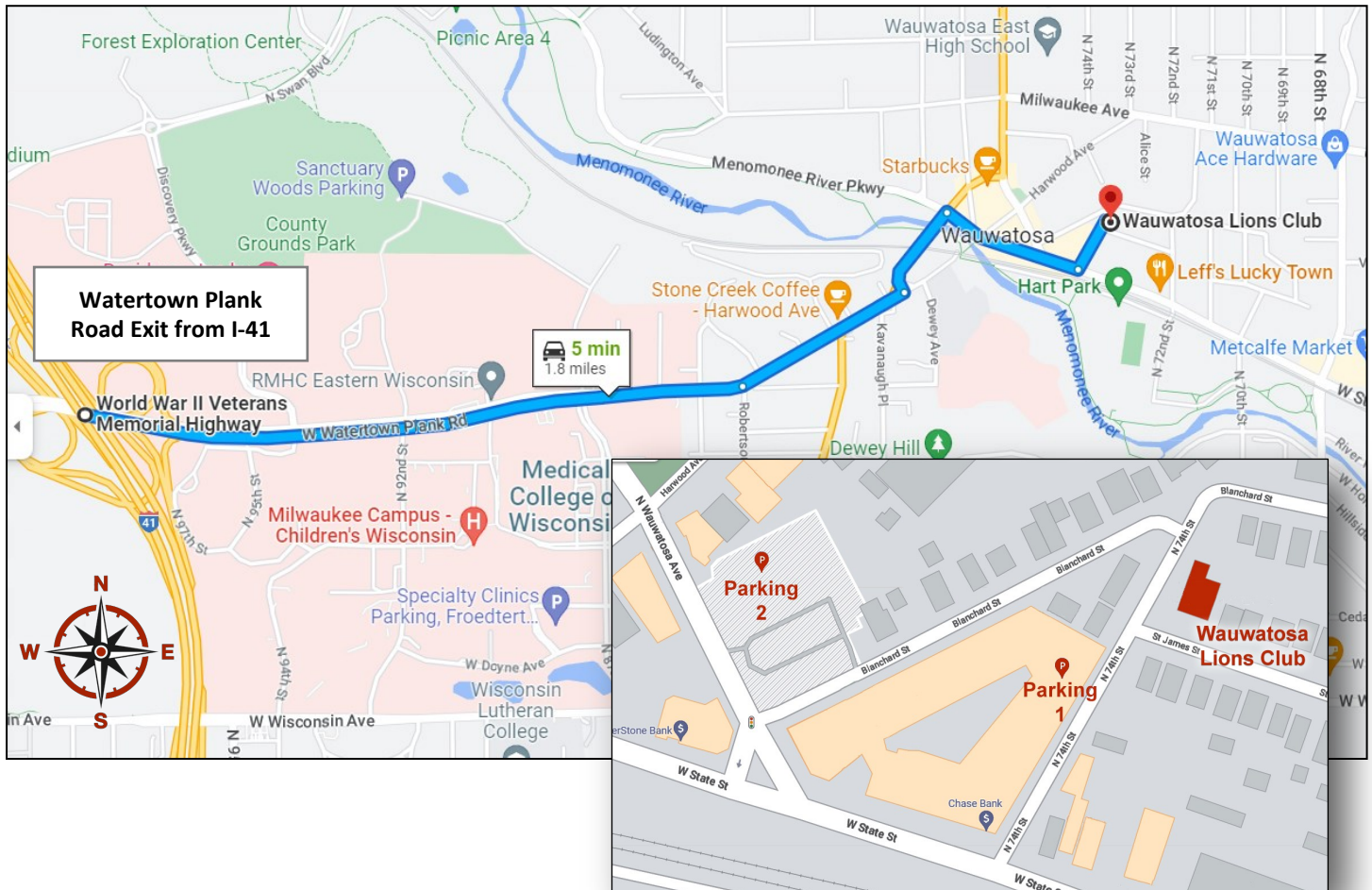


## 2023 DEPT. OF WISCONSIN SUVCW AND ASUVCW ENCAMPMENT SITE—WAUWATOSA LIONS CLUB

Our meeting location is the Wauwatosa Lion's Club, 7336 St James St., Wauwatosa. The Lions Club location borders a residential neighborhood and the downtown area of Wauwatosa.

The most direct route from a freeway is to use I-41 on the west side of Milwaukee.

Here's a web link to the Google map below: <https://goo.gl/maps/bprasSzVsYCWKHjx5>



### DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM I-41

1. **From the north or south on I-41:** exit at Watertown Plank Rd. and head east.
2. Continue eastbound on Watertown Plank Rd. The road becomes Harwood Ave. around 85th Street.
3. Continue until you reach Harmonnee Ave., then turn left. The road goes over the Menomonee River.
4. As soon as you're past the river, you'll reach State Street. Here you turn right.
5. Almost there! Continue about three blocks and you'll see the Chase Bank building on your left. Just past the bank is 74th Street, where you turn left.
6. In less than a block you'll pass the entrance to a parking structure on your left which you may use (PARKING 1 on map), or you can use the large surface lot on Milwaukee and Blanchard St. (PARKING 2).  
**NOTE: All street parking in this area is limited to two hours.**
7. In another half block you'll come to the intersection of 74th and St. James Street, and the Lion's Club is located on the corner at **7336 St. James St.** See the inset map above for a closer view of the destination.