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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	315.0	52.500	24	45.7	54	-30	53	11	10
La Crosse	220.5	36.750	19	51.7	11	8	43	15	9
Madison	267.8	44.634	19	42.6	20	-1	49	13	6
Milwaukee	661.5	110.250	27	24.5	14	13	43	14	5
Superior	110.2	18.366	21	114.3	9	12	39	11	3
Totals	1,575	262.50	110	41.9	108	2	227	64	33

Circle of Honor	Current Status (i.e. Needed)
1,575	1,465

Change in Membership
-144

Deceased Members
146

Membership at Beginning of FY	Current Membership
38,094	37,950

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

Message from the State Deputy

My Brother Knights;

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson wants to see a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish in the United States. We can accomplish this by establishing new councils in every parish large enough to support a council. In 1882, our founder Father Michael J. McGivney dedicated his life to welcome families to be better Catholics, be more involved in the parish life and be responsible parents. Father McGivney left that legacy to every council and every Knight. We can get closer to our founders vision of a council in every parish, when father says "I would like a council in my parish". We have a unique working relationship between the Knights and the clergy. "There is no other organization in the Church today that a bishop or priest can turn to for unqualified support. "The Knights of Columbus steps forward. We

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Membership Musings

Summer is nearly over, and with the cool crisp breeze, colorful foliage, and the first frosty morning of the season everyone's thoughts turn to that fall sport: **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT in the K of C!** Let's talk a little "Recruitment"! (What did you think I was referring to??)

- **The Senior Round Up: The Final Reminder!**
- **The Fall 2009 W.R.A.P. & Membership Recruitment Period: Almost Final Reminder!**
- **The Membership Prospect List**
- **Notes from the B.O.R.E.D.**

Senior Round Up: The Final Reminder!? – I promise this is the last comment/reminder/nudge/mention/note/remark/prod/prompt/cue/reference/statement on the **Senior Round Up** for

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Chaplain Report

This article is being written one day after the birthday of our Blessed Mother Mary and on the feast of St. Peter Claver. This particular saint has a lot of relevance for us as Knights of Columbus and for me personally. You see, when I was a child in grade school I attended a Catholic School in Sheboygan at a parish named after St. Peter Claver (and that parish was named and built in 1888, the very year Pope Leo XIII canonized Peter Claver naming him the patron of all who work among Black Slaves. Peter was born in 1581 in Spain. He decided to be a Jesuit missionary and came to the "new world" just as Christopher Columbus did in 1492. Peter came in 1610 and was ordained a priest in 1615. He began his work among the slaves pouring into the city of Cartagena (now Columbia) at the rate of 10,000 a year. Most of these

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State Secretary

On September 11 Pope Benedict has asked everyone to join in a “World Day of Prayer for Peace”. He has asked everyone to say a Prayer for Peace making this a world wide event.

The colors of fall are starting to show their face (at least in central and northern Wisconsin) which means a busy time of the year is upon us. We began with Youth Activities Punt, Pass, and Kick, Soccer Challenge and the Respect for Life Essay Contest. In Wisconsin we generally see an increase in membership recruitment in the Fall. You can see in State Membership Director Tony Schreiner’s article we haven’t done anything thus far this year. There is an abundance of Church fall festivals, football games and numerous fall outings where we as Knights can look around and ask a man if he would like to become a Knight.

In last months newsletter we posted a list of Council’s that have not submitted necessary forms to Supreme. As of today I am sad to say the list has not changed much. We have 33 Form 185, 60 Form 365 and 46 Audits that are past due. At the Diocesan Meeting we will ask your Council Representative or District Deputy where these forms are. There have been some instances where Councils have sent in their forms and Supreme has not recorded them. If this is the case resubmit the form to Supreme.

The Badger Bulletin is on line for you to read. It has been a struggle with the Catholic Herald to get the last issue out to you due to some personnel changes and other issues at the paper. State Treasurer Tim Genthe reformatted the outdated issue from a year ago and combined it with new articles and has put together a wonderful paper for your enjoyment. We will try to put out three papers this year. Any articles that you would like to have in the paper should be sent to the State Office. They are best received electronically. Every time you scan anything you lose some of the clarity.

A reminder to Councils to collect items

for the Sentiment for Seminarians Program. These items will be collected at the District Deputies Meeting in December and distributed to the Diocesan Vocation Director to give to the Seminarians in each of their Diocese in time for Christmas.

