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State Chaplain

As we begin this new year there is hope that anything is possible and we may even keep our New Year's resolution for a change. Well no matter what our plans were, we all need goals to shoot for. In November Carl Anderson wrote in Columbia Magazine about Cardinal Van Thuan and his description of "a Christian as the man of now". He saw every Christian as a person who lives in the present, who acts to make a difference in his life and the lives of those around him now. If you didn't have a goal for 2008, that sounds like a very good one. We can dwell on the past and how things used to be or we can always plan without actions. To be that "man of now" is a great way to remind ourselves and our councils that the present is what we have to work with. The past and future are not in our control. Reflecting and asking ourselves what can we do 'now' may help us focus on what we can do. Why worry about what we can't do or what other councils can do. As Knights and as councils to see our talents and use them in service of our brothers and sisters in Christ is the way in which we make concrete the charity we speak of so often.

Vivat Jesus! is our greeting declaring that Jesus is alive, that Jesus is living. What we can do 'now' will bring Him alive to those around us. Making a change in ourselves is a great goal for the up coming year. With ourselves renewed in Christ and with His strength it is that much earlier to change the world around us. We are known as Catholic Christian gentlemen. Each year, each

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month, each day may we also be known for what we do 'now' and the charity we live in each passing moment. Vivat Jesus!

Fr. John Potaczek
State Chaplain

State Deputy

My Lady Helen and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Grand Knights; please take a copy of the WI Knights of Columbus Notes to your Council meetings to share with your members. The WI Knights of Columbus Notes can be downloaded from the State Website: www.wikofc.com

The Winter District Deputy Meeting held in early December in Green Lake, WI was very successful; this was due to the high attendance and information that was shared. Thanks to all who attended and stayed through the program on Sunday. The State Officers met in early January to critique the meeting and develop future meetings.

BELIEVE IN THE PROGRAM: Believe in yourself, the Knights of Columbus and its programs. **IT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR COUNCILS NOT TO MEET THEIR MEMBERSHIP GOALS!** Membership goals must be attained for your council and the Knights of Columbus to continue in the State of Wisconsin. Hats off to the councils that have met their goals! If your council has not achieved their membership target, please ask your Membership Coordinator or District Deputy to assist you. Supreme Council has given us a membership

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goal based on our state numbers for the last 5 years, so we should not have trouble attaining this objective. Every council should have a membership plan for each month for the rest of the Fraternal Year; a Membership Blitz is scheduled in March, and will require a Council Membership Plan which your District Deputy and Diocesan Membership Coordinator will be asking for.

The State Officers met with the Intellectual Disabilities Committee for the distribution of grant applications. Chairman Chuck Simmons and his Committee did an excellent job and the State Officers would like to thank them for their hard work.

The State Officers, Administrative Staff and Convention Host Districts are preparing for your State Convention April 26-27, 2008 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. Your District Deputy does not receive reimbursement for his hotel room to attend this function; Councils or Districts should help defray the cost of their accommodations.

BELIEVE IN THE PROGRAM: The State of Wisconsin needs more Council leadership. Members need to have taken their 3rd degree before becoming a council officer. 3rd Degree Ceremonial Teams are needed so membership can take their next degree in a timely manner. Please consider becoming a Ceremonial Team Member by contacting our State Ceremonials Coordinator, Erv Jankowiak at 414 384-1435 or email: ejankc@aol.com for more information

Fraternally,
Robert J. Abb
State Deputy

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State Secretary

Brother Knights and families;

We are quickly into a new year. "Let's roll up our sleeves and keep working". Yes its 2008! We had a good 2007 but now its time to roll up our sleeves and get back to work if we are to build on our successes. The time to focus on completing your council activities and projects and documenting all of your activities is upon us. As a volunteer organization, the best we can do for our members is recognize all of the contributions they have made in time, talent and funds. Do yourselves and your members a favor by completing the forms and getting them to the various coordinators and Supreme promptly. They deserve the recognition. The State Officers encourage every council and all the District Deputies to try and achieve at least one award or other recognition for all the efforts you have made on behalf of your council and the Order.

