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State Chaplain Superior Diocesan Chaplain

Our local Church in northern Wisconsin has celebrated the ordination of our new Bishop, Peter Christensen. Almost simultaneously, the Diocese of Green Bay says its farewells to Bishop Zubik, who moves to Pittsburgh.

Thoughts on getting a new bishop: For us here, this is a new experience. We have had only two bishops in 48 years— that’s about one in each generation. Residents of the area have to be over thirty years old to hold a personal memory of Bishop Hammes. People under thirty know only one bishop, Bishop Fliss. It’s a big deal for us— much like a family who turns over a new generation.

Some things will remain the same, yet around these enduring things, it will be different.

The teaching of the Church and its’ commitment to the word and work of Christ will remain— yet the application to our changing world will adjust our focus, energize us in new directions. We will hear what our bishop says, and how he sees the Church in our world.

The teaching Office of Bishop will endure— yet the teaching of the Bishop will have a new voice, a new inflection, a new take on life, and lead us to new insights.

The sanctifying Office of Bishop will endure— yet the personal holiness of our bishop will greatly influence our reception of the sanctifying grace of God.

The governing office of Bishop will endure— yet our Bishop’s particular

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vision of our local Church will lead us to creative ways to fulfill the Church’s mission. These will be both a comfort and a challenge.

The rituals of ordination of a Bishop (and Priests or Deacons) and installation remind us of the personal nature of his office. In our Bishop’s re-commitment to the work of Christ to his Church, we are reminded that this office is held by a real person committed to our well being. This is not a job— it is a sacred entrustment to him of leadership in the church. By accepting this office, an ordained person forms his life around this entrustment. When hands are imposed to make one a Bishop, Priest, or Deacon— he is changed forever, like a father or mother is changed when they take their first-born child in their arms. No matter what the future may bring they are forever touched by the holy order they accept.

The Knights of Columbus hold such ordained in high esteem. On behalf of those so held— we give our daily gratitude.

Fr. Dennis Mullen
Superior Diocesan Chaplain

State Deputy

As of this writing the Diocesan Swing began Sept 8th and 9th in Green Bay and Milwaukee. There was a good turn out at both meetings. We have had a lot of positive reports and feedback on how things went, however, members would like to have more time for Training Sessions. I would like to thank all who assisted with the Diocesan Meetings; this takes a UNITED effort to accomplish successful meetings.

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We still have councils that haven’t turned in their form 185, 365 and audit reports. Grand Knights this is your responsibility to get these reports in, plus it is part of your requirement for Star Award.

Grand Knights should have a membership plan for each month of the year, with an extra effort in October and March. Send your plans to your Diocesan Membership Coordinator and District Deputies. If you need assistance, ask and you will receive it.

BELIEVE IN THE PROGRAM; Believe in yourself, God, family, and your community. In the Knights of Columbus we have to believe in our Membership Program or nothing else will survive. In time there will not be Knights of Columbus in the state of Wisconsin, each one of us has to pick up the torch and carry on.

Grand Knights please check with your members and First Degree team to locate old Degree Books. Please turn in ‘old degree books’, **ASAP to Supreme**. If the ‘old degree books’ cannot be located; write a letter to Supreme stating this information, and be sure to include your council number and sign the letter with your title.

Send letter to:

Knights of Columbus
Gary Nolan Ceremonials
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510

If you are thinking about going to the Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Quebec next year you will need to have a current passport, you should be applying for it now; as there is a long wait for them. Cost is approximately \$100.

Fraternally,
Robert J. Abb
State Deputy

State Secretary

My Brother Knights; What an opportunity we have to be members of an order that is celebrating 125 years of active service to Church, Family and Community. What an additional honor it is to be an officer leading our councils during this celebratory year. I know your state officers consider this to be a singular honor and are committed to making this year a most successful one.

As we work together this year it is important to keep our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney in mind. When we have decisions to make perhaps asking the question "What Would Father McGivney Do", will help us to remember the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism during our decision making process.

Yes, we've been given goals intended to make us strive to be all we can be. Only one time in history do we have a chance to be part of 125 years of Faith in Action. Each of us is here for a reason and purpose. We are called to act on the great issues of our time. It is up to us to decide what legacy we will leave especially in this the 125th year of the Order.

