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### Milwaukee Archdiocesan Chaplain

It is my great joy and privilege to write in March as we celebrate Easter!

May the blessings and new life of Easter be with each of you, your families, friends and loved ones. I salute the amazing work of our State and Local Officers for their outstanding dedication and work. They are truly a sign of the Lord's risen presence among us. May the Easter Graces give them renewed energy and life.

We are all called to be Easter People—that is, to announce and make real Jesus present in our midst. And the task while not without its share of pain and suffering is really quite simple.

We use simple things to tell the story of Jesus and to pray as He did. Bread and wine speak of His desire to feed us and our willingness to be food for hungry people everywhere. We must continue reaching out in charity to the ones in greatest need. A towel and a basin (used by Jesus at the Last Supper) remind us of his service and call to us.

In humility we serve the needs of all those committed to our care, never too proud to accept any task. Wood, in the form of a cross, speaks of Jesus' self-sacrifice for us; and reminds us that we are always ready to sacrifice ourselves for one another and the cause of the Gospel.

Water quenches our thirst and washes us clean. In Baptism we have received a gift of living water, forgiveness of sins, and the call to live as Jesus did.

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Fire announces his new life. On Holy Saturday fire is blessed and the Easter candle lit to announce that Jesus is not dead but risen and living in each one of us. That fire must burn in us and be visible in our words, actions, and service. This fire of Jesus purifies us for mission and energizes us for service to our Church, our Country, and Our God. So the elements are simple, the task is monumental and never finished. The elements are all around us and within us.

But only you and I in faith can bring them to life and to a new meaning. Again I thank you for all you are and have been. Again with all the Knights of Columbus, in the name of the Risen Christ Jesus, I call you to be all you can be.

**Rev. David Cooper**  
**Milwaukee Archdiocese Chaplain**

### State Deputy

Believe in the Program! Remember to hold your first degrees in honor of Pope Benedict XVI and State Chaplain John Potaczek the rest of the fraternal year. Follow up on your prospects is very important, send your results to your District Deputy and Diocesan Membership Coordinators. We have just a little over 3 months to reach our membership quota. We need a very big push to the end of the fraternal year, I know you can do it.

The State Convention is just around the corner. Passports will be needed if you intend to be a delegate to the Supreme Convention. Room reservations should be made, delegate

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forms and banquet reservations sent in. Attend your banquet and help honor the Medallion and State Family of the Year winners. Remember this is your convention, and with your help it will be successful.

There will be not be a newsletter in April due to the preparation for the State Convention.

Ensure you have your quota of insurance members and new members for the Star Council Award.

My lady Helen and I along with other State Deputies will be flying to New York to Yankee Stadium to attend Mass with Pope Benedict XVI April 19, 2008.

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

### Financial Secretaries

The new Form 990-N has been created by the Internal Revenue Service and is now ready at the following website: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. Every Council in Wisconsin who does not file a Form 990 will have to file this form for the year ending June 30, 2008. This form will need to be filed on line by November 15, 2008.

**Dennis Rakowski**  
**Member of the Financial Review Committee**

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State Secretary

My Brother Knights, our 107<sup>th</sup> State Convention is now fast approaching and we hope you have made the appropriate arrangements to attend this year's event. As you are aware, we are holding **CONVENTION 2008**, at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. Your Convention Committee has been very busy for the past several months preparing for this meeting. We hope you and your family will enjoy it and have a very successful weekend.

We are in the final quarter of our Columbian Year. We as leaders of the Knights of Columbus in Wisconsin should be taking stock and inventory of just where we stand and what we have accomplished. Make it your goal to fulfill your mission. If you feel that your council is not where it is right now in terms of goals, then now is the time to make things happen for the positive. Let's have a great fourth quarter and continue on our path to Star Council our ultimate, achievable goal. The Star Council Award is the highest award that any council can earn during the fraternal year. It represents a culmination of a successful year in the areas of membership growth and the service programs conducted by a local council.

