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State Chaplain

Ash Wednesday uses ashes as a sign of many things. Of its many meanings I would like to focus on one of them. Change. Once they were beautiful green palms. Then they dried out and lost their bright green color. Once dried out they are burned and the ashes used to mark us and remind us that all things change. Which is part of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are not stuck. We can change. If we see areas of our lives that are not good for us spiritually or otherwise, we can change. It is too easy to label someone or a group of people. Hence the need to keep going back to charity and unity. With God's grace we can reach out to them and they become one of us.

If we find ourselves in a rut, try something different this Lent. Don't just give up the same old same old. Getting this message in the middle of Lent is perfect since we can look again; have had some time and perhaps seen more clearly what does need to change. We can change if we are open to it. We can not fool ourselves. Change is hard. That is why we have such a long season of Lent, (kind of) we need that time so that God's grace can sink in. When can we stop changing? When others do not see us, but Christ. Vivat Jesus!

Rev. John Potaczek
State Chaplain

State Deputy

Grand Knights please read the Financial Secretaries Manual; if you do not have a manual, one can be obtained from Supreme. Grand Knights and Membership Chairman should read the Surge booklet 962.

Please forward First Degree information and membership activity to your District Deputy and Diocesan Membership Coordinator from now to the end of the Fraternal Year. Councils should be calling all your prospects to join the Knights of Columbus. Field Agents can be a big help with your recruitment of new members give him a call.

Degrees held in February and March should be in Honor of State Chaplain Fr. John Potaczek; send me the names of new members and their initiation date. We will present the list to our State Chaplain at the State Convention do not let your council be left out. As a reminder, Form 100's should be sent to Supreme to activate their accidental insurance immediately.

Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries please check to make sure your councils have sent their Fraternal Survey to Supreme. Information must be tabulated to keep tax exempt status for the Knights of Columbus. It is very important that you do this. Also check to see if you have any other forms outstanding or past due.

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BELIEVE IN THE PROGRAM; there are many councils that have not recruited a new member this year and some for 2 years. We need everyone's help to keep Father McGivney's dream alive. **IF WE ARE NOT GROWING, WE ARE DYING.** Recruitment is done 12 months a year not just in October and March.

The State Convention is drawing near. Please make sure all the registration forms are submitted to the State Office for your council. If you intend to be a Delegate to the Supreme Convention you will need to a passport.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Abb
State Deputy

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

If you have not yet filed for a **FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER** you should complete Form SS-4 and file it with the IRS and get your Council's FIN. Don't forget that you have to file a 990 N for the year ended June 30, 2008 by November 15th.

Dennis Rakowski
Member of the Financial Review Committee

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State Secretary

My Brother Knights,

The Wisconsin State Council's Penny-a-Knight-a-Day (PKD) Program can trace its roots to 1970, during the term of then State Deputy Edward Quillin of La Crosse. The PKD Program was designed to demonstrate Wisconsin Knights of Columbus support for Catholic education and our Bishops' mission to provide Catholic families in their respective diocese access to quality education opportunities.

The PKD program began and continues today to be focused on soliciting voluntary contributions to promote its efforts. Recognizing that Knights of Columbus members' families have significant financial obligations, the program's founders wanted to make participation both affordable and symbolic. In 1970, a penny – one cent was an amount any member could set aside daily without burden to his family. Annualized, the daily contributions totaled \$3.65, which was about the cost of one carton of cigarettes in 1970.

The program's other charm is that its proceeds have always benefited the diocese from which they are generated. The Wisconsin State Council's administrative office faithfully tracks contributions by subordinate councils, segregating them by diocese. Each year, the amount collected in each Diocese is presented to the Bishop by the State Deputy at the Diocesan Meeting. Because the subordinate councils in each diocese are represented at the Diocesan Meetings, this is an opportunity for members to affirm with their presence as well as their financial resources the Order's support for our bishops and their teaching authority.

The PKD Program need not be restricted to council members.