State Secretary
Daniel E. Hull

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are a tremendous powerhouse and our bishops and priests realize that.” We need to work to start councils in parishes that currently do not have a Knights of Columbus presence. It all starts with your attitude, leadership and your determination. Don’t think small about membership goals, charitable outreach or insurance promotion. Every action you take can push the Order one more step.

We should always be prepared, whether it is for the next council function, membership drive or service project. One of the great things about the Knights is that we have a proven record of success, from the Supreme Council to the local council that has just been chartered. We can be counted on to get the job done and the church and civil officials know that about us.

Over this coming year we have many opportunities to make our mark as Knights in our parishes and communities, and through these efforts introduce eligible Catholic men to what we offer through membership.

“This is our time to lead the Order in areas it has not gone before”. “We are the inheritors of 108 years of fraternal leadership in Wisconsin, and we must carry that vision and that dedication forward for the next 108 years”.

Perseverance; what the mind can conceive and believe it can achieve.

Vivat Jesus

Roland Ransom
State Deputy

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‘slaves’ came to the new world aboard ships where the conditions were so squalid and horrific that it is estimated one third of them died in transit. Those who lived were placed into cages in the market place where free landowners and wealthy merchants could look them over and buy the ones they thought would be the best workers (slaves). The slave trade had been flourishing for more than 100 years by the time Peter arrived in the Two popes had already condemned all of this (Pope Paul III and Pius IX who called it “supreme villainy”); but it continued on for a very long time after St. Peter Claver.

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver (who continued the 40 year career of predecessor, Fr. Alfonso de Sandoval) and who had declared himself to be “the slave of the negroes forever,” moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and miserable passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals Peter Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons and tobacco. With the help of interpreters, he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God’s saving love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves. His apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead. His last four years were spent in isolation. He was alone and very ill—no one ministered to him. He died on September 8, 1654.

The similarity that I see in St. Peter Claver and the Knights of Columbus is that St. Peter Claver always said, “We must speak to them with our hands, before we try to speak to them with our lips. Charity is the first degree and the first and foremost work of every knight. Our hands reach out to the poor, oppressed, voiceless unborn, the widow and the orphan. Our hands extend to the

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this (calendar) year. Sometime between the moment you read this and 30 September 2009 the report form for this Membership Recruitment incentive is due to me. It can be sent via U.S.P.S. or turned into one of the Diocesan Membership Coordinators at your respective Diocesan Meeting this September (2009).

I encourage every Council in the state of Wisconsin to participate in this Membership Incentive designed to focus on recruitment of our younger Catholic Gentlemen. For further details please refer to the **Senior Round Up** report form or your respective District Deputy or Diocesan Membership Coordinator.

The Fall 2009 W.R.A.P. & Membership Recruitment Period: Almost Final Reminder! – By the time you have the opportunity to read this update “15 October 2009” will only be about one month away. On that date every Council in Good Standing (or otherwise) will have reported to their respective District Deputy all the information needed to complete the Wisconsin Recruitment Activity Project (i.e. the **W.R.A.P.**) report. For those of you who have been living on the planet Jupiter for the past five years, the Fall **W.R.A.P.** report is a summary of Membership Recruitment in your Council over the last three or four months (i.e. since 1 July 2009) and a brief summary of any special recruitment program your Council has conducted, is conducting, or will conduct over the next month.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to begin organizing your FY 2009/2010 Membership Recruitment plans now. This involves preparing a program with your Council Membership Recruitment Committee, ordering Supreme Recruitment material and preparing Council Recruitment information, and securing Membership Prospect names (see below). If you have any questions or concerns about this please contact your District Deputy, Diocesan Membership Coordinator (D.M.C.), or me (if you are really desperate!).

As was noted in the August 2009 edition of the *Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes*, there are seven pieces of information your District Deputy will require in order to complete the **W.R.A.P.** report by the date noted above (15 October 2009). They are listed below:

1. No. of Reactivations
2. No. of Transfers
3. No. of New Members
4. No. of Member Prospects
5. No. of Candidate Prospects
6. Next First Degree Scheduled
7. Type of Membership Recruitment Program Conducted

And, as also noted above, the time window for these data begins 1 July 2009. For a thorough explanation of these terms please consult your District Deputy or D.M.C. The State Membership Director thanks you ahead of time for determining these numbers in a timely fashion thus making this whole bureaucratic process move along as smoothly as possible.

