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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	183.750	113	61.5	115	-2	28	35	36
La Crosse	220.5	128.625	101	78.5	67	34	23	65	29
Madison	267.8	156.219	94	60.2	50	44	28	59	36
Milwaukee	661.5	385.875	147	38.1	61	86	18	31	34
Superior	110.2	64.281	88	136.9	32	56	21	39	21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>918.75</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>156</b>

Circle of Honor	Current Status (i.e. Needed)
1,575	1,032

Change in Membership
-257

Deceased Members
475

Membership at Beginning of FY	Current Membership
38,094	37,837

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

This month my message will very short. Sometimes things just happen in life that can set the tone for marking a period of time or for setting the tone for days ahead.

Judy and I would like to thank my Brother Knights, Ladies and friends for their prayers, well wishes and Healing Masses before and after Judy's second open heart surgery in the past nineteen months. The first surgery they replaced the Aorta valve with a pig valve and repaired the Mitral valve. This time the Mitral valve had to be replaced with a mechanical valve. It's amazing how far they have come with technology in regards to open heart surgery. Judy had surgery on Tuesday and that night they had her sitting on the end of the bed. I brought Judy home that Sunday morning. Judy is healing and recovering well. Prayers are powerful.

Judy and I will remember throughout the years how thankful we are for what you have blessed us with; "Your Friendship".

God Bless our Ladies  
 God Bless the Knights of Columbus

Faithfully  
 Roland Ransom II  
 State Deputy

*F*raternity  
*A*ttitude  
*I*ntegrity  
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*H*onesty

## Membership Musings

Over the next 150 days, approximately seventy-five Councils and fifteen Districts (i.e. ~20% of the Councils and Districts in the State of Wisconsin) will satisfy their Supreme-defined Membership Recruitment Goals. Is your Council/District going to be included in this elite classification? While you seriously consider this challenge and formulate your final plans to achieve this stellar plateau, here are some Membership thoughts and considerations for the month of February 2010:

- The W.R.A.P Report: 15 March 2010!!
- R.C.I.A.: An Untapped Source
- March Madness: After Round One
- B.O.R.E.D. Numbers

The W.R.A.P Report: 15 March 2010!! – Okay, this is the last time you have to do it (this Fraternal Year, that is)!!!

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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State Secretary

#### *Happy Valentine's Day.*

The passing of yet another Former District Deputy. Jerome Weisensel of Columbus passed away Tuesday February 2, 2010. Jerome was a District Deputy in District #51 from 1960-1962 under Past State Deputy Robert Bodden. The funeral will be Friday February 5, 2010 at St Jerome's Catholic Church in Columbus at 11:30. Keep Jerome and his family in your prayers.

You should have scheduled in February the Food from the Heart Food Drive in your community. As a reminder after you run this program fill in the report form and send it to District Deputy #66 Mike Jansen 7051 Lenwood Drive #4, West Bend, WI 53090. By doing this you not only are helping the needy in your community but you are insuring Wisconsin receives their share of the one million dollars Supreme is offering Jurisdictions with over 25% participation in the program.

I realize the economy is not in good shape but we have many that are less fortunate. Special Olympics Wisconsin and the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin have partnered together in a fund raising endeavor to send athletes to the US National Games to be held in Nebraska from July 18-23, 2010. John Benisch our Special Olympic Coordinator can supply you with any information you may need. As a suggestion you might want to seek corporate funds from corporations in your area. These places have money to use, we just have to ask. Remember we have in place our Wisconsin Charities Inc. (501 c 3) which gives us the ability to provide these companies with a tax number so their donation is tax deductible. These donations need to be sent to John by July 1, 2010.

The Supreme Council has published a brochure on the Culture of Life Fund. It explains some of the programs that the \$2.00 assessment is being used for. Your Financial Secretary can order these; the form number is 4863 12/09.

February is a very busy month with deadline dates for Supreme Forms, State Program Application, Bowling Opening Weekend and others so please check the web site calendar or the back of the State Directory for these dates.

We seem too have a problem in regards to information getting to members if the District Deputy or Grand Knight don't have an interest in these programs. The State Council offers a wide variety of programs for their Brother Knights and their family's to participate in. If they don't know about these programs how can they plan on attending these events? We need to do a better job of informing our membership dates for Camping, Golf, Softball, Special Olympics, Scouting Events, Columbian Squires events etc. If people don't know about these committees how can they enjoy them? If you need information on any of our committees look in the directory and contact the Chairman or any State Officer. The committees have worked hard to provide a quality program, please do your part in keeping our membership informed.

**Daniel E. Hull**  
*State Secretary*

### Chaplain Report

**F**ebruary is not only the shortest month but one that contains two important days on which we, as Knights of Columbus, can be reminded of some of the important things our Order stands for and strives to accomplish.

First is Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Though the Catholic Church has changed the calendar and claimed that since we do not have historical certitude there no longer is a saint by that name, it seems to me that we should still have one. According to legend Valentine was a bishop during the persecution of Christians and wrote a letter to someone in prison encouraging them to keep faith and signed it 'Your Valentine.' How beautiful. We all need encouragement and love in order to grow. Charity (can also be translated as love) and it is the foundation of our Order. What better thing could we do as Knights of Columbus than encourage people to remain faithful to Jesus Christ?