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Here are some suggestions for broadening the program's focus: Announcements in parish bulletins can generate contributions from other community members. If your parish has a school, consider putting a fish bowl or other container in a secure place and invite students to drop in their pennies. Hold a fundraiser bake sale, car wash, pancake breakfast, etc. to raise money for the fund.

Since 1970 the Wisconsin Councils have contributed over 1.5 million dollars to the PDK to be used for Catholic Education, but more would be welcomed.

Frequently, the Bishops will announce how they plan to use the money when the PKD check is presented at the Diocesan Meetings. Every year we receive letters expressing their gratitude for our generosity. ("This year") the Knights of Columbus have received Thank You letters from the following: **Saint Joseph High School, Saint Thomas More High School, Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy, St. Alphonsus School, Catholic East Elementary, Pius XI High School, Department of Education of the Green Bay Diocese, and the Bishops throughout the State of Wisconsin.**

Please tell your council members how much was collected in your Diocese and where the money will go. Encourage members who have the means to contribute more that \$3.65 that their extra "pennies" can help other members who do not participate.

God Bless

Roland Ransom
State Secretary

Councils, We are going to recognize the recipients of the Shining Armor Award

Please send us their names



To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award", new Knights must during their first year of membership

- Be involved in at least 3 council service programs
- Attend at least 3 council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with their councils insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

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Leadership Conference March 15th

Battling the Culture War

Men should attend who are: willing to sacrifice for others and help other men grow in their faith.

St John the Baptist Church
2597 Glendale Ave.
Green Bay, WI

Pre Registration by March 8, 2008

Adults: \$35.00 Students: \$10.00

Priests, Deacons and Seminarians: Free

Registration at the door Adults: \$40.00

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Membership Musings

Being that this is the second month of the new calendar year, this will be my second step towards shorter and more terse “*Musings*” articles. Here we (I) go.

The two paramount and closely related topics for this month are:

- The spring Membership Blitz (i.e. Wisconsin Recruitment Activity Project, **W.R.A.P.**) is almost here.
- The steps needed to satisfy Membership Recruitment goals (Council, District, Diocesan, and State) for the remainder of the Fraternal Year (i.e. the **B.O.R.E.D.** Report).

Spring Membership Recruitment Project

The weekend of 29-30 March 2008 has been designated as the Membership Blitz Recruitment Weekend. (In the Badger State it is also known as the Wisconsin Recruitment Activity Project.) All Councils are encouraged to undertake the following two charges at this time. First, conduct some sort of Membership Recruitment Program within your parishes and/or community. Second, forward the success (or lack thereof) of this event to your District Deputy immediately following the event.

Now, for a little background... In order to successfully undertake and complete a Membership Recruitment program, planning for the event should begin now. If you intend to speak from the pulpit, obtain permission from your Pastor as soon as possible prior to the event. Also make sure you have an ample supply of brochures and membership material. Some of the material should focus on your Council, its programs and activities in your Parish and Community. Additional information should focus or describe general organizational benefits. Three excellent brochures produced at the Supreme level are: “*Member Benefit Flyer*” (#2773), “*The Greatness of a Man*” (#4496), and “*Did You Know*” (#1267). All are available at no cost other than shipping. Also, make sure your Recruitment Team has an ample supply of “*Prospect Cards*” (#921A) and “*Prospect Referral Cards*” (#921). These will be vital when assembling a Membership Prospect List. For a detailed step by step description of how to organize a Membership Recruitment event, please refer to the booklet, “*A Guide to Membership Recruitment*” (#2769). Keep in mind, in order to conduct an effective and successful Membership Recruitment event, the first and most important step is **PREPARATION!!!** And, now is the time to begin!!

Immediately following the weekend of 29-30 March, pass along the results of your Council’s Membership Recruitment experience to your District Deputy. The information to be included in this report will be the number of Prospects, New or Reactivated Members, and First Degrees scheduled. Also, your District Deputy will need to know whether you have recorded any Transfers into your Council. It is suggested this information be passed along sometime during the week following 29-30 March 2008.

One point to remember... If you are not able to conduct a Membership Recruitment Program on the weekend of 29-30 March due scheduling conflicts, I suggest choosing an alternate date. This can be anytime prior to or following the weekend listed above. It is not critical this Membership Event occur precisely on the weekend noted, but it is critical that **every** Council conduct such an event at some point near the dates suggested!

