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# Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes



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### State Chaplain

October gives us so many wonderful feast days to celebrate; a great reminder that holiness comes in so many different ways of following our Lord. The Little Flower (St. Therese) is Oct 1. Then the Guardian Angels (Oct. 2), St. Francis (Oct.4), St. Teresa (Oct.15), St. Luke (Oct. 18), St. John Brebeuf (Oct. 19). They all lived the faith in very different ways. From life in a monastery to life in the big city in Europe to the frontier of the New World. We see their lives poured out for others each day. What they have in common is their love of Jesus Christ and their neighbor who was most in need, physically or spiritually. The other is that they were all born. It seems rather obvious, but in our own time who knows how many saints were not allowed to live because someone made a choice? October is pro-life month. We have been blest. Life may be something we take for granted. But the 4000+ each day killed in the womb do not! As Carl Anderson said at the Supreme Convention {the Order} will never give in. To those who say it is time to put the issue of abortion behind us, the Supreme Knight said, "We have to ask. What kind of Catholics do they think we are? Is it possible that they do not realize that we will never cease to persevere against the evil of abortion?" The saints in their own ways worked for life whether caring for the neediest or sick in mind, body or spirit. By our baptism we are all called to be saints. Let us find that time in prayer to see how God is calling each one of us.

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Why not try the Rosary and the joyful mysteries recalling that Jesus too was born as we are and needed his Mother and foster father to care for him. Even for them life was not easy, but it was cherished and protected.

Vivat Jesus!

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

### State Deputy

The State Officers congratulate all the members that took their Fourth Degree on September 29, 2007 in Wisconsin Rapids. Every Knights of Columbus member should strive to take all their degrees; each Degree has a lesson and we should take advantage of them.

Believe in the Program; every Council should have a program to recruit new member each month, especially during the months of October and March. It is the responsibility of every Knight to recruit new members. If the Knights of Columbus and their programs are to survive in the State of Wisconsin, we must keep our founder's vision alive to enable us to assist our Priests and communities for generations to come. Make Recruitment an Everyday Priority.

As Grand Knight, you have a responsibility to help guide your council to meet or exceed your membership quota. You need to appoint a membership director and retention committee. "Please", no 1845 forms unless you have followed the retention guidelines.

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After you bring a new member into the 1st Degree, get him involved.

In the first quarter of the fraternal year we see ourselves falling behind in membership goals. Lets see if we can pick up the pace and get on track. I know the United Wisconsin Team can do this.

Marian Hour of Prayer: The schedule for the Icons is included in this newsletter. Each District should schedule an hour of prayer when the Icon is in 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?

Respect Life, I urge every member to contribute to this Very Worthy Program. The State Officers and Respect Life Team will be reviewing grants and allocating funds. The Respect Life Committee and our State Chaplain have worked very hard on this program.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Officers elected to a new term in Phoenix, AZ October 7, 2007 for the coming year: Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis A. Sovoie, Supreme Treasurer John W. "Jack" O'Reilly, Supreme Advocate Paul R. Devin, Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori, Donald Kehoe new Supreme Secretary, also elected to the Board was Michael O'Connor and Logan Ludwig.

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The United Wisconsin State Officers, Fr. John Potaczek, State Chaplain and Eileen Ripp, Administrative Manager held the first planning meeting for the 2008 State Convention. The meeting was held at the Portage Clubhouse October 7, 2007. Council 1637 served an excellent breakfast and hosted the meeting. District Deputy Bob Halaska gave a report on last years Convention. Districts 20 and 44 will be the host Districts for the 2008 Convention.

Every council should have turned in their forms 185, 365 and their audits. If you have not turned in these Reports you will be contacted to complete them. This is a Supreme Council requirement for every council.

Every council should be compiling their History Book information and reviewing their potential nominee's application for the Medallion Award. Many Brother Knights are deserving of this award for their years of service to the Knights of Columbus. Check our State Web site for information and the application.

We have many things to thank Our Lord for that we have received over our life time.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Halloween!

God Bless all of you!

***Fraternally,  
Robert J. Abb  
State Deputy***

**State Secretary**

My Brother Knights;

As chosen Officers of your councils, you have been invested with the jewels of office symbolic of the authority to lead your Brothers in the ways of your wisdom, and to administer the affairs of the council in the days to come "Wear them proudly".

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Grand Knight – The Anchor, indicative of Columbus, the Mariner: The anchor has also been a variant form of the Cross for centuries.

Chaplain – Isabella Cross in silver and blue, self explanatory.