The Membership Prospect List – When it comes to Membership Recruitment at the Council level, the “Membership Prospect List” is one of the most important tools available. It serves two

useful roles. First, it is a mechanism by which you can track the progress and/or success (or lack thereof) in the recruitment of respective Catholic gentlemen. Thus it is an excellent resource that can be continuously updated. The second advantage is that once a Council Membership Director steps down, this information can be passed on to the new Director. Consequently he will have an opportunity to “hit the road running” and not have to “spend a whole lot of time re-inventing the wheel”.

Where do you find a sample of such a useful Recruitment tool? Your first stop is the State of Wisconsin K of C web site (www.wikofc.com). You will find a downloadable copy under the “Membership” chapter. And, if this is not to your suiting, please do not hesitate to make improvements or design your own personal version.

Notes from the B.O.R.E.D. – The relaxing days of Summer are fast coming to an end. And along with the summer doldrums, membership recruitment, when averaged over the entire state, has followed pretty much in step. There have been a few pockets of intense exemplifications, but on the whole everyone is waiting for everyone else to return home from their vacations.

One area the numerical nerds from the **Bureau Of Really Exciting Data (B.O.R.E.D.)** have noted is the relatively high number of Suspensions and Withdrawals to date. (See **Membership Recruitment Summary** table elsewhere in this issue.) I encourage all Councils to redouble their efforts to look into the positive aspects of Retention in order to minimize our losses due to this affect.

Also, last month I made a reference to a new table or figure that provides an up-to-the-month status of the Tour de Kalahari or 110% Diocesan Membership Recruitment Incentive. For some reason it was not included. I am (and I hope you are too) looking forward to seeing it proudly displayed in the September edition of the *Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes*.

Finally, please remember, if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns relating to Membership and Membership Recruitment or any other topic (related to the K of C, that is), do not hesitate to contact me. You can do so via the electronic route (tonyschreiner@tds.net), U.S.P.S. (P.O. Box 117, Black Earth, WI 53515-0117) or the “Graham Bell” technique (608-767-2691). As always, ***YOUR GOALS ARE MY GOALS!!***

State Membership Director
Tony Schreiner



Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Knights support of Special Olympics reaches far beyond just the athletes...

The Special Olympics athlete oath 'Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt' embraces not only the spirit and devotion each athlete portrays as they compete, but their overwhelming desire to simply try. The Knights of Columbus' support of Special Olympics Wisconsin through the current recycling program, Tootsie Roll sales and other programs, reaches far beyond just offering more opportunities for athletes...it affects the lives of hundreds of families, like the Erickson's, around the state.

Athlete Heather Erickson, 35, Milltown, WI, recognized this aspiration to "try" at age 11, and became involved with Special Olympics. "I don't think we slept the first time she went to an overnight competition," her mother, Deanna Erickson, said. Joy soon replaced hesitation, as her parents witnessed her exuberance as she returned from that first competition, ribbons and medals in hand.

Heather's become even more involved over the years with bowling, bocce, snowshoeing, and swimming practice and competitions. Since its inception, Special Olympics Wisconsin has drawn thousands of individuals with cognitive disabilities like Heather, providing opportunities to compete in more than 18 Olympic-type events. These competitions develop self-esteem, foster confidence, and present an occasion to make and build new friendships. Her family credits Special Olympics for transforming Heather into a positive, smiling individual, a result of almost a quarter century of training and competing. "I can't say enough about the self-esteem, the sense of accomplishment, and the pride that comes with participation," Deanna Erickson said.

Through Heather's involvement in Special Olympics, her parents, brother and sister have joined the bandwagon, volunteering as chaperones and coaches for the bowling, basketball skills, and swim teams, further enriching their lives by giving

them a sensitivity toward people with any type of disability or challenge. "Just having a sister with disabilities made Rex and I very compassionate people," Amanda Hammond, Heather's sister, said regarding her and her brother. "Special Olympics helps you have a better relationship with your special needs child, when you and your family become active," Deanna Erickson said.

Special Olympics' impact on the Erickson family has brought them closer together as they celebrate Heather's successes with pride. "Special Olympics is the best thing that ever happened to us. It just adds so much more to life," Deanna Erickson said.

