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### State Chaplain

December makes us think of Christmas and of our Lord's birth in Bethlehem. But December also highlights Mary. The communion antiphon from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception declares "all honor to you, Mary! From you arose the sun of Justice, Christ the Lord." The liturgy keeps a wonderful balance and reveals the manner in which our God works in our lives. Mary is honored but not for her own sake but that of her Son Jesus. That is what we do as Knights. We honor Mary in many ways staying rooted in her Son. That is the beauty of the "light up for Christ" events, letting the light of Jesus shine before the world in a public way. Our God worked through a lowly handmaid to accomplish our salvation. So many knights do the little things and all the background and prep work, but we as knights accomplish great things for others.

Mary kept all that happened to her in her heart and meditated on them. We have that opportunity during the Marian Holy Hour. I encourage you to take advantage of that prayer time together as family and as councils. Our society is so fast paced; just stopping for prayer time together is a great witness and reminder of putting our God first. Mary always did that as she lived and said "do whatever He tells you."

Christmas is a special time of the year. It is a rich feast and needs an octave for us to fully enjoy it. Don't rush to take down the tree. Find that time to let this wonderful season sink

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in and remain with us. Jesus is the sun of justice that we need to let shine through us. Each of us are called to be that one little light that may guide others in dark times or be that inspiration that may bring another to say "I want to be a knight also."

A most blessed Advent, Merry Christmas, and joy filled New Year! Vivat Jesus!

**Fr. John Potaczek**  
*State Chaplain*

### State Deputy

Pope Benedict XVI will be visiting the United States April 2008. The Pope has been invited to attend the 2008 State Convention in Wisconsin Dells, but due to prior commitments and time restraints he will not be able to attend.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Officers, Directors and State Deputies met on November 17-18 in Washington D. C. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson distributed the prayer card "Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Journey" to the United States April 5 - 20, 2008. He asked that the prayer be recited often by everyone.

***(The Prayer can be found at the end of the State Deputy's article).***

The Supreme Knight asked that First Degrees be held in Honor of Pope Benedict XVI until the end of the Fraternal Year. There will be Special Certificates and lapel pins designed for the Degrees.

Each District should schedule an hour of prayer when the Icon is in

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their area. Each council should have a representative attend and complete the necessary documentation that will be forwarded to Supreme Council and then on to the Pope. Make sure your council is included. Our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson wants 100% participation from each council. Why would your council not want to participate?

Supreme Officers and State Deputies attended a Dedication Mass of the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Attending were His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali Archbishop of Philadelphia, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Honor Guard. The renovation included over 2 million tiles from Italy. Located in the south nave, this mosaic is 3,780 square feet, the same size as that of the dome of The Redemption, which was completed in 2006.

The mosaic scheme divides into four quadrants depicting the incarnation or manifestation of Jesus: (W) the Annunciation, (N) the Nativity, (E) the Wedding Feast at Cana, and (S) the Transfiguration. The four pendentives portray significant persons from the scriptural and prophetic accounts of the Incarnation of Jesus: (SW) the Prophet Jeremiah, (NW) the Prophet Isaiah, (NE) the Matriarch Sarah, and (SE) the Prophet Micah. The encircling text: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we saw his glory-glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and of

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truth" (John 1:14). The mosaic design is by Leandro Miguel Velasco (Rambush Decorating Co.); the manufacturer is Trivisanutto, Spilimbergo, Italy; the installer is Rugo Stone of Virginia.

In honor of the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson reaffirmed the long-standing relationship of the Knights with the National Shrine and pledged a gift of \$1 million toward this dome. The dome was completed July 12, 2007.

As in the Basilica of Saint Mark of Venice, the chief characteristic of the interior of the Upper Church is a succession of decorated domes. Each dome is a unit in itself, leading both theologically and pragmatically to the north apse mosaic, Christ in Majesty, "the one is and who is to come; the first and the last; the one who lives" (Revelation 1:8, 17-18).