The B.O.R.E.D. Report

Membership recruitment across the State of Wisconsin was a bit mixed for the month of January. A summary can be seen in the Table following this article. This month the **Bureau Of Really Exciting Data (B.O.R.E.D.)** has decided to look ahead a little bit instead of just relating numbers detailing the past.

In addition to the table summarizing Membership Recruitment across the State of Wisconsin is a table listing those Councils successfully recruiting at least 50% of their quota needed to satisfy the Membership portion of the Star Council Award (i.e. Fr. McGivney Award). Congratulations to each of the Grand Knights and Membership Directors of those **53** Councils for their diligent work!

How about the remaining **226** Councils? Well, here are some numbers that may help to stimulate a little energy and enthusiasm as we go forward during the final four-plus months of this Fraternal Year. As you may know, both State and Diocesan Membership goals were established at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. In order to attain these goals the Numerical Nerds at **B.O.R.E.D.** have been doing a little number crunching. The table below describes the average Diocesan monthly increases in New or Reactivated Membership between now and 30 June 2008 that are needed to achieve these objectives.

Green Bay	La Crosse	Madison	Milwaukee	Superior
33	30	32	34	22

Now, you are probably muttering: “*Yea, this is just great for the State of Wisconsin and the five Dioceses but, how does it help my Council??*”

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Good question. Membership is the primary ingredient to keeping every Council vibrant and active. New Membership is the fuel that provides new ideas and programs within your Parish and Community. New and Reactivated Members are the resource that will guarantee future leadership in your Council and in your District. Finally, and maybe most importantly, recruiting New Members is the way in which the Knights of Columbus, our Parishes, and our families, can continue to grow within the Catholic Church and extend the ideas of Catholicism beyond the walls of the Church proper!

The numbers listed, in my opinion, are realistic goals. These goals are especially attainable, if we work together organizing and executing effective Membership Recruitment Programs during the upcoming spring Membership "Blitz" period. Over the next four-plus months I am looking forward to reading and listening to the success each of you attains. And, as always, remember that ***Your Goals are My Goals!*** Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Tony Schreiner
State Membership Coordinator

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February 29th

Night of Recollection

Comparable to a 2 Hour Silent Retreat

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Green Bay

- Priest of Opus Dei gives 2 short meditations
- Layman gives short talk on a topic relevant to living the faith every day
- Time before the Tabernacle to consider what we've heard
- Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

<http://www.esto-vir.org>

Second and Third Degrees Scheduled in Wisconsin

Second Degrees

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>District</u>
March 1, 2008	9:30 A.M.	6759	Somerset	Donald Schoenherr	715-246-3835	88
March 9, 2008	TBD	3955	De Pere	Jerry Wyand	920-494-6487	8
March 15, 2008	10:30 A.M.	664	Fond du Lac	James Guell	920-922-7496	60
April 6, 2008	10:30 A.M.	524	Milwaukee	Valentin Blatz	262-490-2328	64
April 6, 2008	10:30 A.M.	1964	West Bend	Donald Charapata	920-269-4127	61
April 13, 2008	11:00 A.M.	839	La Crosse	Henry T. Althoff, III	608-786-0207	25
May 3, 2008	10:30 A.M.	3099	Sauk City	Donald Wipperfurth	608-850-4938	43

Third Degrees

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>District</u>
March 1, 2008	12:30 P.M.	6759	Somerset	Donald Schoenherr	715-246-3835	88
March 9, 2008	1:15 P.M.	3955	De Pere	Jerry Wyand	920-494-6487	8
March 15, 2008	1:30 P.M.	664	Fond du Lac	James Guell	920-922-7496	60
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Fourth Degrees

<u>Date</u>	<u>Eastern/Western</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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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The Race to the Kalahari A Monthly Serial of Membership Recruitment