Deputy Grand Knight – The Compass, also used by Columbus, the Mariner. The Knights of Columbus Compass is known as the Compass of Virtue, its 32 flame-like rays representing the 32 virtues which may be possessed by men.

Chancellor – The Isabella Cross, with Skull and Crossbones: The cross is self-explanatory while the skull and crossbones are symbolic of man's mortality.

Recorder – Crossed quills, symbolic of his responsibilities for letter and document records, writing and preservation.

Financial Secretary – Crossed key and quill. The key has always been associated with an officer concerned with money, safe keeping and secrecy. The quill is the symbol of a "scribe" – a record keeper, one who writes letters, documents, etc.

Treasurer – Crossed Keys, symbolic of his complete authority over funds, (money), particularly responsible for its safekeeping.

Lecturer – Lyre and Scroll. These are traditionally symbolic of music and literature and the arts. Hence the lecturer is in charge of entertainment.

Advocate – The scroll legal literature and law with sword, the power to defend and enforce the law.

Warden – An axe bound with rods, known as a fasces, traditionally carried by the guards or protectors of Roman magistrates as a symbol of authority. The warden, ideally, has and exercises that authority.

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Inside Guard Outside Guards – Crossed Axes and Key. Key is symbolic of a guardian, secrecy and responsibility for safekeeping and admission. Axe is indicative of authority even to the point of punishment to maintain it. Originally, the axe was symbolic of power over life and death.

Trustee – An anchor mounted on an axe bound with rods (fasces) over crossed swords. Symbolizes Columbus, authority and the power to defend and enforce the law.

Emblem of the Order Dress Jewel – may be worn at any formal Knights of Columbus event by Third and Fourth Degree members.

The Columbian Squires Emblem – Letters on the arms of the Maltese Cross represents: "P" physical development; "I" intellectual development; "S" spiritual growth and practice of our faith; "C" development of citizenship and civic life. The large letters represent; "C Christ; "S" Squires; "K" Knights of Columbus. The Squires motto "Esto Dignus is Latin for "Be Worthy."

Each man who is privileged to call himself a Knight of Columbus has a personal talent, one capacity in which he excels to a greater extent than his fellowmen. This is true of each member of your councils. Your election to these important posts of leadership which you have assumed was the outward manifestation of the respect and confidence accorded to you by your Brother Knights.

God Bless you and the Knights of Columbus

***Roland Ransom  
State Secretary***

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### 2008 Electronic Notice Filing Requirement

Many Councils have received a Notice from IRS that every Council has to file an annual electronic notice for tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006. Previously, any Council who had receipts of \$25,000 or more needed to file a Form 990 or 990-EZ. There is new legislation that will require all Councils, Assemblies and Home Corporations to file electronically an annual notice with the IRS containing basic contact and financial information.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(8). Every Council in the State of Wisconsin has a fraternal year that runs from the start of July to the end of June. You are allowed to file your return by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth month after the close of your year. Therefore, the first time that you will need to file an electronic return will be November 15, 2008 for the year ending June 30, 2008. On this electronic return, you will be required to state your organization's legal name, address, website if you have one, name and address of Grand Knight, and verify that your annual gross receipts are under \$25,000.

#### ACTION TO TAKE AT THIS TIME:

1. File to get an Employer Identification Number (EIN) if your Council or Assembly does not have one.
2. Sign up for Exempt Organization's EO Update, a regular e-mail newsletter that highlights new information posted on the charities pages of irs.gov. To subscribe go to [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) and click on Newsletter.

We will try to keep you updated on this matter in future Newsletters

*Dennis Rakowski*  
*Financial Review Committee*

Look for Details on the following Degree Dates in the upcoming issues of the WI Knights of Columbus Notes

#### Second and Third Degrees Scheduled in Wisconsin

##### Second Degrees

Date	Time	Sponsor	Location	District Deputy	Phone	District
Oct. 21, 2007	10:00 A.M.	1386	Platteville	Gerald Leifker	608-568-7585	41
Oct. 21, 2007	11:15 A.M.	4580	Hales Corners	Kenneth Schmidt	262-534-4265	68
Oct. 28, 2007	10:30 A.M.	617	Green Bay	Raymond Cousineau	920-494-6255	7
Nov. 11, 2007	10:45 A.M.	9082	Madison	Richard Rinehart	608-223-9146	47