Supreme will be airing 60 second ads in December of 2007 encouraging viewers to "help a child in need."

Wisconsin State Council received a beautiful signed and numbered print by Cameron Smith titled "Come to Me" from Relevant Radio as a token of their appreciation of Knights of Columbus donations. The Print will be displayed at the DD meeting in December.

**BELIEVE IN THE PROGRAM:** Believe in yourself, the Knights of Columbus and its membership program. Membership recruitment started off on a positive note, but in the month of November we lost our momentum. We have to address the recruitment program in every council every month not just in October and March. According to reports received we have many prospect cards; now we must contact our Brother Catholic men and bring them into the

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Knights of Columbus so we can continue Fr. McGivney's Programs. Grand Knights after you contact these men, forward a report to your District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Coordinator and myself on their status and when they took their First Degree.

**IF YOU DON'T HAVE A RETENTION COMMITTEE, PLEASE DO NOT SEND FORM 1845'S!**

My Lady Helen, my Mother and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Keep Christ in Christmas  
God Bless all of you!

**Robert J. Abb**  
*State Deputy*

**"Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI"**  
*Apostolic Journey to the United States, April 5-20, 2008"*

**Almighty Father, who pours forth blessings in abundance upon us, we humbly pray that you will inspire, guide and protect Pope Benedict XVI on his pastoral visit to the United States.**

**Lord God, bless our Holy Father who comes as a messenger of peace and charity to all people of faith and good will. May his presence in the United States serve to build up the bonds that unite us who are each made in your image and likeness, and may his teaching and witness strengthen the faith of the People of God.**

**Father, we lovingly entrust Pope Benedict's visit to the care of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. Through her prayers may he be preserved from all harm, and may he shine forth with the truth of the Gospel that he proclaims, and may his presence among us foster a renewal of the Church in our country.**

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**

*Amen*

+ *IN MEMORIAM* +

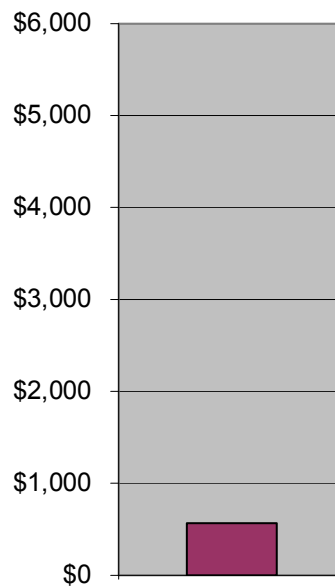
Our sincere sympathy to Immediate Past State Deputy Richard H. Ammon and family on the loss of his father Rudy W. Ammon, JR on November 27, 2007. Services were held at the Shriner-Hager-Gohlke in Monroe, Wisconsin.

May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

*Amen*

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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



### Badger Bulletin

*“Here Ye Here Ye”*

*Message from the State Secretary!!!*



Brother Knights and Ladies,

The State Team is in the process of publishing the **Fourth Issue** of the Badger Bulletin. The time line is as follows; we will need your council and assembly articles and pictures by January 15, 2008. With production, first and final proofing and then to the printer, the target date to the membership is the week of March 14, 2008. We will be adding color to the center section of the Bulletin, organize by groups with main stories and topics in the front, center and back. We already have several councils and assemblies who have sent in articles, *keep them coming*. When you send in these articles and you include a picture, please send the picture as an attachment or on a CD. The clarity of these pictures will be greatly enhanced. Cell phone pictures, newspaper clippings and scanned pictures do not turn out well. Some of the articles that I have already received are installation of council officers, new second and third degree members, Charity requests and new council development. Your councils and assemblies have participated or will participate in other activities, pass/punt/kick, free throw, Breakfast with Santa. Light up for Christ and the list goes on. All it takes is a picture and a few lines. Please send them to the State Secretary ([ransomsmc@aol.com](mailto:ransomsmc@aol.com)) or directly to the State Office via e-mail or direct mail.