Whatever the end result, each and every active member of the Knights of Columbus in the great State of Wisconsin can be encouraged and take credit of all the great successes we have enjoyed this year. As the year moves on we continue to meet challenges by working together in Unity. Before being part of any challenge that may disrupt your council or assembly be sure to reflect on our degrees. We bring together Catholics into the greatest Order in the world. We ask that they take part in our programs. We must remember that in most cases that brother is doing the best he can at that moment. Let us live together and share our fraternal benefits with peace and love.

Our 107th Annual State Convention is fast approaching. The planning and details are astounding. We have been working and communicating to make this convention the highlight of the fraternal year. The entire week

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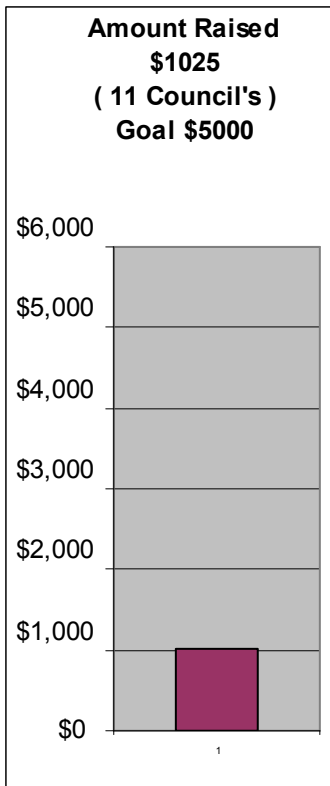
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end will be filled with exciting Knights of Columbus and family activities. Each council should be thinking about who their delegates will be and inviting their chaplains to the State Convention. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

"A goal without a plan is just a wish"

**God Bless
Roland Ransom
State Secretary**

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

State Charity Raffle

By now every Council member should be selling raffle tickets for the 2008 State Charity Raffle. The Grand Knight should challenge each member to sell at least one ticket per month from January through April and then he should buy one himself. It may also be a good idea to try and get an article in your local newspaper promoting the raffle. The following may be helpful:

Members of the Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets for the Wisconsin State Council's annual Charity Raffle. The prize list consists of \$135,000 paid to 45 winners, with a first prize of \$50,000, and the second prize is a 2008 Harley FLHX Street Glide or \$25,000. The third prize is \$15,000 and the fourth prize is a 2008 Harley XL 1200 or \$10,000. The fifth prize is \$5,000.

The great thing about this raffle is that both Harleys are the 105th Anniversary Editions which are real classics. The drawing will take place at the organization's State Convention on April 26th in the Wisconsin Dells. Tickets can be obtained from any Knight of Columbus at a cost of \$5.00. This is the largest raffle in the State of Wisconsin for a \$5.00 price. (Now personalize the article by inserting a name and telephone number of a Council member).

Last year, the Knights made charitable donations of more than \$304,000 from their local councils to needy persons in their communities. In addition, the State Council issued grants to 176 families throughout Wisconsin in an amount of \$217,000. They also sent \$10,000 to help the victims of the flooding that took place in Western Wisconsin. I would also like to remind you that the first turn-in of ticket stubs and money to your Diocesan co-coordinator is January 31, 2008.

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

***Dennis T. Rakowski,
State Charity Chairman***

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Knowledge Contest Reminders

Knowledge Contest materials were distributed to each district deputy at the **semi annual meeting in December**. Each DD was expected to promptly forward the math and spelling master copies and answer sheets to his councils in order to give them sufficient time to print the contest booklets. (Grand Knights/Contest Chairmen are reminded to fill in the **DIOCESE, COUNCIL No. and DISTRICT No. on the first page of each master copy BEFORE having them printed!**)

It is imperative that all councils follow the updated Knowledge Contest pages in the Wisconsin Book. The revised date is 11/01 (November 2001).