Then on February 15<sup>th</sup> we observe Presidents' Day honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These two great men proved to have great leadership ability in spite of hardship and adversity. Abraham Lincoln ran for office in the Illinois legislature at 23 and was defeated. He entered business with a partner and it failed. He spent the next 17 years paying off the debts of his worthless partner. He fell in love with a beautiful lady, they were engaged to be married; but then she died. He ran for the post of Speaker at 29, Elector at 31 and for a seat in Congress at 34. He was defeated each time. He sought appointment to the U.S Land Office, but was rejected. He was a candidate for Vice President and lost, and two years later was defeated in election for the Senate. He ran for one more office and was elected the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States in the year 1860 at age 51. His deep faith in God and determination saw him through. Remember that Winston Churchill repeated eighth grade three times because he could not pass English. In one of his most famous speeches for commencement at Oxford University he spoke only three words, "Never give up." We should likewise never give up our struggle to promote the values of our Catholic Faith. It is fitting to salute all the members of the Fourth Degree and our Honor Guard because this is our Patriotic Degree. Congratulations to all and thank you for the endless good things you do.

*Vivat Jesus,*  
**Fr. David E. Cooper**  
*State Chaplain*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Let's Get With The Programs (the sequel)

**B**rothers, I sense that our State Councils are beginning to bud to life with the prospect of spring in the air. Let's take advantage of the spring season of rebirth to rededicate ourselves to the Catholic values we possess. I am talking specifically of unselfish giving. No bounds, no score cards, no "what's in it for me's", just serious commitment to doing something just a little bit outside of our comfort zone for others. Yes and we don't need "atta boy's" either. It is lent and time for us to make a concerted effort to do something positive with our God given talents. We are so very blessed to have this Order of ours that is teeming with programs and begging for leadership. Get the ball rolling by taking on any council responsibility and I will guarantee that your personal attitude will mirror the joys of spring. (Incidentally that is a double your money back guarantee!) So consider this: What will you do for the (c) Church, (d) Community, (e) Council, (f) Youth, (g) Family and (h) Pro-Life causes that we champion? Let the grace of God, stirring within you, guide your efforts to practice a wonderful, charitable faith that asks for nothing in return.

Still confused? Don't know where you're needed? Try being a committee member. It will give you a chance to learn program needs. Here are a few things that are coming due this month alone:

February 1<sup>st</sup> the History Books should be done and in the hands of the District Deputies for judging. (He may need help)

February 1<sup>st</sup> all resolutions to the State Convention should be in the hands of the State Advocate

February 13<sup>th</sup> the State Bowling Tournament begins.

February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting the Semi-annual Audit to Supreme. There are dire consequences to the entire council if this is not done, so please!

February 15<sup>th</sup> is also the deadline for submission of Family of the Year Nominations. You've done the work, so do the paper work and get credit for your councils!

February 15<sup>th</sup> is also the deadline for Medallion Award Nominations. Don't tell me that you don't have an outstandingly dedicated brother in your council because I have yet to see a council that doesn't have several of these "wonder workers". Give them the credit that they deserve by nominating them for the Medallion Award.

February 15<sup>th</sup> (did I mention this date before???) is also the deadline for getting the Tootsie Roll District Order into the State. If you believe that people with special needs deserve a break in life then get busy and send in your order!

February 15<sup>th</sup> (in case I didn't mention this date) starts the Diocesan Free Throw, Math and Spelling contest times.

February 20<sup>th</sup> (so there is another date in this month) is the Men in Christ Conference. If you hadn't planned on going then there is something wrong with you. This is really powerful stuff and you need it, trust me!

February 28<sup>th</sup> those same History Books have to be sent on to the Diocesan Program Coordinator for Judging the District Deputies work. So watch out!

Diocese	Contest	Date	Place	Time
Green Bay	Knowledge Contest	March 13, 2010	St. Mary Site, Kaukauna	11:00 AM
	Free Throw	February 27, 2010	West DePere High School	11:00 AM
LaCrosse	Knowledge Contest	March 6, 2010	St. Bronaslavia Parish, Plover	9:00 AM
	Free Throw	March 13, 2010	Cashton Public Schools Auditorium	8:45 AM
Madison	Knowledge Contest	March 6, 2010	Sauk Prairie Middle School	9:00 AM
	Free Throw	March 6, 2010	Sauk Prairie Middle School	9:00 AM
Milwaukee	Knowledge Contest	March 6, 2010	Catholic Memorial High School	12:00 PM
	Free Throw	March 6, 2010	Catholic Memorial High School	12:00 PM
Superior	Knowledge Contest	March 6, 2010	Our Lady of Sorrows	8:30 AM
	Free Throw	March 6, 2010	10-11 yr olds-Ladysmith Elementary School 12-14 yr olds- Ladysmith High School	8:30 AM

One other little reminder for the Financial Secretaries, check to see if you are on a calendar or fiscal year cycle with the IRS because some councils should be filling out their form 990n's (on line only) now.

Keep those cards and letters coming! I will help in any way that I can.

Now, did we have fun or what?