By Schreiner, The Salivating Sasquatch

Chapter Seven – From Out of Nowhere

[A Brief update: After a major pile up in Turn Three and an immediate pit stop to rectify, clean up, and refuel (with a tank full of New Members), the five Membership Racing Machines are back on the track. Genthe's Growling Gazelle extended its narrow lead over Ransom's Rabid Rabbit to the point where a slight bit of daylight is visible between the two finely honed racing machines. But, the Rabbit is still easily able to nibble on the hoofs of the Gazelle! Third (Guski's Galloping Gopher) has edged up a little bit on the Rabbit, but by no means is the Gopher within chomping distance of the Rabbit's tail. That leaves Abb's Avenging Armadillo (fourth) and Hull's Howling Heifer (fifth) "duking" it out, each trying to escape the cellar.

The S.A.P.S. (Sasquatch Associated Press Service) is once again sniffing out some rumors, this time in the Heifer's pit area. It seems Chris "The Lone Ranger" Seeber has been babbling about some "secret weapon" Quite honestly the roving Yetis seem to be tiring of these "dead end" tales. But, being the true and loyal "news sniffers" they are, the chitchat inside the pit walls will be checked out.

Let's take a peak at to the happenings on the track and maybe beyond...]

Genthe's Growling Gazelle just picked up some good news from the pit team captain, Mel "The Drill Instructor" Feit. It seems that the work of "The D.I." and his teammate, Dave "The Enforcer" Fisher, has provided yet another surge in Membership Recruitment in the Madison Diocese. This has resulted in the Growling Gazelle extending his narrow lead over Ransom's Rabid Rabbit by just another "frog's hair" or two. Based on S.A.P.S. reports from the "Harrier" pit crew, namely Dan "The Hipster" Montaine and his sidekick, Francis "Cool" Kohlmann, this increased differential between the two leaders was verified. But it should be noted that "The Hipster" and "Cool" Kohlmann are by no means to be assumed as slouchers. Membership Recruitment for both these top notch squads is nothing short of phenomenal.

Although back on the track and maintaining an even distance between Guski's Galloping Gopher (third) and Hull's Howling Heifer (fifth), Abb's Avenging Armadillo was clearly having some major problems. The roaming Yetis along the first and second turns and this reporter located in the Sasquatch Perch near the Start/Finish line have observed some uncharacteristic smoke pouring out of the Green Bay-based racing machine. Also, visible from the Sasquatch Perch is some frantic movement within the Avenging Armadillo pit area. Dave "The Red Neck" Hallada, along with his teammates, Ed "Too Tall" Cross and Geary "Spike" Spykerman were seen having some highly animated conversations with the Armadillo mobile.

While using high intensity Sasquatch goggles from the Perch, another individual was observed in the Avenging Armadillos pit area. It was the dreaded "Retentionator", whose real name is Dick Garvey! This could really be bad news, as the "Retentionator" only comes out in the most dire of situations. That is when Suspensions and Withdrawals are significantly eating away at that most precious of fuels, New Members! Up to now all five teams have been doing an admirable job keeping this energy sucking problem (i.e. Suspension and Withdrawals) at bay and consequently "The Retentionator" was in essence a "no show". That is, up until now! This is most unfortunate, as the Armadillos were beginning to show some serious acceleration while slowly creeping up to the lead pack. It seems the Armadillos just cannot get a break! The S.A.P.S. have sent a freelance Yeti to check out what may be a serious situation for the Green Bay contingency.

Meanwhile, the three leaders, Genthe's Growling Gazelle (first), Ransom's Rabid Rabbit (second), and Guski's Galloping Gopher (third) are starting to create some distance from the ailing Abb's Avenging Armadillo. This most recent race segment has turned out to be a phenomenal success for the first and second place competitors, especially the Gazelles' racing team. The Gazelles have recorded the highest percentage performance thus far (165% of their monthly Membership Recruitment goal), while the Rabbits have notched the second best showing (137%). Even though they have slipped back, the Gophers are still well within striking distance of the two leaders as the Race to the Kalahari is now just past the halfway point. Although they are still able to maintain a weak fourth place showing, the Armadillos are at risk of falling to the back of the pack as Hull's Howling Heifer team is showing some significant gains. This fuel (i.e. Membership) concern is really a serious matter for the Abb's Avenging Armadillo and his team!