The contest "window" is **January 2nd to February 16, 2008**. **Be sure all the necessary information is included on the youth travel cards that each FIRST PLACE contestant or the alternate must bring to the Diocesan Contest!**

It is imperative that all participating councils complete the **Knowledge Contest Report Forms** and send them **promptly** to their **Diocesan Program Coordinators**. Be sure to include the **number of MATH and SPELLING participants at each grade level! This courtesy will enable them to order an adequate number of booklets and answer keys for the Diocesan Contests from the State Office.**

On the day of the Diocesan Contest all participants must show their GREEN TRAVEL CARD at the registration table. (Hopefully the cards were filed out completely and correctly at the Council Level. **ONLY FIRST PLACE WINNERS** or their **ALTERNATES** are eligible at the Diocesan Level! **After registering, contestants must carry their cards to gain admission to the testing room. And use them to complete the first page of the contest booklet.** The cards must be collected **BEFORE** the start of each Math/Spelling session.

The Diocesan Report Forms must be in the hands of the State Coordinator by Friday, March 28, 2008! The total number of participants for each grade level in the COUNCIL CONTESTS for each diocese must be recorded on these forms – NOT the number of diocesan participants.

It is incumbent on all Diocesan Program Coordinators and District Deputies to encourage councils to include the Knowledge Contest among their youth programs. I thank all of you for taking this responsibility seriously.

Peter J. Schulteis
State Coordinator
Knowledge & Poster Contests
414-355-4094
peteal@execpc.com

Longevity Membership Recognition

It has been brought to my attention that there is some confusion on what members we would like to recognize for Longevity Membership. We would like to honor those members who have achieved the milestones of 50, 60 and 70 years of service to the Knights of Columbus in the fraternal year of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

These brother Knights will receive a certificate of recognition for their outstanding leadership in Church, Community and Council at the 107th Annual Convention of the Wisconsin State Council.

Grand Knights and Financial Secretary we need your help on recognizing these members. Please check your roster for members that were initiated in fraternal years of 1957-1958, 1947-1948 and 1937-1938 and would have a continuous membership of 50, 60 and 70 years and submit their names to Timothy Genthe, State Advocate at 803 S School Street in Cuba City WI 53807 or email to tgenthe@wikofc.com.

These names and year of service must be in by February 1, 2008. Please take the time to recognize these longtime Knights for their service to the Knights of Columbus.

Timothy Genthe
State Advocate

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New History Book Division Structure

Effective with the 2007 History Book competition, the State Council is moving to a new Division structure.

DIVISION 1 - 80 members and less
 DIVISION 2 - 81 to 160 members
 DIVISION 3 - 161 members and over

Over the years the original structure became out of balance. The new structure, while not completely even by diocese, makes the competition much more aligned with the actual membership levels within each diocese and the state as a whole.

New Division Structure by Diocese

		Green Bay	La Crosse	Madison	Milwaukee	Superior
108	Division I	19	19	20	27	23
100	Division II	29	19	22	15	15
78	Division III	17	15	21	17	8

Current

		Green Bay	La Crosse	Madison	Milwaukee	Superior
172	Division I	37	33	32	38	32
90	Division II	24	12	29	13	12
24	Division III	4	8	2	8	2

History Book instructions and History Book pages in an Excel spreadsheet are available on the State Council website under state programs. If you need a copy of the blank History Book pages and do not have access to this software, please contact me and I will get the pages to you 309-687-2997 or email me at:

silver.c@sbcglobal.net

The History Book is due to your DISTRICT DEPUTY by February 1. Do not send them to me.

There are changes to the 2008 History Book grading. Additional points will be awarded for including SUBMITTED Supreme and State forms. 2008 History Book pages and instructions will be posted to the Website after January.

**Upcoming 2nd & 3rd Degree information was not confirmed at the time of printing.
 Please check the State website for complete Degree information: www.wikofc.com**

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

Fourth Degrees

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

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Membership Musings

A new year has just begun. One of my Resolutions is for shorter and more cogent Newsletter contributions. In that vein this edition of Musings will focus on two topics:

- **Membership Recruitment Incentives**

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

Let's see how long I can stay true to my Resolution!!!

Membership Recruitment Incentives. One would think that Membership Recruitment in and of itself would be its own reward! Well, amazing as it sounds, incentives at various levels are being offered to encourage Members, Councils, Districts, and Dioceses to recruit that Catholic Gentleman over 18 years of age to the "greatest Catholic fraternal organization in the world". As always, if the "descriptions" are not clear or concise, your State Membership Coordinator (i.e. me) will be more than happy to expound on any and/or all of them.