Just a note on being a part of the 125th Supreme Convention held in Nashville this past August. This was indeed an honor. Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone spoke to members of the Knights of Columbus discussing a wide variety of issues, including his views of the Knights of Columbus, the health of the Catholic Church and Father Michael McGivney. There were nearly 120 Cardinals, Bishops, Clergy and Deacons from around the world in attendance for the daily masses. The many activities, friendships and memories, truly make the Supreme Convention an "Experience of a Lifetime". Congratulations also to our Supreme Convention delegates who represented us and the Jurisdiction with pride.

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Beginning September 8, the New Marian Prayer Program begins, the Feast of the Birth of Mary. Knights of Columbus will spread devotion to Our Lady of Charity through a year-long Marian Prayer Program for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI.

Let us work during this fraternal year confident that together we can achieve much and work towards a successful conclusion so that our Honored Order is stronger than when we began.

Integrity; That best portion of a good man's life; His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

Vivat Jesus
Roland Ransom
State Secretary

State Charity Raffle

The planning has been completed for the 2008 State Charity Raffle. The prize list will remain at \$135,000 to be paid to 45 winners. First prize will again be \$50,000 and a hybrid car will be offered as an alternative for the second prize or \$25,000. A Sportster Harley will be also offered as an alternative for the fourth prize. The State Charity 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 mail 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.

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

Dennis T. Rakowski
State Charity Chairman

State Charity Grants

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

\$1,000 to a Brother Knight who lives in Mukwonago whose house started on fire and within ten minutes the roof collapsed into the house.

\$2,000 to a widow whose husband died from a massive heart attack from Neillsville and she is left with two children whose ages are 13 and 10.

\$1,500 to a 32 year old single man who lives in Gilman who collided with a tree while snowmobiling and he is currently on a feeding tube.

\$2,000 to a couple in their late twenties from Waukesha with three year old twins and one of the twins suffers with cerebral palsy.

\$1,500 to a 49 year old man from Superior who had a brain aneurysm and had seven surgeries within a month and spent 49 days in the ICU.

\$2,000 to a family from Reedsville who have two children ages 5 and 7 months. The 7 month old was born with the left side of his heart not developed and recently underwent 2 open heart surgeries.

Remember---we make a living by what we do, But we make a life by what we give.

Dennis Rakowski
State Charity Chairman

Wisconsin Staked Knights of Columbus

Calling All Knights!

We Knights are Catholic *men*, and the enemy is at the gate, attacking our women and children. We are needed to help man the battlements, especially through the night. United in Christ, we can win this battle. The enemy thinks he can divide us by cleverly disguising the defining moral issue of our age as a political issue, but we know better. Our strength is in our unity in Jesus Christ, the author of life itself!

What exactly am I talking about? It is the 40 Days for Life (www.40daysforlife.com) prayer vigil that will take place this fall from September 26 through November 4. For forty days and nights there will be constant, non-stop prayer and peaceful witness at **five abortion centers in Wisconsin**.

Why 40 days? Noah experienced a transformation during 40 days of rain. Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mount Sinai. The city of Nineveh was transformed when God gave them 40 days to get their act together. The disciples were transformed after 40 days with Jesus following his resurrection.

You can see how God has used 40-day time periods throughout history to bring about major change.

So far two faithful women are taking the lead in Wisconsin. They are looking for some **strong** and **brave men** to stand with them; especially through the night. For more information, go to www.40daysforlifewi.com, or call Lori Koschnick at 920-901-4373. **Schedule your vigil hours** by calling 877-LIFE-360.

There is no time to lose. The 40 days start this month, on the 26th. If you decide to help, here is an action list.

- inform others about the 40 days - invite them to help spread the word - by speaking up in other organizations that they belong to
- by encouraging bulletin announcements in their parish - by printing the commitment form and placing it in the narthex (contact me for this form!)
- invite them to take, with a buddy, an hour or two each week, (or more if they are willing!)- look to men to first fill the nights, but turn no one away

So, the battlements, are they at the abortion centers? Yes and no, for this is above all a spiritual battle, and the battlefield is everywhere. If you can not join us on the sidewalk you can join us in prayer. Your brothers and sisters in Christ who stand as witness need your prayerful firepower. Men, will you answer the call?

Vivat Jesus!