Heather can now accomplish more than she'd ever imagined, soaring to new heights on those wings given to her nearly 25 years ago when the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics arose. "Let me try...give me my wings..." her eyes pleaded to uncertain parents, "...let me be brave in the attempt." That day, her parents gave Heather a wondrous gift...the chance to try. And with the help of the Knights of Columbus through the recycling project, funds raised will allow Special Olympics Wisconsin to continue creating new opportunities through sports that will go far beyond just putting a smile on the athletes' faces...

For more information on the Knights and Special Olympics, contact coordinator John Benisch.

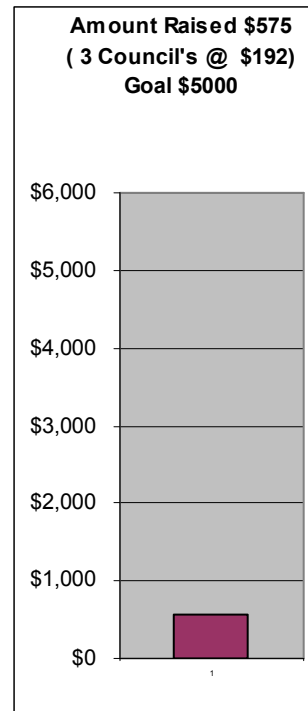
On behalf of the state's nearly 10,000 athletes, Special Olympics thanks the Knights of Columbus for their strong support and reminds the councils to fill out their "Form 4584" for all the wonderful donations and volunteer hours given!

Special Olympics
John Benisch

"What a way to start" Relevant Radio

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Between Faith and
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"WE CAN DO IT ATTITUDE"



Please send your contributions directly to the State Office.

Indicate your Council
Number on the check

Wisconsin State Council
Knights of Columbus
4297 West Beltline Hwy
Madison, WI 53711

Missing 185's (Officers), 365 (Coordinators) and Audit Reports

185 Report of Officers				365 Report of Council Coordinators				Report of Council Audit															
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8	4692	30	1799	69	4520	3	1922	10	1838	27	4646	61	11301	80	669	6	10260	25	839	61	11657	85	7228
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The Tour de Kalahari A Monthly Serial of Membership Recruitment

By Schreiner, The Salivating "Big Ring" Sasquatch

Stage Two – "...Hills that will whet the appetite of the most ardent Climber..."

[Previous Stage Highlights...No major surprises or calamities greeted the five cycling teams during the Team Time Trials in Stage One of this twelve stage endurance race to the Champs Kalahari. This somewhat preliminary stage was an opportunity for each of the teams to sift out their relative strengths and weaknesses, and at the same time get a measure for the "competition". Fr. Dave "The Arbitrator" Cooper began the stage with the traditional ringing of the bell, in spite of some minor friction from Max "The Rhymester" Bachhuber of Guski's Galloping Gophers. "The Rhymester's" protest focused on the non-traditional start of the Team Time Trials. But the protest turned out to be more of a ploy by the Galloping Gophers to make up for their lack of race preparation than a concern for cycling rules.

As Stage One came to a conclusion, Hull's Howling Heifers (Superior) were in the lead, followed by Genthe's Growling Gazelles (Green Bay), Faust's Fastidious Ferrets (Madison), Gophers (La Crosse), and Ransom's Rabid Rabbits (Milwaukee) in second through fifth places, respectively.

The Roving Yetis are poised to relay all the maneuvering and intrigue of this Second Stage, which will be the first encounter with some of Wisconsin's variable terrain.]

Stage Two of this twelve leg annual jaunt through the challenging highways and byways of Wisconsin offers the first look at some incremental climbs in the "Driftless Area" in the southwest corner of the Badger State. But to start out, the five cycling teams will be greeted by a long stretch of flat terrain closely following the Wisconsin River Valley.