Accountability- whether you are elected or appointed, each of us has a responsibility to our Councils and our Order to lead and develop our membership to the best of our abilities. As I said before in these leadership roles, we have to make decisions that may or may not be easy, but there is strength in numbers and what better way to accomplish the goals of our Councils and Order but through our membership

My Brothers, whether we are battling poverty, oppression, attacks against our Savior and our faith, upholding and encouraging our clergy, supporting our priests, we  
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### Congratulations to

#### Shining Armor Award Recipients

**GK John Kraska  
Council 9070**

**PGK Dr. Larry Sanchez  
Council 9070**

Please send us additional names



To qualify for the “**Shining Armor Award**”, new Knights must during their first year of membership

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- Attend at least 3 council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with their councils insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

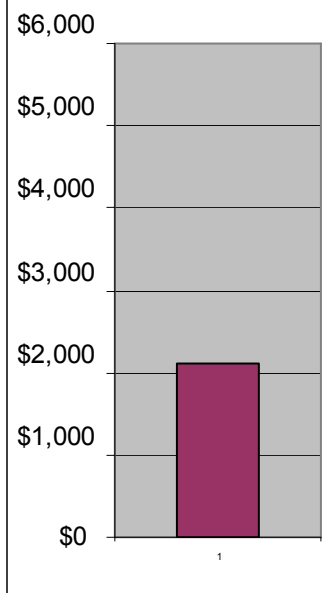
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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

Great Job on Fraternal Survey and Annual Audit!

We just have a few councils that need to complete the task of reporting the Fraternal Survey and Audit. It is important that each council send these reports. Below are a list of councils that neither the State Office nor Supreme have received these reports.

Fraternal Survey					Audit				
605	2990	6444	7228	10920	531	1838	5438	7277	10675
					596	2032	5844	7370	10715
614	3095	6464	7277	11884	605	2787	6444	7498	10919
765	4295	6560	7894	12185	614	2836	6464	7894	10920
832	4392	6568	8061	12269	710	2845	6560	8108	11657
1386	4634	6586	8108	12468	832	4295	6568	8817	11834
1825	4646	6754	9371	12491	1069	6392	6586	9371	12468
2055	4692	6776	9608	12596	1471	4646	6776	9406	12491
2556	5127	6883	10260	12606	1501	4692	6883	9608	12596
2836	5844	7022	10552	12673	1669	4954	7022	10260	12673
2854	6279	7030	10675		1744	5127	7228	10552	

Let us see if we can have 100% of all councils reporting both of these important reports. The next report that will be due is the Columbian Report. NOW is the time to start working on this report. If your council has already completed all the requirements in Church, Council, Community and Youth take the time to send this report.

**Timothy Genthe**  
State Advocate

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have made great strides in Wisconsin, because we have been living the Christian principles of charity, unity and fraternity on which Father Michael J. McGivney built this Order one hundred and twenty-five years ago. This is our promise. This is our call.

Brother Knights, thank you once again for your help, cooperation and support that you have shown me over the past year. I look forward to meeting with you at the up-coming State Convention in April. May the Lord continue to bless you and give you strength and courage to continue your work in the greatest organization in the world; *The Knights of Columbus*.

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Roland Ransom**  
State Secretary



## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

**WISCONSIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
107<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
KALAHARI RESORT AND CONVENTION CENTER  
WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN  
APRIL 26 & 27, 2008**

Your annual State Convention is approaching rapidly. Here are a few reminders to the councils that have not registered yet. There are two forms that need to be completed and returned to the State Office; the blue delegate form and the duplicate Registration Form must be sent in whether or not your council is planning to attend the convention or not. The convention is a month away and we need the counts for meals, ladies tours, and ladies luncheons.

We have a few councils that are delinquent in the payment of state Per Capita Assessments. They will not be permitted on the convention floor nor will they have voting privileges. Try to take care of this matter immediately.

Your convention begins with Mass on Saturday morning at 7:30 followed by the Civic Opening at 8:45. The awards presentation will follow the Civic Opening. These events have been poorly attended. Let's make a special effort this year to attend this part of the convention.

The State Deputy Banquet is the highlight of the convention. It has come to our attention that some Delegates, State Committee Chairmen, District Deputies and their guests are not attending this banquet. The number of people that we have in attendance at the banquet directly affects whether we have to pay fees for banquet and meeting rooms. If you are one of these people please reconsider your decision and join us Saturday night at your state banquet.

Hope to see you at the convention in Wisconsin Dells!