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

Let us commend our 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.saintphilomena.com/aboutst.htm>

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

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
Sept. 23, 2007	10:00 A.M.	1799	Marshfield	Dan Spencer	715-387-4017	30
Oct. 6, 2007	11:00 A.M.	7827	Woodruff	John Coyle	715-369-3150	85
Oct. 14, 2007	10:00 A.M.	3805	Reedsburg	Michael Grogan	608-434-0827	46
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
Sept. 23, 2007	1:30 P.M.	1799	Marshfield	Dan Spencer	715-387-4017	30
Oct. 6, 2007	1:30 P.M.	7827	Woodruff	John Coyle	715-369-3150	85
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To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District; Contact PSD Erv Jankowiak, 414-384-1435

Fourth Degrees

Date	Time	Location	District	Phone
September 29, 2007		Wisconsin Rapids	Western District	608-744-2868

Membership Musings

Summer is providing us with its final farewells and Autumn, the season of cool crisp mornings and deep blue skies, is on the cusp of engulfing us with an explosion of color and awe. Also, this thing called football is attacking us from every visual outlet available. That can mean only one thing: My season, i.e. the World Series, will begin in about four weeks!!

But instead of baseball, my goal this month is to discuss three important topics crucial to the ultimate success of your K of C Council during the 2007/2008 Fraternal Year (FY). They are:

- Putting that Membership Recruitment Plan to work,
- Getting ready for the Fall 2007 Membership Blitz, and
- Our first report of the FY from those numerical nerds at **B.O.R.E.D. (Bureau Of Really Exciting Data)**.

Transforming the Plan from Paper to Action

To start off, let's spend a moment making sure your Council's Membership Recruitment Plan will be a success. By now every Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Council Membership Director and his Assistants (The Council Membership *Gurus*) should have spent the summer establishing Council Goals and defining a Membership Recruitment Plan to achieve those Goals. Your Council Membership Recruitment Plan, of course, includes the three seminal requirements. They are □ a mechanism to generate a Membership Prospect List, □ a manner in which to inform the Prospects on the benefits of joining your Council, and □ the date (or series of dates) for a First Degree Exemplification.

So what is next? Well, here is just a short list of reminders that will help to effectively translate your "Plan" into Action.

- Make sure you have a good supply of Membership brochures and, most importantly, either a brochure or Council History Book that outlines your Council activities. K of C Supreme materials are available through the "*K of C Supply Catalog*" (#1264). If a Council Brochure is to be used, the pamphlet, "*How to Design a Council Brochure*" (#4125), is helpful and informative.
- Provide a copy of the Membership Recruitment Plan to each member of your Council's Membership Recruitment Committee. It is important that all dates and locations are spelled out specifically within the Plan. And, it will be helpful if members of the Recruitment Committee are well-informed on your Council activities and to some extent what transpires at K of C Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, CT. This will be helpful when Member Prospects are "interviewed".
- Include your Council's Field Agent in all aspects of your Membership Recruitment Plan. As a matter of fact, forward him a copy of the Plan. Also, keep him abreast of all critical dates, especially First Degree dates!
- To the extent he wishes to be involved, include your Council Chaplain and Pastor (or Pastors, if your Council represents more than one Parish). As many can attest, your Pastor can be an effective advocate of your recruitment plan.

I may have forgotten one or two additional "reminders" or you may have some of your own. But, if these steps are followed, chances are your Council Recruitment Plan will be a success. In addition, you will undoubtedly be celebrating a successful attempt at achieving your Council Membership Goals!

Getting Ready for the Membership Blitz Weekend

Once again the Fall Membership Blitz will be upon us shortly. The weekend of 6-7 October 2007 has been designated the Membership Blitz weekend. For those new to this process the Membership Blitz weekend serves two purposes. First, it serves as an opportunity for K of C Councils to formally introduce themselves to non-K of C Parish members. This "introduction" can then serve as a conduit for generating a Membership Prospect List. The second goal or purpose is to provide your Worthy State Membership Coordinator and ultimately the State Deputy and his Officers, and even more ultimatelier (??) our Brethren in Hew Haven, a snapshot of Membership Activity (or lack thereof) for your Council and all Councils in the Badger State.

Consequently the week following 6-7 October 2007 (8-14 October 2007) your District Deputy (DD) will be retrieving information from Council Grand Knights and/or Council Membership Directors. That information will include the number of Transfers into your Council, Reactivated Members, New Members, Member Prospects, Member Candidates, and the Date of your Council's next First Degree. Please be responsive when your DD contacts you.

One additional thought... If for some reason your Council does not conduct a Membership Blitz during the weekend designated above, there is no reason to fret. In your report you may indicate to your DD that your Council conducted this Blitz earlier or you are planning a Membership Blitz later in the month. If you have any questions,

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please do not hesitate to contact your DD, Diocesan Membership Coordinator, or, if you are really desperate, me, the State Membership Coordinator.