Is it possible that "The Retentionator" will spell doom for the Armadillos? And, we still have not heard the whether the S.A.P.S. found anything of importance or nefarious in the Heifer pit team of Tom "The Sage" Rudolph, Dennis "Kingpin" Ashbeck, and Chris "The Lone Ranger" Seeber. Could the Armadillos' misfortune be linked to "The Lone Ranger's" Secret Weapon? Lastly, are the top three teams (Gazelles, Rabbits, and Gophers) poised to streak it out to the end?

Boy, this race may be more than half over, but the white-knuckle excitement seems to have just begun!!

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State of Wisconsin: Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goals	Goal to Date	NEM	% GtD	LOM	NAWS	NCNM	N. I. Mem.	L. I. Mem.
Green Bay	297.5	174	110	63.4	112	-2	25	26	52
La Crosse	280.0	163	122	74.7	36	86	22	58	31
Madison	297.5	174	171	98.5	48	123	20	54	29
Milwaukee	315.0	184	167	90.9	54	113	21	43	33
Superior	210.0	123	67	54.7	24	43	25	37	25
Totals	1400	817	637	78.0	274	363	113	218	170

Circle of Honor	Current Status (i.e. Needed)
835	472

Change in Membership
-132

Deceased Members
495

Membership at Beginning of FY	Current Membership
38,577	38,445

NEM - New Members

%GtD - Per Cent Goal to Date

LOM - Lost Members

NAWS - Net After Withdrawals & Suspensions

NCNM - Number of Councils without a New Member since the beginning of the fraternal year

N.I. Mem. - New Insurance Member

L.I. Mem. - Lost Insurance Member

Change in Membership - Difference between State Membership at beginning of FY and Current Month

Deceased Members - Number of Members that have passed away since the beginning of the fraternal year