##### Third Degrees

Date	Time	Sponsor	Location	District Deputy	Phone	District
Oct. 21, 2007	1:00 P.M.	1386	Platteville	Gerald Leifker	608-568-7585	41
Oct. 21, 2007	1:30 P.M.	4580	Hales Corners	Kenneth Schmidt	262-534-4265	68
Oct. 28, 2007	1:30 P.M.	617	Green Bay	Raymond Cousineau	920-494-6255	7
Nov. 11, 2007	1:15 P.M.	9082	Madison	Richard Rinehart	608-223-9146	47

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

##### Fourth Degrees

Date	Time	Location	Eastern/Western District	Phone
April 12, 208		Oconomowoc	Eastern	Ed Vander Bloomen 920-683-8996
May 17, 2008		Tomah	Western	Charles Wiederholt 608-744-2868

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Membership Musings

The Fall series of Diocesan Meetings have now ended. The District Meetings were conducted during the months of July and August, and the District Deputy Workshop was carried out at the end of June 2007. These informal workshops bring to a conclusion the triumvirate of instructional and inspirational discussions used to prepare District Deputies, Grand Knights, Officers, and their Councils for the 2007/2008 Fraternal Year (FY). Now comes the first test! Beginning this month the first of two Wisconsin Recruitment Activity Project (**W.R.A.P.**, formerly known as the Membership Blitz) reports for the FY are scheduled. By the time you read this information the **W.R.A.P.** will be nearly in the hands of the State Membership Coordinator (a.k.a. me). Thank you for your help in forwarding this information. You, as Grand Knights and District Deputies will be hearing and reading, either directly or indirectly, more about the results you have so generously provided. Also, I hope each and every Membership Recruitment Activity Program in the State of Wisconsin was a success. But now, briefly, on to a couple of other topics that are directly or indirectly related to Membership and Membership Recruitment.

**Retention – It is not just a Form #1845.** Okay, you have just recruited and exemplified one or more New Members. Now what? Why not spend a little time finding the interests of your Council's newest assets. This can be done in at least one of two ways. The first and easiest approach is to provide each newly exemplified member with a copy of a "**Member Interest Survey Form**" (Form #1842). This free form can be ordered from the K of C Supply Dept. in New Haven, CT. and it provides the new member the opportunity to indicate his preferential area or areas of interest. A second way, which is a little more specific to your Council, but will require some additional work, is to provide a similar Survey Form tailored specifically for your Council activities.

Once the survey is completed, forward it to the appropriate activity Chairman. Then, when the Council sponsors an activity in the appropriate area of interest, it is important to make sure the New Member is requested to help in the Council program/project/fund raiser/etc.

On another front New Members should be actively encouraged to attend Council Meetings. Do not be afraid to be a little aggressive. And, by "aggressive" I do not mean "black mailing", "kidnapping", "hijacking", or other equivalent approach. But, certainly telephoning and personally escorting (again not kidnapping!!!) the New Recruit to a meeting certainly is apt.

What this all refers to is what I call "Front End" Retention. The purpose of this "pro-active" Retention is to cultivate active and productive Members. They are members who will serve as Program Chairmen, Officers, and ultimately Council Grand Knights. This is the type of investment that will help minimize the other form of Retention, which can be described as "Back End" Retention. This "Back End" version is the version that involves the infamous Form #1845 ("**Notice of Intent to Suspend**").

Every Council Member requires some form of Retention. For the long term health and vitality of the Council, which do you think is more constructive, beneficial, and rewarding?

**Parish Round Tables – They really do inspire Membership and Council growth.** At the time this column is being assembled the newest Knights of Columbus Council in the State of Wisconsin is St. Mary Council (#14362) in Kenosha, WI. Congratulations to newly elected Grand Knight John Walther and appointed Financial Secretary Kenneth Glidden and also to District Deputy Joseph Clementi. Your perseverance and diligence in accomplishing this feat are certainly worth recognizing.

Now, the question is: What type of path was followed in the organization of this most recent achievement? (The subtitle for this segment might be considered a hint!) That is right, prior to establishing a Council at St. Mary's Church, a Parish Round Table, sponsored by St. John Neumann Council (#973), was in existence. From my discussions with DD Clementi I learned that the Pastor at St. Mary's Church was encouraged by the visibility and support by the K of C Members who participated in the St. Mary Parish Round Table. So much so, the Pastor wanted to take the next step and organize a Parish-Based Council.