*Vivat Jesus,*

**Robert Halaska**

**State Program Director**

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS---TEAM WISCONSIN

#### BE A FAN OF OPPORTUNITY - MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

Special Olympics Wisconsin has issued a challenge that we have accepted. We will fund the sending of Team Wisconsin athletes to the USA National games, in Lincoln, Neb. July 18<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. The goal of our campaign is \$100,000.00. This amounts to \$2.67 per member.

This goal is reachable **IF ALL** councils take an active part. We **CAN** and **WILL** reach this goal.

By now all Councils should have discussed how they are going to support this drive. All councils should have their information from the District Deputy and what the Council goal is. Please give special attention to this as soon as possible.

We all have had dreams and the opportunities to make them come true. Now it is our turn to make these athletes' dreams come true.

There are many ways in which Councils can raise these funds. From the general account, the charity account, a fund raising event, asking members for donations, by contacting area businesses, or any other way you decide. Ask your employer if they would be interested in donating to our drive. If your Council holds a fundraising event and would like a Special Olympian to be present, let me know and I will make contact for you.

If the company that you work at has a Foundation, please get me the information, and I will contact them, or get you the information for them. Remember that the WI Knights of Columbus Charities is a 501c3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization. If you need the tax number, contact me.

Thank you to the following Councils who have made donations this past month.

Jan Balance		\$2050.00
Council #2210	Algoma	\$250.00
Council #14677	Green Bay	\$100.00
Council #4634	Thorp	\$230.00
Council #6719	Milwaukee	\$150.00
Council #3464	Elkhorn	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total to date		<u>\$3030.00</u>

We have a long way to go, but I am confident that we will reach our goal by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please contact me. I have a list of what cities the athletes are from that will be going to the games. There are athletes from every Diocese in the state.

In order to keep an accurate record, I would ask that all monies be sent directly to me. Please have **ALL CHECKS** made out to **WI Knights of Columbus Charities**. Be sure to include your Council number. I will then transfer to the State Council.

John Benisch  
 KC Special Olympics Coordinator  
 4645 State Hwy 80  
 Pittsville, WI 54466-9216

**Thank you for being a Fan of Special Olympics.**

### From the State Officers

**C**s in all organizations, this fraternal year Wisconsin is again taking our hits. United as one we must challenge our council officers, not just the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, but ALL council officers to step up and assist in the area of retention.

We are saddened to receive stacks upon stacks of suspension notices and read in some cases the brothers being considered for suspension are elderly (I mean over 80 years old) and far too many brothers being considered for suspension are one year behind in their dues (in most cases \$25.00 or less); Others receiving bills of over \$100-\$200 for years of delinquent dues.

The economic conditions of our present times are very difficult. It's far too easy simply to send a letter to a brother and basically say pay up or get out.

We need to stop the bleeding and be fraternal. If you are going to take Wisconsin from simply being good to becoming GREAT, than lets make this happen. United as one, we seek the good in each other to be trustworthy. United as one, together with assistance from brothers on the council, district, insurance, State and Supreme levels, we can take the Wisconsin jurisdiction and make "Membership History"!!

We know that simply being good to becoming GREAT is not an easy task. You have to want it really bad!

May God bless you and may God bless our efforts!

*State Officers*

### STATE CHARITY RAFFLE

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

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

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

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

*Dennis Rakowski  
 State Charity Chairman*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Knowledge Contest Reminders

The countdown to the State Contest at Assumption H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids began January 1st. Participating councils should have completed their Math and/or Spelling Contests by February 15th and have submitted their First Place winners and the number of participants at each grade level to their Diocesan Coordinator promptly!

1. "Double" winners in Math, Spelling or Free Throw Shooting must choose ONE event at the Diocesan level.
2. Winners advancing to the Diocesan Contest must be given a TRAVEL CARD to be shown at the registration table and to be used to gain admission to the contest room. The cards are to be collected after the contestants have filled out the cover

page of the contest booklet.

3. Efforts should be made to send an alternate (the 2nd Place winner) if the 1st Place winner opts out of the Diocesan Contest.

The place, date and times of all Diocesan Contests must be made known to all participating councils so that NO eligible contestants miss their opportunity to compete!

Diocesan Coordinators – your Diocesan Contests must be held by March 15, 2010.

1. First and Second Place winners at the Diocesan Level are eligible for ONE event at the State Contest on Saturday, March 27, 2010.
2. Each contestant must have a specific TRAVEL CARD with them when

they register for the State Contest.

3. Diocesan Coordinators must make sure that their winners have enough time to make arrangements for the State Contest.

4. Arrange for alternates if necessary and in a timely manner.

Please do me the courtesy of submitting your winners' names NO later than March 22, 2010. By all means use E-mail if you prefer to use a spread sheet instead of the Report Forms. With everyone's cooperation this State Council Youth Program will be a success. Your efforts in this educational endeavor are sincerely appreciated.

*Peter J. Schulteis  
Poster & Knowledge Contests*

### DIOCESAN FAMILIES OF THE MONTH January 2010

**Green Bay Diocese**  
Richard and Janel Sunde  
Council 7895 / 5  
Greenville, WI

**La Crosse Diocese**  
Earl and Julie Studinski  
Council 13880 / 27  
Plover, WI

**Madison Diocese**  
Bill and Alice Brickl  
Council 3099 / 43  
Merricac, WI

**Milwaukee Archdiocese**  
Joe and Henrietta Schnitzler  
Council 12621 / 61  
Theresa, WI

**Superior Diocese**  
John and Katherine Wilke  
Council 2963 / 86  
Phillips, WI



### Report of the State Family Coordinator

We are fast approaching the deadline to submit the Family of the Year Nominations. Grand Knights, please urge your Family Committee to submit a nomination. I am sure that each council has families that should be recognized and honored as a Family of the Year. Encourage your council's membership to suggest a family to be honored. Let's try to have every council submit a Family of the Year nomination this year.