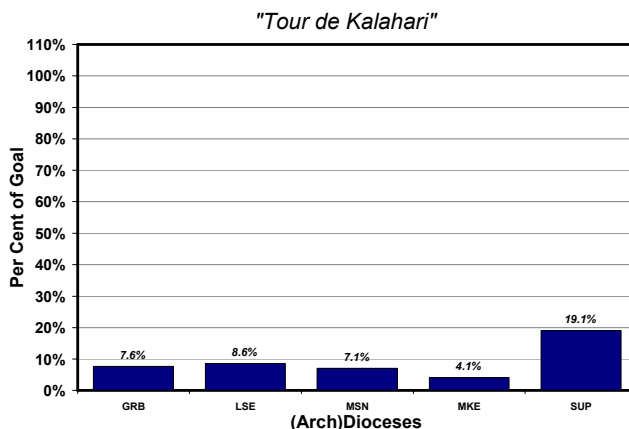
"The Arbitrator" has rung the starting bell and the Stage has officially begun. As is the protocol for these affairs, the number one team, Hull's Howling Heifers, starts the stage in the front of the peloton (i.e. all the cyclists in one large group). With the likes of Tom "The Sage" Rudolph, Dennis "Kingpin" Ashbeck, and Pat "The Kegster" Becker, as part of this lead group, the pace along the flat portion of this course is brisk and swift. Accompanying these three main "Heifers" is another strong competitor from this spartan cycling team. Henry "Ole" Olson has moved up alongside "The Sage", "Kingpin", and "The Kegster". "Ole" has made a name for himself in recent cycle races. He is well known for his sprinting abilities along the flat areas, but has spent a significant amount of time working on his climbing skills. This may pay dividends later in this stage as the peloton will experience hills that will whet the appetite of the most ardent climber. Do "Ole" and the rest of the "Heifers" have the legs for these "introductory" climbs?

The Roving Yetis stationed along this Second Stage have been providing routine reports back to the Sasquatch Associated Press Service (S.A.P.S) information center. The Yetis' feedback indicates that the main peloton is continuing to hang together for the most part. The Heifers are setting a reasonable pace for the remaining four teams. Yet within the peloton itself, there is some maneuvering and jockeying for position beginning to take place. The second place team, Genthe's Growling Gazelles, is being challenged by those pesky Galloping Gophers. Once again "The Rhymester" has found a fellow Gopher, Dan "The Madman" Matzek to increase the pace of their fourth place team. According to some race reports, the posturing by the Gophers, specifically "The Rhymester" and "The Madman", is in anticipation of the hill climbing, which is about to commence.

The riders are now experiencing the first hills of the Tour. One should keep in mind that these climbs are not the long, extensive climbs which are found in Colorado. But the grade elevations are significantly higher than experienced in most mountain climbs. Consequently the strategy is for a contending team to attack early, which is what "The Rhymester", "The Madman", and the Galloping Gophers are now initiating. The Gophers have streaked past Mel "The Drill Instructor" Feit, Jon "Lefse Man" Olson, and Faust's Fastidious Ferrets and are now overtaking Dave "The Redneck" Hallada, Ed "Too Tall" Cross, Geary "Spike" Spykerman, and the Growling Gazelles.

It looks as though the off-season training by Henry "Ole" Olson (no relation to "Lefse Man") and the Howling Heifers has paid off. Not only were the Heifers able to fight off the challenge (this time) by the Gophers, the Heifers actually put a little distance between themselves and the rest of the peloton. Consequently, at the top of the standings at the end of Stage Two is Hull's Howling Heifers. Guski's Galloping Gophers are now in second, ahead of Genthe's Growling Gazelles and Faust's Fastidious Ferrets in fourth. Quietly Ransom's Rabid Rabbits are still in fifth, but they are still (as in Stage One) maintaining a very close separation to the four teams in front.

But, controversy has once again reared its ugly head. The senior race marshal, Bob "Why Can't We All Get Along?" Halaska has sent word to all team captains that the pace of the peloton must pick up. "Why ... Get Along?" claims that there is collusion among the riders resulting in overall slower times. Will the riders abide by this directive? And, if they ignore the warnings from the race marshal, will there be consequences? This and more will be revealed in Stage Three of the Tour de Kalahari....



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CHARITY GRANTS

The State Officers recently approved the following grants from the State Charity Fund:

\$1,500 to a 45 year old man in Chilton who was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer and it now has spread to his liver.

\$2,000 to a small girl which is 22 months old and has 4 siblings. She lives in Helenville and was recently diagnosed with Gaucher Disease, which is an enzyme based storage disease. Hopefully she will get a bone marrow transplant and will be cured.

\$2,000 to a 58 year old single woman that lives in Hartford has recently undergone a craniotomy for a brain tumor. She has been unemployed for 3 years.

\$1,000 to Holy Rosary School in Medford which had a fire in a classroom and had smoke damage throughout the School.