So, how has this affected the Sponsoring Council (#973)? My latest statistics (dated 1 October 2007) show that St. John Neumann Council has increased by six New Members since the beginning of the 2007/2008 FY. This represents better than 50% of their quota (11) needed to achieve The Fr. McGivney Award. This, in my opinion, is not the image of a faltering or dying Council. At the same time St. Mary Council (#14362) has exemplified 23 New Members. In short this appears to be a "win-win" situation. A new Council has been organized to serve the specific needs of a Parish and the Council, who sponsored a Parish Round Table, is now receiving the benefit of additional publicity and goodwill for itself, which is measured in New or Reactivated Members.

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This is “food for thought” for larger Non-Parish-Based Councils looking for ways to shake up a little publicity!!

**The B.O.R.E.D. report – Here are just a few words on numbers.** The month of September for the most part has shown a positive up-tick. All Dioceses/Archdioceses, with the exception of Superior, have shown a substantial increase in New and Reactivated Members (N.E.M. in the Membership Summary Table) over August. Also, all Dioceses/Archdioceses, with the exception of Green Bay, have shown either no increase or a decrease in the number of Withdrawn and Suspended Members (N.A.W.S. in the following Table).

The good news is that the State of Wisconsin is coming off a very positive summer with respect to Membership Recruitment. Now, with the recently completed “focused” Membership Recruiting Programs taking place during the months of September and October, your State Membership Coordinator and the Numerical Nerds at the **Bureau Of Really Exciting Data (B.O.R.E.D.)** are looking forward to some “explosive” Membership News to pass along next month.

In closing please remember one important point. I consider myself and the role I serve in this organization is that of a facilitator. By that I mean **Your Goals are My Goals!** If you have any question relating to Membership or any other topic related to the Knights of Columbus, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will do whatever I can to help resolve your concern or question.

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

### **The Race to the Kalahari, - A Monthly Serial of Membership Recruitment By: Schreiner, The-Salivating-Sasquatch**

Chapter Three – *Leading by a “Hare”*

*[The race to this point: After a scene similar to the weigh-in prior to a championship boxing match, filled with hype and bold predictions the Growling Gazelles of Madison leaped to an early lead. They were being closely chased by the fleet-footed Rabid Rabbits originating from Milwaukee. The Rabbits later closed to within a “hare” by the second leg of the competition. Pit Crew members Geary “Spike” Spykerman and Ed “Too Tall” Cross, egged on by their chief, Dave “Red Neck” Hallada, all from the last place Avenging Armadillos of Green Bay were crying foul. All this transpired while Max “The Rhymester” Bachhuber and the Galloping Gophers hailing from La Crosse refused all interviews by this reporter and other members of the Salivating Sasquatch investigating team. And, now the saga continues....]*

Fr. John “The Friar” Potaczek, called in to review alleged tainted fuel and biased reporting by the beleaguered Avenging Armadillos, found all five racing teams and their pit crews competing with proper membership recruitment plans. But “The Friar” warned the Avenging Armadillos and their pit crew to focus their attention to the race track and forget about “race trickery”!! The behind-the-scenes affairs were quelled, but only for a short time. This time it was the relatively quiet, proper, and “contented cows” from Superior. Hull’s Howling Heifers were hooting like mad loons on a cold spring evening. More on this latest “cheesy” affair later, for now let’s focus on the happenings down on the track.

At the beginning of this, the third leg of The Race to the Kalahari, all teams and their pit crews are finally beginning to focus on racing (a.k.a. Membership Recruitment). The Rabid Rabbits continue to scamper down the track in hot pursuit of the hurtling Growling Gazelles. Actually all teams with the exception of the Howling Heifers have begun to put the pedal to the metal. As we approach the end of this juncture of a twelve stage affair, here are the standings: Ransom’s Rabid Rabbits (19.0%) have eked out a lead by a whisker over Genthe’s Growling Gazelles (18.8%). And, due to some aggressive maneuvering by both Abb’s Avenging Armadillos (11.4%) and Guski’s Galloping Gophers (13.6%), Hull’s Howling Heifers (14.8%) are beginning to experience thunder at their heels. However, positions have yet to change as the Armadillos continue to trail the Gophers (4<sup>th</sup>) and the Heifers (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Meanwhile, the Sasquatch Network has once again uncovered more commotion and unsettling occurrences in the race pits. This time Tom “The Sage” Rudolph has pointed out what he and his pit crew for the Heifers (Dennis “King Pin” Ashbeck and Chris “The Lone Ranger” Seeber) claim are some nefarious affairs by Guski’s Galloping Gophers.