Member Level

- Beacon Award – This will be presented to the K of C Brother who recruits the most New or Reactivated Members for the State of WI by 1 April 2008. The presentation will take place at the K of C State Convention in April 2008.
- Shining Armor Award – This recognition is presented to a newly recruited K of C Brother who recruits one New or Reactivated Member and satisfies several other Council participation requirements.
- Proposer Recruitment Award – For every New or Reactivated Member the Proposer will receive 1,000 points from the Big Guys in New Haven, CT. The points are redeemable for gifts and K of C accessories.
- Golden Knight Award – Participating General Agents will recognize any K of C Brother who recruits five New or Reactivated Members over the course of one Fraternal Year with the presentation of a "Golden Knight" trophy.
- V.I.P. Program – This is a program sponsored by our Supreme Brethren that recognizes K of C Brothers who consistently recruit New and Reactivated Members for their respective Councils. More information can be found In Supreme Booklet #2488.

Council Level

- Star Council/Fr. McGivney Award – This award is given to any Council who increases their membership by 5 New or Reactivated Members or 5%.
- Complete Council Award – Recruiting one New or Reactivated Member (and assuming there are no Withdrawals, Suspensions, Deaths, or Transfers out) will satisfy the Membership Requirement for this award.

District Level

- Star District Award – The Membership requirement for this award is satisfied if a District attains 70% of the sum of all the Council membership quotas.
- Champion Award – If every Council in a given District satisfies the Membership requirement for the Complete Council Award (note above), the respective District Deputy has satisfied the Membership requirements for this award.

Diocesan Level

- "80 Per Cent Goal" – If a Diocese/Archdiocese attains 80% of their annual Diocesan Membership goal by 1 April 2008, our Worthy State Deputy, Robert Abb, will issue a \$500 check to the respective Bishop/Archbishop to be used at his personal discretion.

Indeed, you will note this is no shabby list. It is also important to remember that Membership and Membership Recruitment is the foundation on which this organization will either flourish or perish. Therefore, it is vital that Membership Recruitment be afforded its proper "weight".

The B.O.R.E.D. Report. With respect to Membership Recruitment, the month of December was quite respectable. Of note is the fact that the Badger state, overall, improved with respect to Membership Recruitment over the rather lackluster display in November 2007. As a way of recognizing the hard work being carried out throughout the State of Wisconsin, the numerical nerds at B.O.R.E.D. (**Bureau Of Really Exciting Data**) have compiled a list of Districts that have already satisfied at least 50% of their New or Reactivated Membership quotas toward the **Star District Award**. They are listed below:

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District No.	District Deputy	Per Cent of Quota
2	Not Appointed (David Hallada*)	55%
27	Ronald Shymanski	50%
47	Richard Rinehart	62%
48	Michael Ready	61%
49	Robert Schleis	71%
67	Joseph Clementi	116%
68	Kenneth Schmidt	52%
70	Vincent Blatz	53%
85	John Coyle	79%

As you can see District 67 (Joseph Clementi) has already satisfied Star District requirements! Kudos to you, Brother Joe, and the Councils in your District! It also should be noted that District 2 does not have an official District Deputy, but Diocesan Membership Coordinator, David Hallada, is doing an admirable job of filling in for the time being. In addition to the nine Districts listed above there are another six Districts that have achieved at least 35% of their Membership Requirements for the Star District award.

Congratulations to you all!!! And, with a little bit of focused energy this list will continue to grow and ultimately include every district in the State of Wisconsin!! The next logical question is: What is the status of individual Councils? That is material for next month. Remember my New Year's Resolution listed above?!?!?!?!?

As I close this edition of Musings, I have two final thoughts. First, always remember ***Your Goals Are My Goals***. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this organization on any level. Second, it looks as though I have quite a bit of work before I can successfully achieve my New Year's Resolution! Don't you think???