The Family of the year nominations is due by **Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please send the nomination document directly to me.

**Joe Oberweis**  
**State Family Coordinator**  
**524 W Central St**  
**Chippewa Falls WI 54729**

Nominations submitted after Feb 15, will probably not be able to be judged. The Family Committee that does the judging will be meeting shortly after the deadline.

Brothers, when you submit Family of the month nominations, please write clearly if you hand write them and use black ink. Other colored inks do not copy well and if you scan them they may not be readable.

We are getting quite a few entries that are not filled out completely and are not readable because of poor copy quality. Some do

not have the address of the family listed. We need that if they are chosen Diocesan Family of the Month, so we can send them their award. We need to know what the family does for their church, council, community and family in order to compare them to the other entries. Please encourage your family committee to fill out the nomination form completely.

I know that worthwhile families are overlooked because we don't have enough information to accurately judge them

Please submit your nominations before the end of the month. Councils, please use the form to submit a nomination. Invariably, when the form is not used, the information is incomplete. Please do not send us your newsletter that may list who you selected as your Family of the Month and expect that to take the place of the nomination form.

We commend the many councils that faithfully submit good nominations each month.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to send me an email, joeoberweis@yahoo.com or give me a call. 715 723 6968

*Joe Oberweis*  
*State Family Coordinator*

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### The Tour de Kalahari A Monthly Serial of Membership Recruitment

By Schreiner, The Salivating "Big Ring" Sasquatch

#### Stage Seven – "A Challenge in 'God's Country'"

*[A brief Overview... By the end of Stage Six, a cold, but short marathon through the relatively flat region of the northern portion of the Badger State, Hull's Howling Heifers (Superior) were putting a firmer clamp onto first place. The four remaining challengers, though certainly not eliminated for a place on the podium and winner of the prestigious Yellow Jersey at the Champs de Kalahari at race end, were finding themselves in a tight struggle in this second tier of competition.*

*At the halfway point, behind the leader, Team Heifer, were Guski's Galloping Gophers (La Crosse), Genthe's Growling Gazelles (Green Bay), Faust's Fastidious Ferrets (Madison), and Ransom's Rabid Rabbits (Milwaukee) in second through fifth place, respectively. Up to this point, especially during Stages Five and Six the peleton has become significantly more tense. And the reason is primarily due to Team Rabbit. Early on, Mike "Soldier of Fortune" Angeli and Gary "Downtown" Brown were having difficulty in the proper strategy their potentially "killer of a team" should undertake. Lately, based on reports from the Sasquatch Associated Press Service (S.A.P.S.), Team Rabbit has shown modest though measurable surges placing them in a position to move out of fifth place. Now that we are entering yet another Climber's Delight along the majestic bluffs overlooking the mighty Mississippi River, will Team Rabbit make its charge? Let's listen as the Roving Yetis report the "goings on" for this "chain breaking" stage....]*

Within a millisecond of Fr. Dave "The Arbitrator" Cooper ringing the starting bell, Team Heifer is in a breakaway up the first major climb of this mountainous stage along the westernmost boundary of Wisconsin. Reports from Roving Yetis indicate that Tom "The Sage" Rudolph, Dennis "Kingpin" Ashbeck, and Pat "The Kegster" Becker along with two expert climbers, Jim "Question Man" Otto and Jeff "The Tornado" Williams, are putting a lot of "blacktop" between Team Heifer and the remainder of the pack.

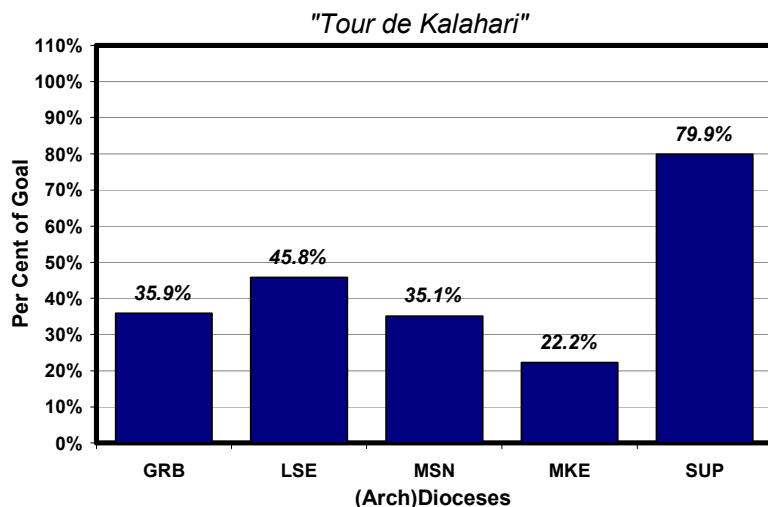
For the moment, in an effort to keep Team Heifer from making this a race for second place at this early stage, three of the four remaining teams are sending their expert climbers to make an attempt to help control the pace of this unprecedented "team breakaway" by Hull's Howling Heifers. From Guski's Galloping Gophers, Dan "The Matman" Matzek, who spends thousands of hours training on the very route this stage is now taking place, is not going to let Team Heifer get away "scot-free". Faust's Fastidious Ferrets and Ransom's Rabid Rabbits are also making a token effort to keep abreast of Team Heifer. They are sending Al "The Exterminator" Russell and Pat "The Mountain Mauler" Reiff, respectively. Although this loosely aligned triumvirate is putting up a valiant effort, at least for the moment anyway, it appears that these three climbers are only serving as a "light brake" for the high speed "Steam Engine", otherwise known as Team Heifer.