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The Gophers are the same team that up to now have closed off all correspondence and visits by the roving Sasquatches. Also, Max "The Rhymester" Bachhuber, the silent, taciturn technician for the Gophers was seen with an unidentified visitor! Research by this reporter's team has identified the man as Ron "The Log Jammer" Shymanski! What, if any, questionable activities are the garrulous Galloping Gophers up to? And, who is this new face in the Gopher "den"?

It looks like "The Friar's" work is not over! Stay tuned for more as the Salivating Sasquatches continue their unprecedented and fearless reporting next month....

*By: Schreiner, The-Salivating-Sasquatch*

### 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	74	34	45.7	24	10	46	3	19
La Crosse	280.0	70	38	54.3	11	27	35	19	9
Madison	297.5	74	56	75.3	15	41	40	17	7
Milwaukee	315.0	79	60	76.2	15	45	41	21	9
Superior	210.0	53	31	59.0	13	18	32	17	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>54</b>

Circle of Honor	Current Status (i.e. Needed)
835	694

Change in Membership
-53

Deceased Members
194

Membership at Beginning of FY	Current Membership
38,577	38,524

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



### Badger Bulletin

#### Brother Knights, Ladies and Families,

Thank you for the many articles and pictures sent in for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Badger Bulletin. Also a BIG thank you for the many e-mails and phone calls commenting on the looks, information and articles provided in the Bulletin.

The 4<sup>th</sup> edition will be out early next year and with your help we can take the Badger Bulletin to the next level. We will add color to the center section of the paper, organize by groups with main stories in the front, center and back of the paper and special topics.

Now all we need are your articles and pictures. I am asking for a little help in this area. When you send in your article 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.

With the many council activities being planned, Council Anniversaries, Columbus Day Dinners, Pass/Punt/Kick, Christmas Socials, etc what better place to promote these activities than your Badger Bulletin. With the 24 page edition, the Bulletin can go with you when you hold your membership drives or visit potential new members.

If for some reason you did not receive a copy of the Badger Bulletin, please contact your Financial Secretary. He will check your current address against the Supreme Council address. The mailing addresses for the Badger Bulletin come from Supreme. We want to be assured that all members are receiving the Badger Bulletin.

Please send your articles and pictures directly to me or to the State office via direct mailing or e-mail. [ransomsmc@aol.com](mailto:ransomsmc@aol.com)

*Fraternally,  
 Roland Ransom  
 State Secretary*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Missing Reports

It is important that councils send in their Report of Officers, Coordinators and Audits. Without these report council officers and coordinators could be missing important communications from the Supreme and State Councils. Here is a list of council reports that neither the State Office or Supreme has received. We are asking all District Deputies to follow up with councils to insure these reports are sent in promptly.

Report of Officers (185)		Report of Coordinators				July Audit	
		365					
42	605	7	617	88	6450	49	596
80	669	46	746	25	6487	42	605
42	1080	80	832	50	6547	80	832
42	1471	28	1069	90	6560	41	1386
24	4634	90	1133	91	6586	42	1471
8	4692	29	1654	91	6587	41	1501
24	5127	71	1837	2	6689	48	1669
4	6444	26	1840	62	6776	85	2032
88	6450	4	2210	64	6883	24	4634
8	6464	11	2556	51	6997	8	4692
40	6480	64	3095	89	7022	4	4896
91	6586	62	3562	86	7132	24	5127
62	6776	46	3805	87	7277	28	5488
64	6883	45	3924	89	9371	13	5844
89	7022	20	4295	83	9546	87	6370
86	7132	9	4489	90	10675	4	6444
87	7277	8	4692	7	10714	88	6450
89	9371	23	4697	63	10976	8	6464
83	9546	69	4706	71	11301	90	6560
90	10675	24	5127	7	11834	47	6568
63	10715	21	5193	11	12079	89	6754
11	12079	85	5415	3	12185	87	7277
28	12467	69	5438	28	12467	8	8061
9	12596	13	5844	49	12491	89	9371
61	12621	89	6051	26	12606	83	9546
65	13583	62	6436	61	12621	6	10260
47	65680	4	6444	65	13583	90	10675
						63	10715
						9	10919
						61	11657
						11	12079
						28	12467
						49	12491
						9	12596
						26	12606
						65	13583
						68	13733

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

WI K of C Notes Article Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. October 10, 2007  
By: Roger Gorst, Vice-President

“Are donations to the Knights of Columbus deductible?” Supreme provides an answer to that question, No. 4. annually in a letter attachment to councils known as MOST COMMON QUESTIONS REGARDING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATUS. First, in the answer to Question 1, “Is the Knights of Columbus a charity under IRC Section 501(c)(3)?” Supreme answers, “No. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society under IRC Sec. 501(c)(8). It goes on to explain that organized under this IRC code, that Knights of Columbus-Supreme and State and Subordinate councils are exempt from income tax, except for unrelated business income. It also clarifies that State legislatures grant tax exemption from sales tax to qualified IRC Section 501(c)(3) corporations, such as, Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., but not to councils under IRC Section 501(c)(8).