\$1,500 to a 38 year old single woman that lives in Auburndale recently was rear ended by a cement truck. She had to have her leg amputated below the knee.

\$1,500 to a 13 year old boy who is autistic and lives in Arbor Vitae and his mother is a widow. They recently lost their home as a result of financial stressors and need help to pay for the truck that will move them to their new apartment.

REMEMBER:

**WE MAKE A LIVING BY
WHAT WE DO
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.**

Dennis T. Rakowski
State Charity Chairman

STATE CHARITY RAFFLE

The planning is on-going for the 2010 State Charity Raffle. There will again be \$135,000 prize list that totals this amount. **The Committee is proud to announce that for the 2010 raffle the prizes will be increased from 45 to 50.** First prize will again be \$50,000. We are planning a 2010 Harley Street Glide that will be offered as an alternative for the second prize or \$25,000 in cash. The third prize hopefully will be a pontoon with a Mercury Motor and trailer or \$15,000 and the 4th prize will be \$10,000 and the 5th prize will be \$4,000. The 6th thru 22nd prize will be \$1,000 and the 23rd thru 50th prize will be \$500.

The State Charity Committee is very proud of this prize list and hopefully you will sell more tickets. The Committee is getting together toward the end of October to pack the cartons for each Council and they will be sent via UPS to the District Deputies.

Every Council in the State should have their tickets by mid-November and you can make your own decision as to when to distribute the tickets to your members.

In the meantime, please do the following things:

- 1) Select a chairman for this event and send his name to your Diocesan co-coordinator on the form you were given at the Diocesan meeting.
- 2) You and the Chairman should read the Charity Fund Section in the Wisconsin Redbook for some helpful hints for a successful ticket sale.

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

Dennis T. Rakowski
State Charity Chairman

DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH August 2009

Green Bay Diocese
Timothy and Brigette Finger
Council 1475/ 2
Oconto, WI

La Crosse Diocese
Francis and Doris Gaier
Council 974/ 22
Chippewa Falls, WI

Madison Diocese
Tom and Shirley Raymakers
Council 10893/ 51
Madison, WI

Milwaukee Archdiocese
Allen and Barbara Quast
Council 1690/ 62
Whitewater, WI

Superior Diocese
Bernard and Jessica Francis
Council 6759/ 88
Somerset, WI

Grand Knights, remind your councils family committee to submit their family nomination to me by the first of the month. Some councils are submitting their nominations a month ahead, so that the family will be sure to have a chance to be named Diocesan Family of the month.

Be sure to enter your family in the Supreme Drawing each month as well as the State Program.

It is heartwarming to read each month about the many wonderful things our families are doing for their Community, Church and Council.

I am sure that each council could find a family to honor and nominate them Family of the Month.

Encourage your council's members to suggest a family to be honored.

Lets try to have every council submit a Family of the Month nomination.

Please remind your councils Family Chairman to be sure to use the 1039A form available on the Supreme Website. Just sending me an email with the Family's name is not enough.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me or send me an email.

Joe Oberweis
State Family Coordinator

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“Treats for Iraqi Peace”

Here is the plan: For \$10.30 a council can get a flat rate box from the post office, load it up with your un-used Tootsie Rolls and send them for distribution to:

Sgt Michael J Gunka
192nd MPBN Bravo CO-1-128
INS Camp Cropper
Iraq A.P.O - A.E 09342

Or if you have a significant quantity of left over Tootsie Rolls and don't want to take on this postage expense please contact:

Rob Kurczek, DD 44
N8359 County A
Berlin, WI 54923
Cell: 920-290-2270

Brothers in WWI the Knights were instrumental in giving aid and comfort to those most in need. The practice was repeated in WWII and we know that GI's handing out candy has always won over hearts and minds to peace. We again have this opportunity and as always we are sure that the Knights will rise to the occasion.

If you have need of further information, don't hesitate to call State Program Coordinator Robert Halaska, Rob Kurczek or any State Officer.

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ill and crippled the handicapped, the mentally challenged, the unemployed, and all those in need of any kind. Since our actions speak louder than our words, our charity forms the bedrock upon which evangelization can take root and flourish. Like St. Peter Claver, the Knights of Columbus are challenged to be a moral force in the community witnessing to unity, fraternity, and patriotism in the name of Jesus Christ.