Our goal is to publish a great Badger Bulletin.

*“Priorities” Love is, all above, the gift of oneself.*

Judy and I wish the Knights of Columbus and their Families a very Blessed and safe Christmas and prosperous New Year.

*Fraternally*  
**Roland Ransom**  
*State Secretary*

### *Membership Musings*

In order to get the Newsletter out in a timely manner, the numerical nerds from the **Bureau Of Really Exciting Data (B.O.R.E.D.)** will not be able to provide their litany of lists for the month of December. Therefore, this edition of *“Musings”* will be slightly abridged. For some of you this can be considered an early Christmas gift. For the one or two remaining K of C Brothers who look forward to these monthly servings from the **B.O.R.E.D.**, fear not! The New Year will bring a veritable potpourri of digital information to glean over. In the mean time here are the topics to be discussed for the month that marks the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour:

- Welcome to a New Diocesan Membership Coordinator
- A Brief Reminder of the Many Incentives Resulting from Membership Recruitment
- Membership Going “Green”!

**Welcome a New Diocesan Membership Assistant.** At long last the La Crosse Diocese will have an able and enthusiastic Membership Assistant working with the current dynamic, but slightly exhausted, “sole” man, Max Bachhuber! Brother and current District Deputy (#20) John Sustar has generously stepped forward to take on the lofty task of assisting and encouraging Councils and Districts in the extreme eastern portion of the La Crosse Diocese with respect to Membership and Membership Recruitment. I have only known Brother John for the past two or three years, but during that short time I have come to admire his thoughtful and thorough approach to his various tasks and challenges. The La Crosse Diocese Membership needs were in excellent hands before, and now, with John, those “excellent hands” have been doubled!

Speaking for the rest of the Membership Coordinator “Team”, I extend a hearty welcome to Brother Sustar as an integral part of our “lean and mean” group of Membership tacticians! If you have any Membership questions (or you just want to pass along an “atta boy”), John can be contacted via phone (608-847-1140) or the “electronic highway” ([jsustar@mwt.net](mailto:jsustar@mwt.net)). The traditional U.S.P.S. method will also work (N2894 Overgarrrd Rd., Mauston, WI 53948).

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### SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATTN. GRAND KNIGHTS IMPORTANT

Please read and pass this information on to your Special Olympics Chairman.

#1--It has come to my attention that if you call UPS for a pickup at a place that is not a regular stop, such as your home, they will charge you \$10.00 for the stop. Please use a regular stop for UPS, whether at your place of business or where a friend or Brother Knight has a regular stop. There are no charges when shipping from a regular stop.

#2-I will be sending a summary, to the chairman, as to what your council earned from recycling in early January. The boxes that you ship in are coded to your Council and that is where I get my figures from. When you receive this please notify your Grand Knight of the amount and have him include this amount on Form 4584.

#3-**Grand Knights** please fill out and send in Form 4584 by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Check with your members as to their involvement with Special Olympics on local and state programs. If your Council donated money From the Tootsie Roll drive, include this in your donations. Remember that family involvement also is to be included. Please send a copy of Form 4584 to me for my files.

#4-I am somewhat concerned over what has happened. As of Oct 21, 2007 only 32 of the 99 Councils that have signed up to Recycle have shipped anything in. What is going on with the other 67 Councils? Please have your chairman check on the locations where he has placed these boxes and ship in what has been collected. It is not enough to just sign up; you must take an active part in this program to make it a success. If the person who signed up does not want to continue, appoint someone else and let me know the name, address, and phone number please.