However, in the answer to Question 4., Supreme responds that, “... Donations to the Knights of Columbus for fraternal or social purposes are never deductible. In some limited instances donations for charitable purposes (not fraternal or social) might be treated as charitable and possibly deductible ...and only by an individual donor taxpayer, never by a non-person taxpayer or entity taxpayer ... “ A provision in IRC Sec. 170(c)(4) allows for this exception and provides for other compliances. According to IRS Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, (Rev. March 2005), page 17, “An organization that is exempt from federal income tax ... may, ... establish a fund, separate and apart from its other funds, exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. If the fund is organized and operated exclusively for these purposes, it may qualify for exemption as an organization described in section 501(c)(3), and contributions made to it will be deductible as provided by section 170. A fund with these characteristics must be organized in such a manner as to prohibit the use of its funds upon dissolution, or otherwise, for the general purposes of the organization creating it.” In other words, the latter statement means that any separately created funds for charitable purposes described above must be distributed to a qualifying charitable purpose upon dissolution of the fund. These funds can not revert to the general operations of the organization. That’s the same provision of dissolving funds of a 501(c)(3) organization. In addition, to meeting qualifying donated fund distributions for charitable purposes, the council also needs to report contributions and distributions in IRS Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, completing and attaching Schedules A and B, where necessary. Charitable contributions from individuals amounting to \$250 or more must provide a written acknowledgement to the donor as required in IRS Publication 1771.

For any council applying section 170, council officers, especially, the financial secretary should obtain IRS Publication 557, referenced above, as a guideline in administering individual tax-exempt contributions for charitable purposes. This publication is especially helpful in defining, in general terms and examples, qualifying charitable purposes for each religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational category. One may encounter situations in administering these segregated funds that may not be covered by descriptions provided in this publication. In those cases, council officers may need to seek professional advice or research other suitable references, which provide guidance for application to a similar given situation.

It is good that our federal legislators provided IRS section 170 as an exception to non-501 (c)(3) organizations to accept individual tax-exempt contributions for categorical charitable purposes, but, with it, is given responsibilities to administer it within the regulations provided. It behooves council officers to administer these funds properly so as not to jeopardize the council’s reputation and future tax-exempt status. The board of directors of the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. bears those same responsibilities and concerns in order to maintain its non-profit, tax-exempt status as the State Council’s 501(c)(3) corporation.

IRS Publication 557 also provides guidance for those councils desiring to form a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation. Those requirements are planned for coverage in a future State Council publication article.

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### The True Meaning of Christmas”

The 2007-2008 Poster Contest “window” is from Nov.15th to Dec.15th. Students in Grades 1 – 4 in private or public schools as well as those home schooled are eligible for statewide competition. (Entries submitted by 5th and 6th graders may NOT advance beyond the Council Level.)

Grand Knights/Contest Chairmen \*must complete the official Poster Contest Report Forms dated 9/01 found in the Wisconsin Book and on the state website. Send them along with your \*First Place posters to your \*Diocesan Coordinator by Dec. 20th, 2007. Be sure to return all contest entries, preferably with participation certificates promptly. Awards are determined by each \*participating council. Diocesan Coordinators will in turn forward their 1st and 2nd Place winning posters to the State Poster Contest Coordinator by \*Dec. 31st, 2007. Diocesan awards should be mailed to the winners and their names sent to each District Deputy to be forwarded to participating councils. All other entries should be returned to the contestants promptly.

State awards will be mailed to the 12 finalists and their posters will be displayed at the 2008 Convention in Appleton. The rest of the entries will be returned to each Diocesan Coordinator to be returned to the contestants.

I respectfully request \*Grand Knights to record the number of entries at \*each grade level on the report forms so that each Diocesan Coordinator can tally the number of COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS in his diocese. With this information I can more accurately complete my annual report to the State Officers. Your efforts to make this year’s contest a success are sincerely appreciated.