In this year dedicated to our priests, St. Peter Claver gives us a great inspiration for what just one priest is able to accomplish. As Knights of Columbus we serve as the 'strong right arm of the church,' and our dedicated efforts, especially our charity, gives every parish priest a treasury of resources and aide, prayer and respect, encouragement and support unlike anything or anyone else in the Catholic Church. Thank you to every knight and lady, every squire and candidate for your undying faith and living charity.

Fr. Dave Cooper
State Chaplain

RESPECT LIFE MESSAGE

The five State Respect Life Diocesan Coordinators are looking forward to presenting their annual report at this month's Diocesan meetings. These will be informative and will be focused on your participation in Right-To-Life and Respect-Life state-wide programs.

Our committee manages numerous programs and projects including the following:

- Respect Life Fund
- Respect Life Essay Contest
- “Culture of Life Fund” Program
- Voters Guide
- Political Web Site Project, and other political projects

In the past month, the Diocesan Coordinators and Project Chairs within the committee have worked to create flowcharts that document procedures for running each program and project. This work brings clarity to who does what when, and how each person's tasks are dependant on each others work. It is our sincere belief that this work will create new efficiencies at the State level and ultimately will make life easier for your Councils who run Respect Life programs. These programs, in turn, will save the lives of children yet to be born.

As we bring more clarity to the committee's work though job descriptions and program flowcharts, we are also making organizational changes: We welcome two new project chairmen to the committee:

Adam Morse as KC State Respect Life Fund Chairman, from Madison Diocese Council 3924, Cross Plains Wisconsin

Jack Wrbanich as KC State “Culture of Life” Program Chairman, from Green Bay Diocese Council 5382, Green Bay Wisconsin.

Lastly, we thank you for your involvement in the Respect Life Fund program. The fund completed its 2008-2009 campaign at the end of June and over \$50,000 has been distributed to needy organizations within every Diocese of Wisconsin. The Respect Life Committee has a refined process for determining which organizations are most in line with the KC values of saving lives, providing the most impact, being in alignment with church doctrine, and being in the most financial need of all organizations. We ask for your continued support in growing this fund though the \$3.50 per Knight goal that contributes to the 100% Respect Life status for the Complete Council Award.

Mark Kohls
Respect Life
Green Bay Diocese





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2009 – 2010 Scheduled First Degrees

Green Bay

October 13 - 710 Manitowoc

LaCrosse

September 27 - 1799 Marshfield

Madison

October 9 – 3099 Sauk City
October 13 – 6463 Lodi
October 20 – 4419 Plain
November 3 – 7811 Mazomanie
November 10 – 6463 Lodi
November 17 – 4419 Plain

Milwaukee

September 28 – 13733 Big Bend 8pm
October 26 – 13733 Big Bend 8pm
November 23 – 13733 Big Bend 8pm

Superior

September 14 - 7132 Butternut
September 24 - 6587 Hayward
October 10 - 7827 Woodruff
October 15 - 2963 Phillips
October 17 - 1762 Hudson
November 8 – 2639 Park Falls

Second Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Sept 27, 2009	10:30 am	1799	Marshfield	#30 James Zoellner	(715) 389-2025
Sept 30, 2009	7:00 pm	1838	Menasha	#10 Dan Stunger	(920) 997-1861
Oct 4, 2009	11:00 am	617	Green Bay	#7 Raymond Cousineau	(920) 494-6255
Oct 10, 2009	10:30 am	7827	Woodruff	#85 Raymond Knapstein	(715) 356-2107
Oct 11, 2009	11:00 am	4580	Hales Corner	#68 Kenneth Schmidt	(262) 534-4265
Oct 17, 2009	9:00 am	1762	Hudson	#81 James Michaelson	(715) 549-6152

Third Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Sept 27, 2009	1:00 pm	1799	Marshfield	#30 James Zoellner	(715) 389-2025
Oct 4, 2009	1:15 pm	617	Green Bay	#7 Raymond Cousineau	(920) 494-6255
Oct 10, 2009	1:00 pm	7827	Woodruff	#85 Raymond Knapstein	(715) 356-2107
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Fourth Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Sept 19, 2009	Oconomowoc	Eastern District	(262) 567-7345
Oct 24, 2009	Marshfield	Western District	(715) 693-3084
April 17, 2010	Waukesha	Eastern District	(262) 567-7345
May 22, 2010	Janesville	Western District	(715) 693-3084
Oct 30, 2010	Plover	Western District	(715) 693-3084

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