As an aside, it should be noted that of the three independent challengers, "The Matman", "The Exterminator", and "The Mountain Mauler", it is Pat "The Mountain Mauler" Reiff who bears some close watching in the future. This rookie has stepped up for Team Rabbit (Milwaukee) and, along with several other newcomers, is beginning to make observers, like this Sasquatch, have second thoughts about what was up to now considered to be a group of "under achievers". Mike "Soldier of Fortune" Angeli and Gary "Downtown" Brown have made some serious strides in bringing back what was once known statewide as "Rabbit Pride" to this seriously revamped team. But they still have a ways to go before they start pushing the present leader of this Tour!

Meanwhile, what has happened to Genthe's Growling Gazelles (Green Bay)? Unlike their three second tier competitors, no one from this team was sent to try to rein in the nearly solo team breakaway by Team Heifer. As we moved into Stage Six, Team Gazelle had made some small but significant strides by dragging themselves up to third place from a somewhat dismal fourth place showing early on. Dave "The Redneck" Hallada, Ed "Too Tall" Cross, and Geary "Spike" Spykerman along with the rest of Team Gazelle seem to have fallen flat on this "mountainous" stage.

Based on Roving Yeti reports it looks as though they have decided, at least for this particular leg of the race, to hunker down and, as best they can, maintain their present position. But by being conservative, it appears they have slipped further behind the second place Team Gopher (La Crosse) and are now only seconds in front of Team Ferret (Madison), which is now in fourth place.

Could this "conservative approach" spell doom for Team Gazelle? And even though Team Gopher, Team Ferret, and Team Rabbit did push their "climbers" to limit the dramatic team breakaway by Hull's Howling Heifers, their effectiveness was hardly measurable. Can this dynamo, known as Team Heifer, be challenged? Stage Eight may prove to be a leveler. This stage will mark the final set of team time trials in the 2009/2010 version of the Tour de Kalahari. Stay tuned for more answers next time....



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### “The True Meaning of Christmas”

**T**hanks to the combined efforts of dedicated Diocesan Coordinators, District Deputies, Grand Knights/Contest Chairmen, and a multitude of Brother Knights, Ladies, Principals, Teachers and Parents, the 2009 Christmas Poster Contest was successful! Please accept my sincere gratitude for a job well done!

Congratulations to these state finalists whose posters will be displayed at the State Convention in Wisconsin Dells

Grade	Rank	Name	Hometown	Council	District	Diocese
Grade 1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ethan Rumpel	Baldwin	7030	81	Superior
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ellie Karpf	Hortonville	1797	5	Green Bay
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Camren Cheney	Kenosha	973	67	Milwaukee
Grade 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Anna Ebben	Little Chute	10919	9	Green Bay
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniela Nieto	Brodhead	10920	49	Madison
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hope Gibbons	Eau Claire	1257	22	La Crosse
Grade 3	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam Rogals	Green Bay	6279	7	Green Bay
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jennifer Stoughton	Dodgeville	4871	52	Madison
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anna Penzkover	Rice Lake	2137	82	Superior
Grade 4	1 <sup>st</sup>	Evan Boisvert	Prairie du Chein	1840	26	La Crosse
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grace Olson	Wausau	1069	28	La Crosse
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alex Udelhofen	Platteville	6480	40	Madison

A gold, silver or bronze medallion has been sent directly to each contestant's home address. Their posters will be returned immediately after the convention. It is my sincere hope that every effort was made to return **all posters** that were submitted for judging.

Councils are urged to capitalize on the momentum generated by the Christmas Poster Contest by contacting the participating schools and promoting the Knowledge Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. **Students may compete in both math and spelling at the council level.**

Grand Knights are reminded to check their Wisconsin Books to make sure they contain the updated **pages** for the Poster Contest. Failure to use **official identification labels** and **council report forms** added unnecessary complications for our Diocesan Coordinators as they selected their poster contest winners and tabulated the participation totals.

**Peter J. Schulteis**  
State Coordinator  
Poster & Knowledge Contests

Missing 185 (Officer) Report		Missing 365 (Coordinator) Report					
4	6444	4	6444	21	5193	61	12621
24	5127	7	617	21	6599	63	1825
47	6568	8	14677	24	5127	65	6719
65	4614	11	5539	28	12467	69	4520
69	4520	11	7732	47	6568	80	832
90	6560	13	5844	61	11301	90	1133

### State Charity Grants

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

**\$1,500** to a Janesville family for a 2 month old baby who has a cleft palate and the family has a \$6,000 deductible. The Whitewater Council already gave the family \$500.