The Numbers from B.O.R.E.D.

After a brief respite for the Summer, those maniacal number crunchers from the **Bureau Of Really Exciting Data** are at it again. Here is just a snippet of their work.

As in FY 2006/2007, summer recruitment this FY was slow. On a positive note Membership Recruitment for FY 2007/2008 is starting off faster than the previous Fraternal Year. Statistics for the July-August time frame are up nearly 50% from the previous year (136 New Members for FY 07/08 versus 95 in FY 06/07). On the subtraction side, Members lost due to Withdrawals and Suspensions (a.k.a. L.O.M.) are about the same for FY 07/08 as the previous FY to this point. Consequently Net Membership (a.k.a. N.A.W.S.) is up over 100% from last year at this time. If this trend continues, the State of Wisconsin can look forward to happy days as the Fraternal Year continues to unfold.

Another **B.O.R.E.D.** nerdy number is the status of the Councils that have yet to bring in a New or Reactivated Member since either 1 July 2005 or 1 July 2006. From the "Greater-Than-Two-Years-Without-A-Member" List, Council #10552 (St. Peter & Paul Council) from Green Bay can be deleted. And, from the "Greater-Than-One-Year-Without-A-Member" List, the following Councils have successfully recruited a new Member:

- #1864 Holy Rosary Council, Jefferson
- #6997 Stanley Binicki Council, Poynette
- #9360 Fr. Gilbert Carlson Council, Janesville
- #1578 Burlington Council, Burlington
- #7319 St. Mary Council, Bruce

Congratulations on your success to date and I am looking forward to even greater success in FY 2007/2008 for your Councils. That now leaves twenty-five Councils on the "Greater-Than-Two-Years ..." and fifty Councils on the "Greater-Than-One-Year ..." Lists.

Finally, do not forget to take a peek at the new installment in this month's Newsletter entitled "*Race to the Kalahari*". I hope you enjoy it. And, as always, please remember "***Your Goals are My Goals***". If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts about Membership or anything related to our K of C organization, feel free to contact me. I will do whatever I can to assist you.

Tony Schreiner,
State Membership Coordinator

**The Race to the Kalahari,
 A Monthly Serial of Membership Recruitment**

By Schreiner, The-Salivating-Sasquatch

Prologue – Hype and Hyperbole

The race is about to begin. Even though still preparing, the five challengers are straining to leap out of their respective starting blocks. "Pit crews" are busy with last minute details for their "mascots". At the same time all are jockeying for the attention of this Membership Race Reporter, claiming bold predictions and shouting outrageous quotes. Yes fellow Knights, the race to the Kalahari is about to begin!!!

The race entries consist of five finely tuned Recruitment Machines and their meticulously managed "pit crews". For those biting at the bit to find out who the challengers are, feast your eyes on these contenders:

- Lane 1: Abb's Avenging Armadillos from Green Bay;
- Lane 2: Guski's Galloping Gophers not so quietly nestled in La Crosse;
- Lane 3: Genthe's Growling Gazelles normally housed in Madison;
- Lane 4: Ransom's Rabid Rabbits hailing from Milwaukee; and
- Lane 5: Hull's Howling Heifers originating from the land of Superior.

Beginning this month read about the trials, tribulations, successes, and setbacks of the racers and their "pit crews".

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Included in these ramblings, yours truly, Schreiner The-Salivating-Sasquatch, will bring special behind the scene interviews and exclusive accounts within moments of their happening!

Already this stringer has overheard trash talk (during pre-race discussions) between the chief pit crew member of Abb's Amazing Armadillos, none other than Dave "The Red Neck" Hallada, and his counterpart for Ransom's Rabid Rabbits, Dan "The Hipster" Montaine. Hallada was overheard stating that "*Green Bay is not finishing anywhere but first this time around!!*" "The Hipster" just turned and walked away with the look of a man with a plan. Fellow K of C'ers, the gauntlet has been dropped! The line in the sand has been drawn!

But, has all this pre-race rhetoric and posturing been a distraction... a distraction for the Avenging Armadillos and the Rabid Rabbits? Is there an early Dark Horse? And, if so, who might it be? Could it be those harried Howling Heifers of Superior or maybe the wily Growling Gazelles of Madison? And, nobody can ignore those slippery Galloping Gophers from out in La Crosse. Stay tuned for the next installment and find out who the early stealth competitor is!