State Membership Coordinator
Tony Schreiner

The Race to the Kalahari A Monthly Serial of Membership Recruitment

By Schreiner, The Salivating Sasquatch

Chapter Six – A Nasty Outcome

[The Race so far: The Membership teams are finally having an opportunity to focus on the race. But, given their aggressive nature, all five racers have only one goal: Grabbing the Number One Position!! This single-mindedness turns out to have some consequences.

As the five pedigree Membership racing teams head toward the notorious turn three, known for its wipe outs, collisions, and unforgiving wall, the Avenging Armadillo (home base: Green Bay Diocese) attempts a dangerous maneuver to gain the lead. As reported first hand by a roving Yeti-member of the Sasquatch Associated Press Service (S.A.P.S.), this tactic completely backfires and results in an incident entangling all five Membership racing machines simultaneously. Does this incident bring out the red flag? Or for that matter will Abb's Avenging Armadillos be Black-Flagged by Flagman and Race Fairness Official, Fr John "The Friar" Potaczek? Read on Membership Race aficionados, as the Race to the Kalahari is reported by the S.A.P.S....]

Miraculous as it may seem no injuries resulted in the turn three apocalypse! Other than some bent metal, shattered fiberglass, blown tires, and some wounded pride all five drivers were able to

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escape the deathly clutches of the treacherous Turn Three. After all the smoke cleared and the competitors were able to rectify themselves, the positions of five Membership racing machines have changed slightly. The previous leader, Ransom's Rabid Rabbit, was nudged out of the way by Genthe's Growling Gazelle and slipped into second behind the Madison-based racer. Third, fourth, and fifth positions remain unchanged, this in spite of the bold surge by the Avenging Armadillo, which returned to fourth place between Guski's Galloping Gopher (La Crosse) and Hull's Howling Heifer (Superior).

Somehow Genthe's Growling Gazelle manages to escape any major contact or altercations with any of the other Membership competitors and virtually escapes the maelstrom without a scratch. This will bode well for the short term. Meanwhile Ransom's Rabid Rabbit suffered some minor damage along with the Guski's Galloping Gopher and Abb's Avenging Armadillo. Strangely, Hull's Howling Heifer suffered the most damage with two blown tires and some torn sheet metal along the left front fender. The resulting incident brought out a yellow flag by "The Friar" and all competitors returned for brief pit stops to replenish their "Membership" fuel tanks and obtain the latest Membership recruiting advice from the intrepid pit Membership teams.

Reports back from some of our freelance Yetis and personal observations from the Sasquatch Perch located near the Start/Finish line indicated smooth and efficient work within the pits. This incident also offered the opportunity for newly acquired John "Smokin" Sustar, working with Max "The Rhymester" Bachhuber, to show off some of his unorthodox yet amazingly effective techniques for the Galloping Gophers Membership Team. Reports back from freelance Yetis indicate "Smokin" Sustar is going to be a real asset to the Galloping Gophers. While in the pits, the Howling Heifers once again found themselves in a bit of a hole due to the extensive damage done to their racing Membership machine.

But the real eye opener during this pit stop was the laser-like accuracy and coordinated teamwork of Dave "The Red Neck" Hallada, Geary "The Spike" Spykerman, and Ed "Too Tall" Cross from the Avenging Armadillo Team. From previous mistakes this triumvirate has learned well and put on a clinic never before seen by this Sasquatch Reporter. They even outpaced the well-oiled and polished pit crews of the Growling Gazelles and Rabid Rabbits.

The end result of this unscheduled pit stop brought about no overall change in the leadership board. Although due to a virtual escape from any damage in the "Turn Three" fiasco by the Growling Gazelle and continued efficient teamwork of Mel "The Drill Instructor" Feit and Dave "The Enforcer" Fisher, this first place team has put a little distance between them and Ransom's Rabid Rabbit and his team of Dan "The Hipster" Montaine" and Francis "Cool" Kohlmann. Also, with the new resurgence of Abb's Avenging Armadillo and his team, second, third, and fourth are now tightening up. Unfortunately, Hull's Howling Heifer and his pit crew consisting of Tom "The Sage" Rudolph, Dennis "King Pin" Ashbeck, and Chris "The Lone Ranger" Seeber have slipped a little further back into fifth place. This team suffered the most from the "Turn Three" disaster.