*Peter J. Schulteis*

*State Coordinator  
Knowledge and Poster Contests*

### State Charity Raffle

A change in the prize list for the 2008 Charity Raffle was necessitated by the fact that we could not find a hybrid car, manufactured by a U S car manufacturer, that would guarantee that they would have one available by the time of the raffle. We had heard that Chevrolet was to have a true hybrid in the 2008 models but according to our source, they still don't know where the car will be manufactured. We will try again in 2009.

So we went back to our Harley dealer and asked him what he could do for us. During 2007 and before the end of December, Harley is making their **105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Bikes and Harley will never produce them again.** So our cash alternate for the \$25,000 prize will be a **105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition FLHX Street Glide Bike** and the cash alternative for the \$10,000 prize will be a **105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition XL 1200 Bike.** To get these bikes at the end of April is a real coo for us as the dealer, Mischler's in Beaver Dam, will work with us to get these bikes available to us at raffle time. This should be a great opportunity to sell tickets with these two bikes as cash alternatives and we are told that they will be **Classic Bikes.**

The tickets will go to UPS on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and they will be sent to District Deputies except where there is no District Deputy they will be sent to Grand Knights.

**REMEMBER—Charity is not fun and games---Charity is serious business.**

*Dennis T. Rakowski  
State Charity Chairman*

### State Charity Grants

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

\$2,000 to a five year old girl from Gillett who was born with XPD and TTD which diseases cause many problems such as immune deficiency, development delays and many others.

\$2,500 to a 19 year old college student from Larsen who was in the hospital for almost two months and whose father had 7 surgeries on his back since May, 2004.

\$1,000 to a widow in her late 70s from Greenwood whose husband died in a fire and was a Knight for 43 years to help pay for a headstone.

\$2,000 to a 50 year old man who was recently diagnosed with leukemia from Potosi and he had a stem cell transplant using his sister's stem cells.

\$2,000 to a 40 year old single man from Campbellsport who was diagnosed with cancer and Doctors are trying to shrink his tumors with medication that costs \$1,900 per month.

\$1,000 to a 55 year old man from Beloit who has had Cerebral Palsy since birth and lost his job as an auto mechanic.

**REMEMBER---we make a living by what we do**

**But we make a life by what we give.**

*Dennis Rakowski  
State Charity Chairman*

Respect For Life

40 DAYS FOR LIFE One of our Bishops wrote: Our work as advocates for unborn children and their mothers has been presented with a powerful effort called "40 Days for Life". This will be 40 days of continuous prayer, 24 hours a day outside Planned Parenthood abortion facilities, and is rapidly spreading across our nation with over 75 cities in 36 states joining the prayer campaign at this time. I am asking you, Brother Knights, to join our ranks as praying witnesses over the 40 days, which will commence on September 26 and end on November 4. I am especially aware of the need to have good Christian men step forward to serve across the 40 nights of this special prayer vigil for life, and ask you to consider the sacrifice of a comfortable evening at home for the opportunity to be part of this historic moment of nationwide prayer for life."

Please do not let your Council miss out of this historic moment! When we achieve our God-ordained victory, we Knights of Columbus can stand and proudly proclaim that we have been consistently defending life since before Roe v Wade; from the opening salvo through the final battle. Schedule your vigil hours by calling 877-LIFE-360.

OCTOBER APPEAL Please watch your mail!

This year's appeal letter is on the way. In that letter, space is very limited; sorry, no stories. But please know that your Respect Life Team carefully scrutinizes every application for funds and that we do our very best to use the monies you donate to do the most good in the areas of saving lives, healing, prevention, and lifting our culture to life. Please encourage the Knights of your Council to respond generously. And please include with your dues notices, both in your newsletter and in any separate mailings, the option to voluntarily contribute \$3.50 to the Respect Life Fund in the same way that you provide that option for PKD for Catholic Education.

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST Next Steps: NOVEMBER: Immediate judging at council level. Send winners to Diocesan Program Director by November 20.

DECEMBER: Diocesan winning essays to reach State Chairman by December 10.

For more information, go to <http://www.wikofc.com/ces/fileman/forms/respectforlife.pdf>

Vivat Jesus!

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

Let us commend our 40 Days efforts to Saint Philomena, and ask her intercession to use these 40 Days to strengthen in us the virtue of chastity.

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=98](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=98)

<http://www.saintphilomena.com/aboutst.htm>

<http://www.philomena.org/ULRA/philomena2.html>



Our Lady of Charity  
Marian Prayer Service



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, reproduced here, are traveling between council and parishes throughout 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). Enclosed is the schedule for the districts which will be hosting the image for the coming year.