Chapter One – Leave it to the Growlers

In our last report Dave "The Red Neck" Hallada along with his able assistants, Geary "The Spike Man" Spykerman and Ed "Too Tall" Cross were verbally sparring with Dan "The Hipster" Montaine and his side kick, Francis "Cool" Kohlmann, pit crews for Abb's Avenging Armadillos and Ransom's Rabid Rabbits, respectively. Meanwhile, the rest of the field was not sitting by idly watching. Final details and strategy were being finely honed by Genthe's Growling Gazelles and his formidable brain trust headed by Mel "The Drill Instructor" Feit and Dave "The Enforcer" Fisher. As you will see, these huddles will provide early positive returns for the Gazelles.

The five ferocious, lean, mean racing machines are now hovering over the starting line waiting for the flagman, Fr. John "The Friar" Potaczek, to drop the green flag. For some strange reason, Abb's Avenging Armadillos and his team are still hazing the remaining four racers and their Pit Crews. This strategy strikes out as Fr. John "The Friar" drops the flag. The Gophers, Gazelles, Heifers, and Rabbits are hurdling down the track, while the Armadillos sputter and stumble off the line.

As the race to the Kalahari begins two sprinters show some early and high octane acceleration. Clearly Ransom's Rabid Rabbits and Genthe's Growling Gazelles are looking to undertake some serious Recruitment early on. There will be no slow build-up for these finely tuned machines. As the dust settles, Genthe's Gazelles and the early strategy meetings by "The D.I." Feit and "The Enforcer" Fisher have paid off. The Madison contingent is outpacing the Rabid Rabbits of Milwaukee by an "antler". The Gazelles even outperformed early predictors by putting up some fantastic numbers (113%). Yet, Ransom's Rabid Rabbits (99%) and the team of "The Hipster" Montaine and "Cool" Kohlmann are nipping at the leader's hooves for the moment.

But what of the other three competitors? Will the Armadillos (40%) be able to recover from their early "trash talk"? The Howling Heifers (69%), backed up by Tom "The Sage" Rudolph, Dennis "King Pin" Ashbeck, and Chris "The Lone Ranger" Seeber, are in a respectable third position and could easily make this a tight three-team race. But never forget the sly Galloping Gophers of La Crosse (56%). With master pit man, Max "The Rhymester" Bachhuber, the Gophers always have at least one or two tricks up their sleeves. Is there yet another "Dark Horse"? Stay tuned for more.

Chapter Two – More Confusion and Disarray

Early leads and breakaways are not always a foretelling of final results. And, this race (for the moment, anyway) is no exception. Genthe's Growling Gazelles leap forward right out of the shoot was short lived. Even Ransom's Rabid Rabbits experienced some sputtering during this second leg of the race. Only the conservative, yet steady, team of Hull's Howling Heifers and the consistent support of their pit crew members, "The Sage", "King Pin" and "The Lone Ranger" (a.k.a. Rudolph, Ashbeck, and Seeber, respectively) are making consistent strides to this point. The result is now a tight, three-team race.

With the exception of Superior's Howling Heifers (63%), all teams are performing at less than 50% during this particular stretch of the race. The Galloping Gophers and Growling Gazelles are wheezing along at 34% and 36% of their respected monthly goals. While the Rabid Rabbits of Milwaukee are only slightly better at 46%. But the real mystery is the team of Abb's Avenging Armadillos from Green Bay. Their most recent results are at an anemic 28% of their quota this time around. So, the leader board has now tightened up considerably. In first place remain Genthe's Growling Gophers of Madison (12.4%). Breathing down their necks are Ransom's Rabid Rabbits (12.1%) and Hull's Howling Heifers (11.0%) at second and third, respectively. And, bringing up the rear are

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Guski's Galloping Gophers (7.5%) and Abb's Avenging Armadillos (5.7%). The numbers in parentheses represent the percentages of the Total Annual Membership Goals for each team.

Meanwhile a couple of rumors being picked up by the Salivating Sasquatch network have found their way to this reporter. Once again they all seem to point at pit crew members of the Avenging Armadillos. One rumor, apparently from "The Spike" Spykerman, revolves around tainted fuel. It is not certain if "The Spike" was referring to their fuel or fuel for other teams. The second rumor, this originating from "Too Tall" Cross, hints of biased accounting of race officials. All this has caused race flagman and "fairness" official, Fr. John "The Friar" Potaczek to check out the video replay.