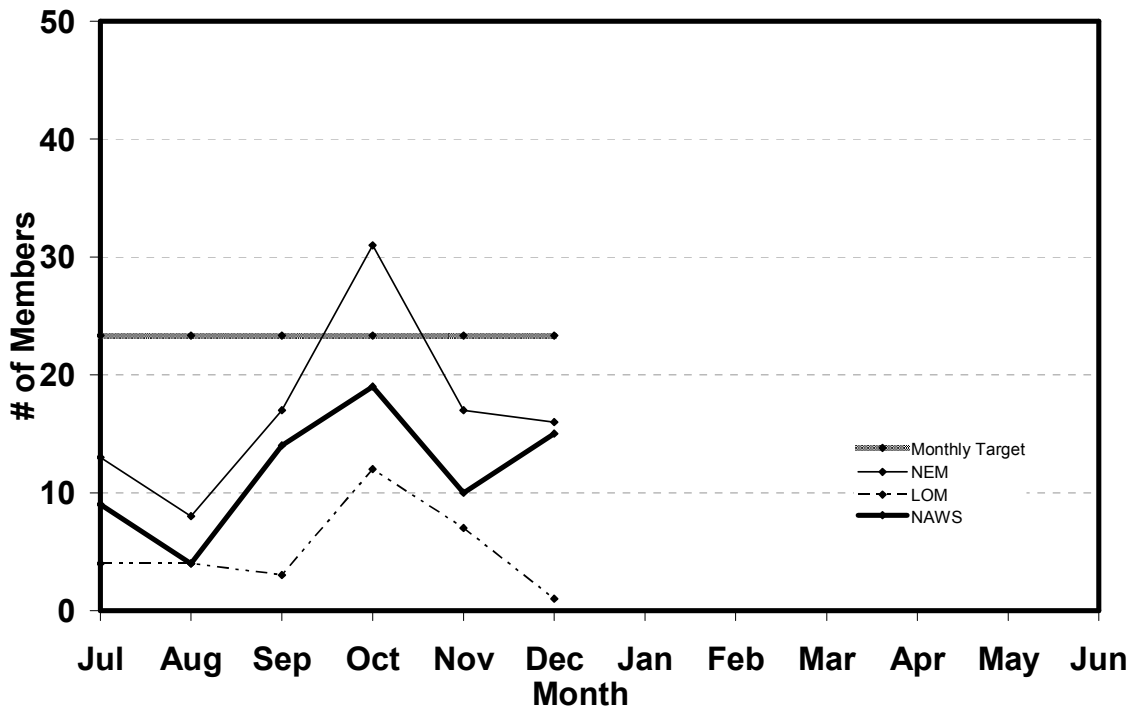
La Crosse Diocese: Membership Summary

Note: All data represents through the last day of the month except **State Mmbrship** which is for the first day of the month.

Month	Goal	New Members	% of Target	Lost Members	Net Gain	New Ins. Members	Lost Ins. Members
Jul	23.33	13	55.7	4	9	4	5
Aug	23.33	8	34.3	4	4	10	3
Sep	23.33	17	72.9	3	14	5	1
Oct	23.33	31	132.9	12	19	2	11
Nov	23.33	17	72.9	7	10	11	4
Dec	23.33	16	68.6	1	15	18	4
Jan			#DIV/0!		0		
Feb			#DIV/0!		0		
Mar			#DIV/0!		0		
Apr			#DIV/0!		0		
May			#DIV/0!		0		
Jun			#DIV/0!		0		
Total	140.0	102	72.9	31	71	50	28

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La Crosse Membership Statistics



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

ATTENTION GRAND KNIGHTS
FORM 4584

As of Feb 7, 2008, I have only received 70 copies of Form 4584 “ Partnership Profile With Special Olympics”. These include those copies sent to the State Deputy, State Office, or electronically filed. If your Council submitted the form to Supreme, but did not send a copy to Wisconsin State Council, **please send me a copy**. I use this information in many ways. It is very important in determining the Grant that Special Olympics Wisconsin receives from the Supreme Council.

I am also looking for ideas to raise funds for Special Olympics. A few ideas are to host a special event (card party, breakfast, dance, bingo night, etc.) with the proceeds to Special Olympics; another is a pass the hat at Council meetings. If you have any ideas please contact me. I would be willing to attend your event and speak about what Special Olympics are and what they do. My address, phone, and email are in the 2007-2008 Directory

*Fraternally,
John Benisch
Special Olympics Coordinator*

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ANNUAL CONVENTION 2008

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- Convention **Pre-Registration Forms**
White 3 Part

For best rate, return to State Office by March 15, 2008
There must be a form for each Delegate, Alternate, Member, Chaplain, Lady and/or Guest

- Delegate Form**—Blue
Returned to the State Office by March 15, 2008

- In Memoriam/Request for Memorial Cards**—
White
Returned to the State Office by March 15, 2008

- Advertising Form**—White
Returned to the State Office by March 15, 2008

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State Charity Raffle

The Grand Knights should continue to promote ticket sales at your monthly business meetings and in your monthly newsletter. Some members may have been selling tickets for a few months, but we still have two months before the drawing and everyone should be encouraged to keep selling. Don't forget to remind people that the two **Harley bikes are the 105th Anniversary Classic Bikes**. Don't forget that your Council will receive a rebate of \$2.00 per ticket sold and you will also be eligible for a bonus if your sales exceed three tickets per member.

Remind your Financial Secretaries to send money and stubs to the Diocesan Coordinators so we can get a handle on how we are doing.

Think of the magic that our charitable grants will bring to a Brother Knight or others who may be in serious need of funds. We all may be burdened at some time by life's physical and financial problems and the proceeds from this raffle can certainly ease that burden. Remember that "Anyone who receives from God the grace to do works of charity will be the recipient of new graces". Keep up the good work and continue to sell these raffle tickets.

Remember---Charity is not fun and games. Charity is serious business.

Dennis Rakowski
State Charity Chairman

State Charity Grants

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

\$2,500 to parents of a 13 year old boy from Abrams who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia and his 12 year old sister has Down's Syndrome.

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\$1,000 to an 18 year old boy from Iron River who was born with Spina Bifida to help him pay expenses when he has to go to Minneapolis for doctor appointments.