**\$1,500** to a 19 year old man from Kaukauna who has recently diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma to help with medical bills.

**\$1,500** to 56 year old woman from Ojibwa who recently was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblast Leukemia to help with medical bills.

**\$2,000** to a 33 year old single man from Madison who suffers with spinal cord disease. He is a quadriplegic including lost of hearing and he needs a \$31,000 wheelchair.

**\$1,000** to a young daughter who is aged 17 from Keshena and she has a baby who is 16 months old and her boyfriend took her for a ride in an auto and they crashed into a tree.

**\$2,000** to a 64 year old single man from Minocqua who was diagnosed with severe spinal stenosis and he has pinched nerves and slipped discs in his back.

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

**Dennis T. Rakowski**  
State Charity Chairman

### Annual Fraternal Surveys Due

**T**hank you to all the councils that have submitted the Annual Fraternal Survey in a timely matter. This report is what maintain the tax exempt status for the Knights of Columbus and the officer's of the state of Wisconsin are committed to having 100% compliance on the submission of this report. If your council is on the list below you need to act now on completing this report. District Deputies will be calling you to insure the we achieve our goal. Please submit this report immediately!!!

2	1475	22	974	43	3450	63	10715
3	1922	24	4634	44	9078	64	6883
3	12185	24	5127	47	6568	66	7798
4	6444	24	7894	49	9360	67	14362
7	617	25	839	49	10920	68	4580
7	5382	26	1840	49	12491	71	4897
7	11834	27	13880	50	1864	71	12677
9	12596	28	5488	50	12709	80	832
10	13083	29	2787	51	6460	83	9546
13	5844	30	12673	60	664	89	9371
21	2055	40	6151	61	2035	90	1133
21	6599	41	1386	63	1825	90	6560
21	7342	42	605	63	4240	90	9608

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### Fourth Degree Notes

**April 17, 2010 Exemplification:** A joint Eastern and Western District Exemplification will be held at the Milwaukee Marriott West, W231N1600 Corporate Court, Waukesha WI 53186, on Saturday, April 17, 2010. All Third Degree members who have been members of the Knights of Columbus for at least six months are invited to be exemplified to the Fourth Degree, the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus. The lesson is of Patriotism and especially the role that the Church and Catholics served in the development of our Country.

The registration fee for each candidate is \$70 and includes one banquet ticket, a social baldric, an emblem and flag pin. The fee for Clergy (Priests) is \$35. Additional banquet tickets are \$28 each and the Ladies Luncheon ticket is \$14. All fees and a completed form 4 with all five required signatures should be sent to Carl Duch, Eastern District Master (1001 Keats Circle, Oconomowoc WI 53066) by the Faithful Comptroller of each Assembly.

The Dress for the Exemplification is a black tuxedo (NO tails),

plain white tuxedo shirt (shirt collar – NO wing tip collar), with black bow tie, black cummerbund (NO vests), social baldric (provided for candidates), and black footwear.

**May 22, 2010 Exemplification:** An Exemplification will be held in Janesville on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Watch for the official notification mailing and the details will also appear in the next issue of the State Newsletter.

**Survey of fraternal Activities:** The completed form #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity was due to Supreme, the Vice Supreme Master, and District Master by January 31, 2010. If you have not completed this important form, please do so as soon as possible. The information is necessary to establish the records that substantiate our great charitable work. The form can be completed online at the Supreme Web Site, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and emailed to each recipient and yourself for the Assembly records.

Carl Duch, Master  
Eastern Wisconsin District

Jacob Grzywacz, Master  
Western Wisconsin District



### Knights of Columbus Announces \$1 Million for U.S. and Canadian 'Food for Families' Program



The program encourages each state jurisdiction in the United States and each province jurisdiction in Canada to work with their local parish churches and other public places to collect food for food banks in their area. Those states and provinces in which a significant number of councils (25%) participate will then be allocated a portion of the \$1 million fund for food banks in their areas. **Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies, please get the word out.**

The "Food for Families" program has been launched in the Wisconsin State Council. The Chairman for this program is District Deputy #66 Michael Jansen. Completed council forms should be submitted to the District Deputy who will forward them to Michael. **Please make a copy of your form.** The form was in the January state newsletter, state web-site or if you call or e-

mail Michael I'm sure he will get your council a form. If your council has run a recent food drive, please fill out the form. I know several councils have already run food drives for Thanksgiving and Christmas. **It's a matter of paperwork.** Please fill out this necessary paperwork. That's all it will take to receive a portion of the \$1 million fund for food banks in Wisconsin.

**Brother Knights we have less than 10 forms turned in at this point. I know there are at least 100 councils that donate to their local food bank. Let's make February the month where we receive those other 90 forms. The money that we receive from Supreme will be dispersed equally among the councils that submit the form.**

Michael can be reached at 262-573-0071 or [mdjansen4@yahoo.com](mailto:mdjansen4@yahoo.com)

*The State Officers*

GEORGE W. HANNA  
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Fraternal Services



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Memo To: State Deputies  
State NCD Chairman

From: George Hanna  
Sr. Vice President of Fraternal Services

Date: February 1, 2010

Subject: Council 15,000

As of the above date, Supreme is within 50 new councils of Council 15,000.