Contact your District Deputy to schedule a visit of the image of Our Lady of Charity to your council or parish when it is in your District.

Fraternally yours  
Tim Genthe  
State Advocate

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Diocesan Families of the Month

September , 2007

The following Families have been chosen for Diocesan Family of the Month

**Green Bay Diocese**

Mike and Sue Michalko                      Council 6689/2  
Pesthigo, WI

**La Crosse Diocese**

Matthew and Rhonda Elstran              Council 974/22  
Chippewa Falls, WI

**Madison Diocese**

Eric and Jodi Little                              Council 6690/48  
Lake Mills, WI

**Milwaukee Archdiocese**

Joseph and Terry Sommers              Council 13733/68  
Muskego, WI

**Superior Diocese**

Andrew and Renee Lutz                      Council 7848/89  
Turtle 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; include photos showing the family members participating in events they are involved in.

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). We are wasting postage by sending them to the State Office and then they have to mail them to me.

**Joe Oberweis**  
*State Family Coordinator*

### 2007-2008 Directory Corrections Phone Number Correction

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**New District Deputies**

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***District Deputy #24***

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***District Deputy #91***

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**New Grand Knight**

**8817/66**

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**Please correct spelling of FS Last Name:**

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**Jesse Maier**  
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**Nathan Heit**  
**Gary Wollin**  
**Duane Held**  
**Sgt. Jason E. Hull**  
 Unit 6000  
**Corporal Charles C.**  
**Andrychowicz,**  
 Stationed in Japan  
**Corporal Bryant M. Graff, USMC**  
**Lieutenant Dan Toshner, ARMY**

***“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, Amen”***

**State Officers 2007-2008**

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**WI State Council Office: Phone: 608-274-5750, Fax: 608-274-8522, Eileen Ripp, Administrative Manager, eripp@wikofc.com**

Degree Team

HELP WANTED !!

Someone who would like to be more than just a once a month go to meeting member. We need someone who is willing to be a contributing member and to use his talents to be part of a degree staff that will suit those talents. We will provide "on the job" training. You provide the dedication. Your decision, whether you choose to belong to the 1st Degree Team on the Council level; the 2nd Degree Team on the District level or the epitome in degree work, to be a part of a 3rd Degree Team.

Degree work is most satisfying. The obvious is when you joined; someone had to bring the lessons of the K of C's to your attention. If you are interested in belonging to a 1st Degree Team, see your Grand Knight or DD; the 2nd Degree Team the DD is the go to guy; the 3rd Degree Team either the DD or the State Officer assigned to you Diocese.

***Fraternaly,***  
***Erv Jankowiak, PSD***  
***Ceremonial Chairman***

**OUR LADY OF CHARITY  
MARIAN HOUR OF PRAYER**

October 7, 2007 - August 30, 2008

**Schedule**

<b><u>Icon #1</u></b>	<b><u>Icon #2</u></b>	<b><u>Icon #3</u></b>
<b><u>October 7, 2007 through</u></b> District 66	<b><u>October 20, 2007</u></b> District 2	<b><u>October 20, 2007</u></b> District 30
<b><u>October 21, 2007 through</u></b> District 65	<b><u>November 3,</u></b> District 1	<b><u>November 3,</u></b> District 24
<b><u>November 4, through</u></b> District 71	<b><u>December 1, 2007</u></b> District 6	<b><u>December 1, 2007</u></b> District 90
<b><u>December 2, 2007 through</u></b> District 64	<b><u>January 5, 2008</u></b> District 3	<b><u>January 5, 2008</u></b> District 85
<b><u>January 6, 2008 through</u></b> District 63	<b><u>January 19, 2008</u></b> District 28	<b><u>January 19, 2008</u></b> District 86
<b><u>January 20, 2008 through</u></b> District 70	<b><u>February 2, 2008</u></b> District 27	<b><u>February 2, 2008</u></b> District 80
<b><u>February 3, 2008 through</u></b> District 69	<b><u>February 16, 2008</u></b> District 20	<b><u>February 16, 2008</u></b> District 91
<b><u>February 17, 2008 through</u></b> District 68	<b><u>March 1, 2008</u></b> District 5	<b><u>March 1, 2008</u></b> District 83
<b><u>March 2, 2008 through</u></b> District 67	<b><u>March 15, 2008</u></b> District 10	<b><u>March 15, 2008</u></b> District 87