Councils signed up, but have not shipped as of Oct 21, 2007

524	607	664	697	719	832	1033	1069	1133	1170	1471	1558
1637	1690	1762	1825	1957	1964	2481	2639	2770	2984	2990	3562
3825	4125	4419	4634	4877	4896	4932	4948	4954	5193	5397	5456
6448	6450	6508	6689	6764	7030	7319	7370	7498	7732	7811	7848
8172	9078	9230	9438	10243	10552	10774	11129	11301	11657	12183	12269
12491	12709	12793	13583	13702	13733	13880					

**John Benisch**  
*Special Olympics Coordinator*

### RESOLUTIONS

The Wisconsin State Council receives their direction by the resolutions that are submitted and passed at the Annual Meeting of the State Officers Council. It is time to start thinking how we can improve the programs, by-laws and inter-working of the State Council. Resolutions to be considered may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, the State Deputy, the State Officers as a group, and by Standing State Committees. Resolutions submitted by Standing State Committees must be germane to the work of the committee. Resolution must be written in resolution format and ready to be printed in the resolution book. Resolution must be sent to State Advocate Timothy Genthe by February 1, 2008.

**Timothy Genthe**  
*State Advocate*  
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Cuba City, WI 53807  
[tgenthe@wikofc.com](mailto:tgenthe@wikofc.com)

*To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District; Contact PSD Erv Jankowiak, 414-384-1435*

#### Fourth Degrees

Date	Time	Eastern/Western		District	Phone
			Location		
April 12, 2008		Eastern	Oconomowoc	Ed Vander Bloomen	920-683-8996
May 17, 2008		Western	Tomah	Charles Wiederholt	608-744-2868

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**A Brief Reminder of the Many Incentives Resulting from Membership Recruitment.** One would think that Membership Recruitment in and of itself would be its own reward! Well, amazing as it sounds, incentives at various levels are being offered to encourage Members, Councils, Districts, and Dioceses to recruit that Catholic Gentleman over 18 years of age to the “greatest Catholic fraternal organization in the world”. Because of the number (and an attempt to save a tree or two), included below is a list of the Incentives at the Member and Council level. The District and Diocesan Level incentives will be included in the January 2008 edition of “*Musings*”. As always, if the “descriptions” are not clear or concise, your State Membership Coordinator (i.e. me) will be more than happy to expound on any or all of them.

### ***Member Level***

- *Beacon Award* – This will be presented to the K of C Brother who recruits the most New or Reactivated Members by 1 April 2008. The presentation of this award will take place at the K of C State Convention.
- *Shining Armor Award* – This recognition is presented to a newly recruited K of C Brother who recruits one New or Reactivated Member and satisfies several other Council participation requirements.
- *Proposer Recruitment Award* – For every New or Reactivated Member the Proposer will receive 1,000 points from the Big Guys in New Haven, CT. The points are redeemable for gifts and K of C accessories.
- *Golden Knight Award* – Participating General Agents will recognize any K of C Brother who recruits five New or Reactivated Members over the course of one Fraternal Year with the presentation of a “Golden Knight” trophy.
- *V.I.P. Program* – This is a program sponsored by our Supreme Brethren that recognizes K of C Brothers who consistently recruit New and Reactivated Members for their respective Councils. More information can be found In Supreme Booklet #2488.

### ***Council Level***

- *Star Council/ Fr. McGivney Award* – This award is given to any Council who increases its membership by either five New or Reactivated Members or 5% depending on Council size.
- *Complete Council Award* – Recruiting one New or Reactivated Member (and assuming there are no Withdrawals, Suspensions, Deaths, or Transfers out) will satisfy the Membership Requirement for this award.

You will note this is no shabby list, indeed. It is also important to remember that Membership and Membership Recruitment is the foundation on which this organization will either flourish or perish. Therefore, it is vital that Membership Recruitment be afforded its proper “weight”.

**Membership Going “Green”!** I am not referring to “carbon futures” or hydrogen-fueled vehicles. Rather, I am alluding to Former and Inactive Members of the Knights of Columbus, our own source for “recycling”. With the help of State Deputy Robert Abb, I was able to obtain a listing of ALL the Former and Inactive Members for the State of Wisconsin. As of 1 November 2007, that list includes over 10,000 individuals!