Is this yet even more hype and trash talk originating from "The Red Neck" Hallada and his minions? Or could this be part of a much grander scheme by the Avenging Armadillos to distract the rest of the Membership Teams, while the Green Bay Team employs its "Secret Weapon"? Can the Armadillos get back in this race? And, why have the Galloping Gophers of La Crosse not allowed this Sasquatch reporter into their camp? "The Rhymester" Bachhuber has just been too silent!!

All this and more in **Chapter Three** next month....

Columbian Squires

In August of 1925, Brother Barnabas McDonald, F.S.C., established the Columbian Squires. According to Brother Barnabas, "The supreme purpose of the Columbian Squires is character building".

Sharing our Catholic faith, helping people in need, and building friendships through social, family, athletic, cultural, civic, and spiritual activities, these are just some of the ways that the Squires build character in their members, and develop them into future Knights and Catholic Leaders.

Out of 284 councils in the State of Wisconsin, we have three active Circles that are accomplishing just that. As Knights of Columbus, it is our job to give every young man the opportunity to succeed. That is why every council should have an active Squire's Circle.

As the State Squires Coordinator, I am here to help the state's active Circles, but also to help Councils or Assemblies establish a new Circle. The process is very easy and simply begins with the Council/Assembly filling out a Columbian Squires Inquiry Kit form and either e-mail, or mails it to Supreme. Supreme will then send out a kit that will explain in more detail the process, as well as give you a step by step format to follow. At that time I will also be notified by Supreme Council, and contact you myself.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me. My phone number and e-mail address are in the State Directory, Page 3.

John Booth,
State Squires Coordinator

Richard Keller
Former District Deputy 42



Congratulations!!!

Former District Deputy #42 Richard L. Keller. Richard Earned the Prestigious Star District Award 2006-2007.

To qualify for this award, membership and insurance quotas must be met in the District.

All councils must also submit the Columbian Award. Richard was the only winner in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction.

La Crosse Programs


LaCrosse Diocesan Punt Pass & Kick Competition will be on Sunday September 30th, 2007 at Elroy Fair Grounds, Elroy, Wisconsin. Registration at 10:30 AM, and Competition to start at 11:30 AM.

Lacrosse Diocesan Soccer Competition will be on Sunday October 7th, 2007 at Washington Street Soccer Field, 32nd Street North and Washington Street in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Registration at 11 AM to Noon, Competition at Noon.

Bill Plante,
LaCrosse Diocesan
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“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”

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DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH JULY, 2007

Green Bay Diocese	James & Debra Wellens	Winneconne, WI	Council 8810	District 10
La Crosse Diocese	John and Yanula Nusse	Hillsboro, WI	Council 9070	District 20
Madison Diocese	David and Cheryl Budworth	Ridgeway, WI	Council 10905	District 52
Milwaukee Archdiocese	Richard and Janet Hying	Dousman, WI	Council 6436	District 62
Superior Diocese	Dan and Marie Ohnstad	Cushing, WI	Council 6370	District 87

DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST, 2007

Green Bay Diocese	Mike and Ellen Gelhar	Two Rivers, WI	Council 1957	District 12
LaCrosse Diocese	Don Borre Fannily	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	Council 1558	District 27
Madison Diocese	Jack and Rose Rebholz	Madison, WI	Council 9082	District 47
Milwaukee Archdiocese	Anthony and Renee Gailloreto	Whitewater, WI	Council 1690	District 62
Superior Diocese	Steve and Carol Kind	Phillips, WI	Council 2963	District 86

Council Officers, please encourage your councils to participate in the Family of the Month Program. We are looking to honor families who work together as a family in activities involving Church, Council and Community. We know that there are many worthy families out there. Father McGivney started the Knights of Columbus to help families; so it is only fitting that we recognize and honor families who are carrying forth his mission.

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. 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

Joe Oberweis,
State Family Coordinator

Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus

Directory 2007-2008 Updates

The following are changes and updates to the 2007-2008 Knights of Columbus Directory:

Page 1 & 13, e-mail correction
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Address Correction
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E-mail correction
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District—22
DD Ron Smith has stepped down from his role as District Deputy; District Warden Larry D. Julson has assumed the DD responsibilities

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Address correction
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GK Michael Mans address is
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Name correction
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Timothy Finger's wife name:
Brigette

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Phone Correction
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Page: 58
E-mail correction
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DD 69, Daniel Kropidowski has resigned. SD Deputy Robert Abb has appointed the District Warden to fill the position.

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