Now that the half point of this Membership Race is passed has the tension and competitiveness among the five teams become a bit mundane? "Doubtful!" says this roving Sasquatch reporter. With the slight resurgence of the Avenging Armadillo and the rumored "secret weapon" being bandied about by the normally quiet and demure Chris "The Lone Ranger" Seeber of the Howling Heifer Membership Team, this race is far from a "cake walk" for the current leader.

Be ready for more twists and turns Membership Race Fans!!!!

State of Wisconsin: Membership Summary by Diocese

Diocese	Goals	Goal to Date	NEM	% GtD	LOM	NAWS	NCNM	N. I. Mem.	L. I. Mem.
Green Bay	297.5	149	101	67.9	54	47	29	22	39
La Crosse	280.0	140	102	72.9	31	71	23	50	28
Madison	297.5	149	130	87.4	41	89	24	50	25
Milwaukee	315.0	158	131	83.2	34	97	24	38	29
Superior	210.0	105	55	52.4	22	33	26	30	22
Totals	1400	700	519	74.1	182	337	126	190	143

Circle of Honor	Current Status (i.e. Needed)
835	498

Change in Membership
-75

Deceased Members
412

Membership at Beginning of FY	Current Membership
38,577	38,502

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

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Respect For Life

RESPECT LIFE FUND (RLF) DONATIONS

Every donation received to the date of this writing (January 6, 2008) has been duly logged and deposited. We are just past the halfway point and individual donations are coming in well. Please help us to let your Knights know that donations are accepted all the way until the end of the fraternal year - June 30. And as you know many Knights prefer to donate their \$3.50 RLF along with their dues, just like the \$3.65 PKD. So please continue to publish that option the same way you do for PKD. Councils that add their local collection to their Knights individual donations are the ones who consistently reach 100%! You can do it too!

Here is just one of the hundreds of stories made possible because you donate.

When Jasmine sat down with one of our counselors she explained that she had just gotten her life back on track and was attending school, working on her degree in Business Management so that she could better provide for her children. She felt that having this baby would “mess things up,” and although she had a supportive family, she was adamant that abortion was her only option. She said she was not going to let this baby wreck the life she had worked so hard to restore. We asked her gently about her previous abortion. At first, Jasmine said it had been no big deal because the baby had been very small, but as we talked more, she began to reveal the deep pain she felt after that abortion. We then spoke about the development of this child in her womb and discussed how an abortion would affect not only her and her growing baby, but also her other children who were already getting excited about having a baby brother or sister. ...Jasmine did not want to have an ultrasound because she could not bear to see the baby

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she was going to kill. When she walked out the door we did not know if she would go through with the abortion or if we would ever see her again. We were left simply to wait and pray.

(Five months later) Jasmine came walking through our doors again, eight months pregnant and glowing with joy. She was happy to accept our gift of clothing and other items for this new baby, and she promised to return after his birth so we could meet her son. Jasmine is proud to say that she has been able to stay in school and continue to build a future for her family. For Jasmine the greatest joy is to see how much her son and daughter are looking forward to meeting their baby brother, and she is so glad that she chose to give him a chance at life.

This comes to us from one of your grant recipients who shares this story as a word of appreciation and encouragement to you.

2007 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Your DD has/will share with you a list of all those who received grants from your fund last year. Please share this with your Knights. And please, if you know of a deserving organization that is not listed, encourage them to submit a grant. The application is posted on the State KC web site.

RESPECT LIFE RESOLUTIONS

Your DD also has a copy of the Respect Life Resolutions to share with you. Please pass these along to your Respect Life Couple for their review and input. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

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

State Charity Grants

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

\$3,000 to a 62 old man who lives in DePere who is a Brother Knight and was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer with an islet cell tumor.

\$500 to a 9 year old boy who has severe non-verbal autism since birth from Nekoosa to help his parents install a safety fence.

\$2,500 to a 79 year old Brother Knight from Cumberland who has had amputations on both of his feet to purchase a lift for his van to get him in and out of the van.