What are the advantages of exploiting such a group? To start, I can think of three, and maybe you can think of more. First, by acquiring a list of Former and Inactive Members for the area your Council serves, you have a ready-made Membership Prospect List to utilize. Second, these gentlemen are Former K of C Members and are familiar with the organization. It should be noted that this familiarity may serve as a disadvantage, as well, although, the reason these individuals are Former Members may be the result of moving or previously belonging to “inactive” Councils. A third reason is that each Reactivated Member counts toward your Council’s and District’s Membership goals. Just like a New Member!

To get a subset of the list I have, all you need to do is provide me with the Zip Code or series of Zip Codes your Council (or District) encompasses. I will be more than happy to provide you and your Council’s Membership Committee the information. Here is yet another relatively untapped “resource” that should be part of every Council’s Membership Recruitment Plan.

In conclusion, as we move ahead through this busy and hectic month, I encourage all of you and your families to spend a few moments reflecting on the real meaning of the holidays and the holydays we are about to celebrate: The Birth of Jesus! God sent his only Son, so that we might also be able to enjoy the happiness of eternal life with Him forever. On behalf of myself and my family, I wish each of you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

***State Membership Coordinator***  
***Tony Schreiner***

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### The Race to the Kalahari A Monthly Serial of Membership Recruitment

By Schreiner, The Salivating Sasquatch

#### Chapter Five – *Who are These Guys?*

*[Bringing you up to date: Following a series of 'Pit Stops' that can only be described as surgical, efficient, and lightning-fast in their effectiveness for four of the five dueling membership squadrons, all racers are now back on the asphalt! Only Hull's Howling Heifers experienced consternation, confusion, and congestion in the pit-related membership exchange. Even the Flagman and Official "Fairness" overseer was seen to be boldly waving the green flag and expressing satisfaction and glee at the "goings-on" during the first of three scheduled Pit Stops. The lead group has not changed (Ransom's Rabid Rabbits are ahead by a nose over Genthe's Growling Gazelles), but some juggling has taken place in the trailing pack (Guski's Galloping Gophers are ahead of Abb's Avenging Armadillos, while Hull's Howling Heifers are hugging tight in fifth place). Here is the latest info being passed along by the Yodeling Yetis (a.k.a. the Sasquatch Associated Press Service, **S.A.P.S.**)....]*

All five of the finely tuned Membership machines are now chewing up blacktop following their most recent fuel and information stop. And from all appearances in the observation tower and reports back from the Sasquatch Stringers, these guys are looking for some serious competition!

The pack has really tightened up as they begin to come down the front straightaway past the Flagman, Fr. John "The Friar" Potaczek. The Rabid Rabbit is still holding off his competition, but the four other contenders refuse to give up any distance to the leader. Since slipping back into fifth place, Hull's Howling Heifer (hailing from the Superior Diocese) has begun drafting Abb's Avenging Armadillo so closely you could barely fit a cow's hair between their two bumpers. The aggressive Galloping Gopher (from the La Crosse Diocese) has not only slipped into third place behind Genthe's Growling Gazelle (located in the Madison Diocese), but that garrulous Gopher is now so close, the Growling Gazelle can count the Gopher's whiskers in his rear view mirror. Most certainly there is a whole lot of bumping and nudging going on among the five competitors!

As the pack heads into the first corner at the south end of the track, it hardly seems possible, but the five-some tightens up even more with no obvious letup in their acceleration. From the Sasquatch Perch, located near the Start/Finish line, it almost looks as though the Galloping Gopher is taking an outside lane in order to leap-frog ahead of his two rivals. But in a rare instance of two speed racers joining ranks, Ransom's Rabid Rabbit (with its home base in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee) and Genthe's Growling Gazelle spread out causing Guski's Galloping Gopher to nearly sail off the edge of the embankment. The Gopher was so close to flying off he nearly clipped one of the Yeti reporters on that corner! For the moment the rapscaillon Gopher has tucked back into third place and a temporary aura of sanity has returned to the track.