Effective 2/1/2010 through 5/29/2010 all new councils will be eligible for a drawing on June 5<sup>th</sup> for Council number 15,000.

As councils are instituted they will be given a new council number and placed on a list for Council 15,000. On June 5<sup>th</sup> if their council is drawn, they will be awarded Council number 15,000 and presented with a new charter reflecting that council number.

The number they received when the council started will be deleted and not re-issued.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

GH/H

Cc: Board of Directors  
Membership and Programming Coordinators

### New Insurance Agency in the South East



**Sosnowski Agency**  
Kenneth E. Sosnowski, ARM  
12525 N. Jacqueline Court  
Mequon, WI 53092  
Office: (262) 242-3350  
Fax: (262) 512-2762  
[ken.sosnowski@kofc.org](mailto:ken.sosnowski@kofc.org)

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And, in order for Council Grand Knights and Membership Directors to prepare, here are a few pertinent questions to consider before you pass along to your District Deputy the information needed to satisfy the Wisconsin Recruitment Activity Program (W.R.A.P.) report:

1. What sort of special Membership Recruitment Program will you be conducting during the month of March (April, May, or June) 2010?
2. How many New or Reactivated Members have you recorded since 1 January 2010?
3. Have you added any potential candidates to your Membership Prospect List?
4. Are you planning any First Degrees in the next two to four weeks to exemplify any Member Prospects (i.e. Catholic Gentlemen who have signed a Form #100G, but have yet to participate in the First Degree)?

If your Council GK or Membership Director can answer each of these questions with confidence and authority, you are ready to pass along the information needed by your District Deputy (who, by the way, is biting at the bit to get these data to his respective Diocesan Membership Coordinator or State Membership Director). **THANK YOU** for taking the time needed to complete this state-wide, Supreme-required Membership Recruitment report. And, **THANK YOU** for expanding Columbianism in your Parish(es) and Community(ies).

(Author's note: Now is the time to order your "Blitz Kit". You can find a sample order form at the following location: [http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/images/BLITZ\\_ORDER\\_FORM.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/images/BLITZ_ORDER_FORM.pdf). Make sure you order it about 4 to 6 weeks prior to your Membership Recruitment Program.)

**R.C.I.A.: An Untapped Source** – Speaking of "potential candidates", when is the last time someone from your Council Membership Committee spoke with your Parish's Director (or Coordinator) of Religious Education (D.R.E. or C.R.E.)? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) program has begun or will shortly begin in Parishes throughout the State of Wisconsin. Now is the time to contact your Parish (or Parishes) D.R.E.s and/or C.R.E.s.

Why you may ask? Well, (1.) it is better to request an opportunity to speak with the R.C.I.A. candidates now than putting off your request until later, when it may be too late! And, (2.) what better way to introduce a newly converted Catholic Gentleman to practice his Catholic Faith than through the Knights of Columbus. By joining the K of C he will have the opportunity to live his Faith not only in the Church proper, but in his Community and daily life. I am certain you will agree that some of our most enthusiastic and passionate K of C members are adult graduates of R.C.I.A.!

**March Madness: After Round One** – Round One of Membership Recruitment Madness has just completed. To update everyone, the State of Wisconsin is competing in the Fraternity League, which is made up of seven additional teams (provinces/states) besides the Mighty Badgers. They are Virginia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Indiana. Our First Round opponent was the Hoosiers from Indiana. And, unfortunately they just blew us away. But, we are not knocked out yet. This is a double elimination venue, so we are still a legitimate contender. Round two will run from 1 through 26 February 2010 and our adversary will be those wily Swamp Rats from Louisiana. Remember, everybody knows a Badger can easily smite a Swamp Rat!!!!

Besides bragging rights the winners of this "friendly" competition are eligible for cash awards. The Membership Budgets for the top three states in each League are eligible for cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 for First, Second, and Third Place, respectively. We may be out of contention for First Place and Second Place, but Third Place is well within our grasp!!! Let's start by showing those Louisianans how real Membership Recruitment (i.e. **Wisconsin-Style**) is done!!

**B.O.R.E.D. Numbers** – The Membership Summary Table on page 1 of this monthly newsheet shows that overall, we are still recruiting New Or Reactivated Members (N.O.R.M.s) at a rate which is slightly less than 60% of where we should be at this time of year (i.e. %GtD). At the same time this organization is entering the "high performance" portion of the Fraternal Year (FY) when it comes to Membership Recruitment. Based on factual feedback from the numerical nerds at the Bureau Of Really Exciting Data (B.O.R.E.D.), on average over the past four FYs these final five months (which constitutes 41% of the FY) account for approximately 55% of the N.O.R.M.s. If we can up tick that "55%" to "65%", the Membership Recruitment goals for the State of Wisconsin will become a reality. Let's truly focus on finishing FY 2009/2010 in an eye-popping blaze of glory!!

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](mailto: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*

ABORTION / VOTING

@ be Lincoln Said “There are two types of people – leaders and followers- chose the former, it is less crowded.

Why is there such a fear to talk about abortion and voting at the same time? Could it be the fear that the IRS has over our leaders using the 501c3 as a hammer? We are approaching nearly 50 million deaths because of the 501. Are we going to continue to let the IRS dictate what we can do on moral and political issues? The IRS will not challenge the Catholic Church and all other pro-life organizations on the 501 issue as they would lose.