\$2,000 to parents of a 13 year old boy from Brownsville who broke his neck when he dove into a lake and hit his head on the bottom of the lake.

\$2,000 to a young single lady from Prairie du Chien who was involved in an auto accident in 2003 who had 21 surgeries and after 4 years has been put back together again.

\$2,500 to a 52 year old Brother Knight from Marshfield who fell from a roof and received very serious head injuries and a broken hip.

\$1,500 to a 52 year old woman from Hartford who while recovering from a heart attack was diagnosed with uterine cancer and the doctors found a mass in a lung.

**Remember—we make a living by what we do
But we make a life by what we give.**

Dennis Rakowski
State Charity Chairman

Diocesan Families of the Month January 2008

Green Bay Diocese
Norman and Ruth Wegner
Council 1957/12
Two Rivers WI

LaCrosse Diocese
Michael and Mary Jane Strub
Council 1558/27
Wisconsin Rapids WI

Madison Diocese
Thomas and Terri Walczak
Council 10905/52
Dodgeville WI

Milwaukee Archdiocese
Rocco and Lois Lauria
Council 8172/68
Burlington WI

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Diocesan Families of the Month continued...

Superior Diocese
Merlin and Nancy Steffen
Council 1762/81
Hudson WI

Grand Knights

Please remind your councils that if they send me a copy of the form that they submitted to Supreme for me to use for the State Program, they will need to submit more information on a separate word document telling us about the family's activities. The Supreme form cuts off much of the description and we cannot judge the merits of the family.

We are looking for families who work together as a family for their church, community, youth, family and council.

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.

We still get many nominations that do not explain any family activities involving, church, community or council.

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

Joe Oberweis
State Family Coordinator

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State Poster Contest Results

Congratulations to these budding young artists who captured top honors among the nearly entries submitted in the 2007 K of C Christmas Poster Contest. Their posters will be displayed at the State Convention and their awards will be mailed directly to their homes.

Grade 1		Council	District	Diocese
1 st	Alexa Breske	9385	25	La Crosse
2 nd	Luke Didier	2035	61	Milwaukee
3 rd	Jonathan Breuer	4416	40	Madison
Grade 2				
1 st	Ashley Placek	1471	42	Madison
2 nd	Jasmine Garcia	1837	71	Milwaukee
3 rd	Jolee Sendelbach	10920	49	Madison
Grade 3				
1 st	Oliwia Bilska	524	64	Milwaukee
2 nd	Morgan Boie	4634	24	La Crosse
3 rd	Cathryn Schwegel	3099	43	Madison
Grade 4				
1 st	Krystle Robb	1471	42	Madison
2 nd	Ross Gulczynski	4634	24	La Crosse
3 rd	Morganne Sendek	5798	12	Green Bay

Thanks to all participating councils and their Grand Knights and/or Contest Chairmen who forwarded their **winning posters** and **council report forms promptly** to our hard working Diocesan Coordinators. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated!

Special thanks to those conscientious coordinators who in turn relayed their Diocesan winners' posters and report forms which **summarized the level of council participation**. (They and I were disappointed by the significant number of councils who did not report the number of entries at each grade level and the total! This information is of vital importance in assessing the level of statewide participation!)

Peter J. Schulteis,
State Coordinator



Our Lady of Charity Marian Hour of Prayer

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus will promote devotion to Our Lady of Charity in a Marian prayer service being held Statewide and Orderwide through September 8, 2008. Three copies of the painting of the patroness of Cuba are traveling reproduced here are traveling between councils and parishes throughout the State. The prayer book and complete schedule for the 3 Icons can be found on Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website 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

<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
<u>February 17, 2008 through March 1, 2008</u>		
District 68	District 5	District 83
<u>March 2, 2008 through March 15, 2008</u>		
District 67	District 10	District 87
<u>March 16, 2008 through April 12, 2008</u>		
District 49	District 9	District 89

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“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Send angels of protection, love and comfort to all the service men and women at war. Bring them safely home and



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Councils attaining at least 50% of Membership Quota for the Fr. McGivney Award