Coming out of turn two, again at the south end of the track, the five racing membership machines are beginning to accelerate as they head into the back straightaway. Nobody is pulling away and nobody is losing ground! The speeding machines, resembling a pack of mad killer bees chasing a hapless bear that just broke into their nest searching for some honey, fly down this short, straight section of track.

Turn three for some unknown reason has always had the highest incidence of crashes and accidents. The wily veterans claim it is due to prevailing wind patterns and banking characteristics, but this has never been verified. Whatever the cause, drivers typically exhibit extra caution through this stretch. But not today! In an effort to sneak past the leaders, Abb's Avenging Armadillo (hailing from the Green Bay Diocese) ducks down to the inside lane in an attempt to jump from fourth to first place in this Diocesan Membership competition. The Armadillo's left front wheel catches on the infield grass and the racer starts fishtailing. Unable to stabilize itself, the tight machine goes into a four wheel slide back onto the track, sideswiping the Growling Gazelle and also bumping into the Galloping Gopher. Even Hull's Howling Heifer cannot react in time, as he is following too close. The chain reaction eventually affects all five Membership Machines!!

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### Respect For Life

#### October Appeal—Thank You

My mailbox has been stuffed! Please extend my appreciation to all of your Knights who have already donated, and please encourage the rest to do so.

One thing certainly bears repeating from last month's article, and that is that your Knights can give with more confidence than ever. Thanks to your State Officers for recognizing that our granting process could be improved, and to the outstanding leadership of Father John Potaczek and the Green Bay Diocesan Coordinator, Mark Kohls, we have a professional caliber grant review process. Now more than ever the funds we receive are directed according to the guiding principles of the Catholic Church and Mary's Knights.

As you might guess, the percentage of Knights who respond to our appeal letter is typically less than 10%. Recently, it occurred to me that one of the reasons could well be that good men read the letter and put it aside for later action, and sometimes that later action never happens. I suspect many of us have been guilty of that behavior from time to time. Another reason could be that, with all the junk mail one receives these days, our appeal simply goes unnoticed. Whatever the reason, the result is the same; few Councils achieve 100% for Respect Life donations. But some Councils **achieve 100% every year**. How do they do it?

They have learned that one way to 'fill-the-gap' is to provide their Knights with the opportunity to add \$3.50 as a voluntary donation with their dues, just as they do for PKD. Some Knights will respond to that method while others respond to the direct appeal. The result for the Councils who do that is very often over 100%. Will you please consider doing the same? The babies and I thank you!

#### MARCH FOR LIFE – REMINDER

Resolution 12 encourages all Councils to endeavor to send their Respect Life Couple or Coordinator to a Pro-Life conference, convention or seminar at least once each year, and whoever is sent is to report back to the Council. There is arguably no better conference than the annual March for Life. <http://www.marchforlife.org/> Not only is the march itself an outstanding event, the Mass the night before at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is truly a mountaintop experience. My wish is that you and all of your Knights be blessed to experience this Mass at least once. If there were nothing more, the Mass alone would be reason enough to go.

But there is much more. Throughout the day preceding the march there is arrayed the foremost experts the world has to offer regarding Respect for Life issues and

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topics. These men and women offer all that they know in a non-stop series of presentations. Because time is limited, the presentations often must overlap. That is why it is best to send at least two people who can split up and take in as much as possible.

As always, the march will be January 22. Both Pro-Life Wisconsin and Wisconsin Right to Life will have busses going. Or you can drive, fly or take the train! Just get there.

Vivat Jesus!