\$2,000 to a 54 year old woman from Iola who has significant health problems such as advanced Multiple Sclerosis and COPD who now needs to have stomach surgery for a GERD issue.

\$2,000 to a 38 year old man from Cambria who while working on a deck, fell and crushed his ankle which has required four surgeries and now has a staff infection in his bone.

\$1,500 to a 18 year old girl from Cuba City who is legally blind to help her purchase a CCTV which is a camera that will help her with her schoolwork.

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

***Dennis Rakowski
State Charity Chairman***

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Diocesan Family of the Month

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

November 2007

Green Bay Diocese

Dean & Taylor Devvono
Council 1475 /2 Oconto, WI

La Crosse Diocese

Norbert and Lucille Rauen
Council 4628/28. Schofield, WI

Madison Diocese

James and Rosie Bechen
Council 7370 /41
Cuba City, WI

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Robert and Mary Hodge
Council 748/68, Mukwonago, WI

Superior Diocese

Brian and Amy Corbett
Council 7848/89 Amery, WI

Diocesan Families of the Month

December 2007

Green Bay Diocese

Michael and Jean Bachman
Council 4735/13 Denmark, WI

LaCrosse Diocese

Denis and Carole Virnig
Council 1558/27
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Madison Diocese

Steve and Jodi Toepfer
Council 6690/48 Lake Mills, WI

Milwaukee Archdiocese

Lester and Shirley Simon
Council 11301/71
Campbellsport, WI

Superior Diocese

Todd and Laurie Edelman
Council 7030/81 Hammond, WI

Grand Knights: Please remind your council's Family Committee to begin working on their Family of the Year Nominations. It takes time to assemble the information necessary to put

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together a good nomination presentation .

We are looking for families who work together as a family for their church, community, youth, family and council. We need information on each member of the family. Include letters of recommendation from the family's Pastor, Community leaders, and Council leaders and do not hesitate to get the families to help with the nomination. Also include photos showing the family members participating in events they are involved with.

Please note, Do not submit Studio Photos in your entries. If the family is chosen State Family of the Year, the nomination will be forwarded to Supreme. Supreme does not return the nomination entry.

Please remember it is a disservice to worthy families to nominate them and not provide adequate information on what they do. Every Council has families that are worthy to be nominated.

Remember Councils should try to submit their Family of the Year nomination by the first of February . The absolute deadline is February 15. Send the entry directly to Joe Oberweis, 524 W Central St, Chipewewa Falls WI, 54729.

Joe Oberweis
State Family Coordinator

Administrative Manager

The 107th Wisconsin State Convention will be held in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center. Convention Packets have been mailed, please review all information.

Grand Knights will soon receive an envelope with a letter of invitation for your Council Chaplain to attend the Chaplains Luncheon on Saturday, April 26, 2008. We hope you can see that he will be honored at this luncheon by the State Council and meet State Chaplain, Fr. John Potaczek. Please call the State Office to make his reservation for lunch.

Memoriam Cards are included in the packet for members that have passed away during the past year. Please bring the completed card ready to be mailed to the Convention for placement on the Altar during the Memorial Mass on Saturday afternoon. If you should need additional cards please contact the State Office and we will mail extra Cards to you.

We recommend you make your reservations soon as the Kalahari Resort fills quickly.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 2008 Convention

Eileen Ripp
Administrative Manager

Our Lady of Charity Marian Hour of Prayer

Three copies of the painting of the patroness of Cuba are traveling between councils and parishes throughout the State. The prayer book and complete schedule for the 3 Icons can be found on Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website www.wikofc.com. Here is the schedule for the Districts which will be hosting the image for the next three months. Publicize your participation in the prayer program well in advance of the event in your council newsletters and parish bulletin

<u>Icon #1</u>	<u>Icon #2</u>	<u>Icon #3</u>
<u>January 20, 2008 through February 2, 2008</u>		
District 70	District 27	District 80
<u>February 3, 2008 through February 16, 2008</u>		
District 69	District 20	District 91
<u>February 17, 2008 through March 1, 2008</u>		
District 68	District 5	District 83
<u>March 2, 2008 through March 15, 2008</u>		
District 67	District 10	District 87

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



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