We need to stop using money as the reason to continue the slaughter of babies. Voting for a pro-abortion candidate is putting our souls in jeopardy with God. We cannot continue to support evil and good at the same time. Where is our moral back bone and where is the moral back bone of our leaders?

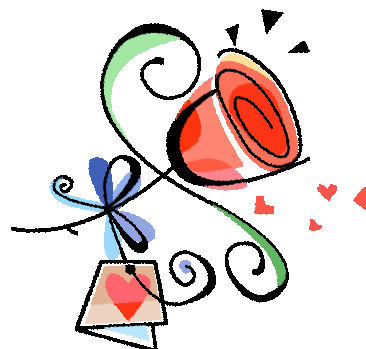
The state of Wisconsin usually is considered a Catholic state. Why then do we elect so many pro-abortion candidates to public office? There is a great disconnect here - who is responsible for this lack of respect for the teachings of the church, the Ten Commandments and the Pope? Could it be that we like to talk a little about the problem but take no action? Do we as people sitting in the pews, demanding nothing of our church leaders, think that we have no responsibility for these deaths? Doing nothing in the face of a crime does not get us off the hook. Pro-life organizations need to set there egos aside and start working together. The last 40 years and 50 million deaths should be wake-up calls to people that are in a position of authority.

The Catholic Church has the infrastructure to stop abortion. With diocese in every part of the United States there is no reason not to get pro-life candidates elected. The authority for abortion is not even a law, but an opinion. We are morally bound to oppose an unjust action. The Bishops and the K.C. should team up and make this work, which they can do with very little effort.

This fall we proposed a U.S. conclave of Bishops for Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 with a detailed preliminary plan to stop abortion.

They had the opportunity to change and inject their ideas into the plan. But guess what- everyone was to busy to get together to discuss the problem. When do we stop worrying about cash flow and start worrying about blood flow.

*Respect For Life Committee  
Superior Diocese  
Pat O'Malley*





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus 2009 – 2010 Scheduled First Degrees

### Milwaukee

February 18 - 697 Racine  
February 21 - 7048 Mukwonago  
February 22 - 13733 Big Bend  
March 2 - 4579 East Troy  
March 8 - 8172 Waterford  
March 9 - 664 Fond du Lac  
March 18 - 697 Racine  
March 21 - 7048 Mukwonago  
March 22 - 13733 Big Bend  
April 12 - 8172 Waterford  
April 13 - 4580 Hales Corners  
April 15 - 697 Racine  
April 18 - 7048 Mukwonago  
April 26 - 13733 Big Bend  
May 10 - 8172 Waterford  
May 11 - 4580 Hales Corners  
May 16 - 697 Racine

May 20 - 7048 Mukwonago  
May 24 - 13733 Big Bend  
June 8 - 8172 Waterford  
June 14 - 4580 Hales Corners  
June 17 - 697 Racine  
June 28 - 13733 Big Bend

### La Crosse

February 8 - 839 La Crosse  
February 9 - 1257 Eau Claire  
March 14 - 9438 Bangor  
April 7 - 6487 Galesville

### Madison

February 18 - 6690 Lake Mills  
April 18 - District 52, Dodgeville  
May 3 - 6460 DeForest  
September 19 - District 52, Dodgeville

### Superior

March 11 - 4954 Glenwood City  
March 27 - 7827 Woodruff

### Green Bay

February 18 - 2478 Sturgeon Bay  
March 18 - 2478 Sturgeon Bay  
April 15 - 2478 Sturgeon Bay  
May 20 - 2210 Algoma  
June 17 - 2478 Sturgeon Bay  
July 15 - 2210 Algoma  
August 19 - 2478 Sturgeon Bay  
September 16 - 2210 Algoma

### Second Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
February 23, 2010	7:30 pm	1690	Whitewater/Palmyra	#62 John Haugner, Jr	(262) 965-2441
March 7, 2010		4520	Cedarburg	#69 Daniel Montaine	(262) 377-3864
March 13, 2010	10:30 am	664	Fond du Lac	#60 James TenPas	(920) 467-6462
March 14, 2010		3955	De Pere	#8 Jerry Rubia	(920) 632-4947
March 21, 2010	11:00 am	697	Racine	#67 William Frayer	(262) 632-4931
March 27, 2010	10:00 am	7827	Woodruff	#85 Raymond Knapstein	(715) 356-7884
March 28, 2010		839	La Crosse	#25 Allan Schelfhout	(608) 781-4870

### Third Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
March 7, 2010		4520	Cedarburg	#69 Daniel Montaine	(262) 377-3864
March 14, 2010		3955	De Pere	#8 Jerry Rubia	(920) 632-4947
March 21, 2010	1:30 pm	697	Racine	#67 William Frayer	(262) 632-4931
March 27, 2010	12:00 pm	7827	Woodruff	#85 Raymond Knapstein	(715) 356-7884
March 28, 2010		839	La Crosse	#25 Allan Schelfhout	(608) 781-4870

### Fourth Degrees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eastern or Western District</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
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

To schedule a Second or Third Degree in your Council/District, Contact PSD Erwin Jankowiak (414) 384-4269

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