Council #	City	% of Fr. McGivney	District #	Diocese
605	Beloit	56%	42	Madison
710	Manitowoc	67%	12	Green Bay
765	Cuba City	50%	41	Madison
973	Kenosha	64%	67	Milwaukee
1002	Antigo	55%	3	Green Bay
1475	Oconto	60%	2	Green Bay
1478	Watertown	50%	48	Madison
1637	Portage	90%	44	Madison
1864	Jefferson	71%	50	Madison
2032	Rhineland	56%	85	Superior
2137	Rice Lake	75%	83	Superior
2487	Oconomowoc	67%	62	Milwaukee
2689	Hartford	100%	66	Milwaukee
2847	Niagara	80%	1	Green Bay
3099	Sauk City	80%	43	Madison
3396	Ft. Atkinson	70%	50	Madison
3464	Elkhorn	50%	70	Milwaukee
3557	Minocqua	60%	85	Superior
3562	Pewaukee	100%	62	Milwaukee
3924	Cross Plains	62%	45	Madison
4416	Bloomington	75%	40	Madison
4527	Madison	93%	47	Madison
4579	East Troy	100%	70	Milwaukee
4586	Madison	71%	47	Madison
4706	Milwaukee	80%	69	Milwaukee
4871	Dodgeville	57%	52	Madison
4877	Ripon	71%	71	Milwaukee
4902	River Falls	50%	81	Superior
5514	Neenah	129%	10	Green Bay
6480	Tennyson-Potosi	160%	40	Madison
6547	Milton	56%	50	Madison
6567	Osceola	60%	88	Superior
6587	Hayward	60%	91	Superior
6689	Coleman	120%	2	Green Bay
6690	Lake Mills	120%	48	Madison
6718	Adams-Friendship	60%	27	La Crosse
6883	Milwaukee	80%	64	Milwaukee
7030	Hammond	80%	81	Superior
7048	Mukwonago	100%	68	Milwaukee
7827	Woodruff	200%	85	Superior
8810	Winneconne	80%	10	Green Bay
9070	Hillsboro	60%	20	La Crosse
9360	Janesville	240%	49	Madison
9385	Holmen	143%	25	La Crosse
10552	Green Bay	140%	13	Green Bay
10715	Germantown	100%	63	Milwaukee
10893	Madison	60%	51	Madison
10914	Onalaska	67%	25	La Crosse
10919	Little Chute	60%	9	Green Bay
12269	Appleton	100%	9	Green Bay
12662	Nekoosa-Port Edwards	60%	30	La Crosse
13733	Village of Big	60%	68	Milwaukee
13880	Plover	220%	27	La Crosse

Great Job on Fraternal Survey

The Fraternal Survey is the report that kept the Knights of Columbus tax exempt from income taxes. We just have a few councils that need to complete this task. It is important that each council send in this report. The Diocesan Coordinators and State Officers will be calling District Deputies and Grand Knights to insure that it is submitted. Here is a list of councils that neither the State Office nor Supreme has received.

596	2990	6560	10158
605	3095	6568	10260
614	3492	6586	10552
765	4106	6719	10675
832	4295	6754	10920
1080	4392	6776	11834
1386	4520	6786	11884
1669	4579	6883	12183
1744	4634	7022	12185
1825	4646	7030	12269
1864	4692	7048	12468
2035	4831	7228	12491
2055	4948	7798	12596
2210	5127	7894	12606
2487	5415	8061	12673
2556	5844	8108	12677
2770	6279	9371	13083
2836	6444	9546	
2854	6464	9608	

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO BIDDING FOR THE
WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

- Try to have a minimum of 40 bowling lanes available in one or two Bowling centers.
- You will need to have all facilities available for 8 - 10 weekends.
- Dates should run from early February through April.
- No bowling occurs during the Easter Triduum.
- Accommodations must be available nearby that match the number of bowlers and guests each weekend.
- Councils may team up with another council for joint bids
- The number of volunteers needed to have a successful tournament is substantial.
- Your clubrooms should be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday each weekend of the tournament.