***Ron Faust: (608-225-7281 or [ronald-faust@yahoo.com](mailto:ronald-faust@yahoo.com))***

### Knowledge Contest –Free Throw Traveling Cards

Item from your State Program Coordinator

At the DD meeting in Green Lake on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the Diocesan Coordinators received the green and yellow traveling cards for the Free Throw and Knowledge contests. They will distribute them to the District Deputies. Each council will get cards for the ten first place finishers in the free throw contest and the eight first place finishers in the knowledge contest, four in spelling and four in math. Also each DD will have ten cards to send the first place finishers in the District Competition for the Free Throw. The Diocesan Coordinators will use the yellow cards to advance the contestants to the State Finals. The top two qualifiers at the diocesan competition will move on to the State Meet.

From each Diocese 20 will advance from the Free Throw and sixteen will advance from the Knowledge.

Council Grand Knights and Youth Chairman should expect to receive your cards at the District Meetings held by your District Deputy. Your District Deputy will inform the councils of the date and location of the District Meeting, and the Diocesan Coordinators will arrange the date, time and location of the diocesan competition. The State Finals for the Free Throw and Knowledge Contests will be held on April 12, 2008 at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids, registration: 9:30 am to 10:30 am, and competition starts at 11:00 am.

***Tony Pass  
State Program Coordinator***

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### **New Council Development**

Things are beginning to look like we will have a busy winter and spring. Congratulations to Kevin Harvancik on being named to the position of Grand Knight of the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus in Horicon, Milwaukee Diocese. All they need is a few men to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> degree and they will be assigned a number and be chartered. This should be taken care of before Christmas. There is another new council in the beginning stages in Wrightstown in the Green Bay Diocese. I have also been informed of possibility of four new councils in the Milwaukee Diocese. Through the efforts of a few District Deputies and Coordinators we should be in for a good year. We are still in need of everyone to do his part in forming new councils. District Deputies, have you looked at any parishes in your District that could use the help of a Knights of Columbus Council. The first step is to talk to the pastor and explain to him the benefits of a Knights of Columbus council in his parish. Set up a meeting with him and call me for a New Council Kit. We then send a letter of intent to Supreme, then set up an organizational meeting to recruit new members for the new council. There are many ways to accomplish this, pulpit announcements, information in the church bulletins, set a date for an organizational meeting. If you have any questions or need help feel free to give me a call.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Dick Taddey**  
*New Council Coordinator*

### **State Charity Raffle**

By now the raffle tickets for the 2008 Charity Raffle should have been mailed to all members of the Council or distribute ASAP. Do not forget to send tickets to out of state members on

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your roster since this is probably the only program that they can participate in. Most Council activities that generate funds require many hours of manpower and sweat from a few Council members. The State Charity Raffle can get all members involved and generate significant funds at the local level and also allow the State Charity Fund to accumulate dollars to fund various needs throughout the State. Make sure that the topic of the Charity Raffle is on your agenda for each Council meeting so a report can be made to the members about the status of the sales.

At the December DD meeting, we passed out larger posters that you can use at various business places and on the Church bulletin boards to help promote the raffle. We also passed out posters in the Hispanic language to promote the raffle.

From the start of this Fraternal Year, July 1<sup>st</sup> through early December the State Officers have processed 52 Charity Requests and have granted \$83,650.00 to those recipients. The needs of financially distressed people continues to grow and, as Knights of Columbus, we have an obligation to try to help them.

**Remember—Charity is not fun and games. Charity is serious business.**

**Dennis T. Rakowski**  
*State Charity Chairman*

### **State Charity Grants**

Recently, the State Officers approved the following grants from the State Charity Fund:

\$1,000 to a 53 year old man from Mishicot who is on Social Security Disability because of a lung condition and a fire completely destroyed his home.

\$2,000 to a 69 year old woman from Green Bay who has been fighting uterine cancer for three years and her finances have been drained.

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\$2,500 to a 38 year old woman from Wauzeka with two sets of twins and a younger daughter who was diagnosed with colon cancer which spread to her liver.

\$3,000 to a family of four children from Warrens whose three year old daughter was born with a gastrointestinal birth defect which has been found to be uncorrectable.

\$2,500 to a 54 year old man from McFarland who was diagnosed with cancerous lesions on his right hip and femur; doctors decided to removed these bones.

\$2,000 to a family in Boyd with four children and the 14 year old boy was diagnosed with Lymphoma and their 16 year old son was hit by a car while riding on a 4 wheeler.

**REMEMBER---WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE DO BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE**

**Dennis T. Rakowski**  
*State Charity Chairman*

### *Directory Corrections and Changes*

**District Deputy John Sustar, District 20, will also be the La Crosse Diocesan Coordinator - Membership Assistant.**

**Page 38—Council 710/12 has changed its meeting time to 7:00 P.M., 2nd Tuesday**

**Page 45—Council 839/25 GK: John Keuler, Jr. Has a new address: 4514 Lexington Heights Drive La Crosse, WI 54601**

**Page 58, DD 47 Richard Rinehart Please correct e-mail address: Should be: richardrinehart@att.net**

**Page 75: Council 1837/71, Grand Knight Mike Gallagher has a new e-mail address: mgallagher 57@gmail.com**

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Diocesan Families of the Month

#### **October 2007**

##### **Green Bay Diocese**

Louie & Josie Sotka  
Council 6689/2  
Pesthigo WI

##### **LaCrosse Diocese**

Timothy & Lou Tozer  
Council 974/22  
Chippewa Falls WI

##### **Madison Diocese**

William & Barbara Linshelld  
Council 1909/52  
Highland WI

##### **Milwaukee Archdiocese**

Dennis & Joyce Rakowski  
Council 4580/68  
Greendale WI

##### **Superior Diocese**

Oscar & Marion Chartrand  
Council 12609/87  
Balsam Lake WI

Grand Knights -Please remind your council's Family Committee to begin working on their Family of the Year Nominations. It takes time to assemble the information necessary to put together a good nomination presentation .

We are looking for families who work together as a family for their church, community, youth, family and council. Include letters of recommendation from the family's Pastor, Community leaders, and Council leaders. Also include photos showing the family members participating in events they are involved with .

It is a disservice to worthy families, to nominate them and not provide information on what they do. Every Council has families that are worthy to be nominated.

Please submit your councils Family of the Month nomination by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month so the names of the Diocesan Families of the Month can be reported in the State Newsletter.

Grand Knights , please tell your councils Family Director to send his State Nomination form or a copy of the Supreme 1993A form to:

Joe Oberweis  
524 W Central St  
Chippewa Falls WI, 54729,  
or email them to [joeoberweis@yahoo.com](mailto:joeoberweis@yahoo.com)

**Joe Oberweis**  
*State Family Coordinator*



### *Our Lady of Charity Marian Hour of Prayer Service*

Advance planning of any program will to a successful program. This would be true for Our Lady of Charity Marian Pray Program. Three copies of the paint of the patroness of Cuba, reproduced here, are traveling between council and parishes through out the state. The prayer book and complete schedule for the icon can be found on Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website at [www.wikofc.com](http://www.wikofc.com). Here is the schedule for the districts which will be hosting the image for the next three months. Publicize your participation in the prayer program well in advance of the event in your council newsletters and parish bulletin.

Icon #1	Icon #2	Icon #3
<u>December 2, 2007 through January 5, 2008</u>		
District 64	District 3	District 85
<u>January 6, 2008 through January 19, 2008</u>		
District 63	District 28	District 86
<u>January 20, 2008 through February 2, 2008</u>		
District 70	District 27	District 80
<u>February 3 2008 through February 16, 2008</u>		
District 69	District 20	District 91

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*To our Brother Knights of Columbus and their Families –  
 Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*From our State Chaplain Fr. John Potaczek, State Officers, their Ladies  
 and the State Administrative Staff.*

*Keep Christ in Christmas*

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*“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Send angles of protection, love and comfort  
 to all the service men and women at war. Bring them safely home and comfort their  
 families. Protect them as they protect us. Amen”*