***Daniel Hull***  
***State Treasurer and Convention Chairman***

### Second and Third Degrees Scheduled in Wisconsin

#### Second Degrees

Date	Time	Sponsor	Location	District Deputy	Phone	District
April 6, 2008	10:00 A.M.	524	Milwaukee	Valentin Blatz	262-490-2328	64
April 6, 2008	10:30 A.M.	1964	West Bend	Donald Charapata	920-269-4127	61
April 13, 2008	10:30 A.M.	839	La Crosse	Henry T. Althoff, III	608-786-0207	25
May 3, 2008	10:30 A.M.	3099	Sauk City	Donald Wipperfurth	608-850-4938	43

#### Third Degrees

Date	Time	Sponsor	Location	District Deputy	Phone	District
April 6, 2008	1:00 P.M.	524	Milwaukee	Valentin Blatz	262-490-2328	64
April 6, 2008	1:00 P.M.	1964	West Bend	Donald Charapata	920-269-4127	61
April 13, 2008	1:00 P.M.	839	La Crosse	Henry T. Althoff, III	608-786-0207	25
May 3, 2008	1:30 P.M.	3099	Sauk City	Donald Wipperfurth	608-850-4938	43

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

#### Fourth Degrees

Date	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

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### **RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

Submitted by Respect Life Coordinator Ron Faust

Thank you to the Knights of all Councils who offered this year's opportunity; both for schools to teach our Church's important message of abstinence, and for children to explore more deeply our Church's teaching. So that you may enjoy some of what these beautiful children wrote I will not bore you with a long message from me. I will only say that I hope you enjoy this sampling of this year's essays. This fine example of well educated youngsters gives us hope. The best abortion decision is the one that never needs to be made!!!

(NOTE: As usual, the vast majority were submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please assume any spelling or grammar errors to be typos on my part! Thank you.)

### **How I can Respect the Body God has Given Me**

By: Lindsey Ariss, Grade 7 - St. Johns, Prairie du Chien – La Crosse Diocese

When we were all born, God made us in His own likeness. God does not make mistakes, and so we should respect the body He has given us.

We can respect our bodies in many ways. We can start out by eating healthy, and by staying active. Each year, we get more responsibilities for respecting our bodies. As we get into relationships, we face many decisions where we need to turn to God for help. This is considered chastity.

A lot of people often talk about abstinence. In the Catholic religion, this is a value. Abstinence simply means you don't have sex until you are married. In today's society, people don't value abstinence in ways they should. They think it's fine, and even sometimes "normal," to be in a sexual relationship with someone. When they do this, they don't realize they are giving away the most sacred, precious gift you will ever have, your body. This is very common in the United States. These people think it is not a problem as long as they don't become pregnant; for them, the problem happens when they do get pregnant.

When people do get pregnant, they often turn to abortion as an answer. In my opinion, this is not a very good idea. A lot of people choose abortion because it seems like the easy way out at the time. A lot of times people are not ready to be parents and don't know what else to do. What they don't realize when they get an abortion is that it will stay with them forever.

As in the words of Mother Teresa, "To be pure, to remain pure can only come at a price. The price of knowing God and loving him enough to do his will. He will always give us the strength we need to keep purity as something as beautiful for him." Mother Teresa was a Christian who spread her beliefs to others. I want to follow her example and spread my beliefs by setting examples to others and making smart choices. I also plan to turn to God for help, and encourage others to do also.

### **Sanctuary for Life**

By: Stephanie Birkhoff, Grade 8 - St. John the Baptist Church, Jefferson - Madison Diocese

"God wants you to be holy and free from sexual immorality." (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the average American teen will see about 14,000 sexual images per year; at least 1,050,000 images in a lifetime. Another study by the Kaiser Family Foundation says that 66 percent of all television programs have sexual content. No wonder so many teens have been influenced to do something so wrong. Because so many of these images are seen, many teens do not even see them as inappropriate. Teens are being persuaded by media to disregard morals, the right thing, and lead to disrespect of their bodies.

Scattered throughout the Bible is the word "wait." Our faith tells us to *wait* until we are married to share that special connection with our beloved. Do not put yourself into a position where you can be tempted. Protect yourself from sending the wrong message by wearing modest clothing. In Jesus' day, people showed respect by wearing modest and full pieces of clothing. Today you will see just the opposite. Your beauty should consist of your true inner self, the ageless beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is the greatest value in God's sight (1 Peter 3:4). When we abuse our bodies we are disrespecting him.

Temptation is a big issue but can be overcome. The reason so many teens get caught up in the issue of sex is from pressure that comes from friends wanting to rebel or to fit in, and mainly, a desire to be loved. These contribute to lack of support and stress that finally makes teens crack. If my friends were ever pressured to have sex, I would tell them that they have friends and family and do not need it; that I would be there for them, believing they could stand up for themselves and make the right decisions.

I pray Christ makes His home in your hearts, that you may find foundation in love, so together with His people you understand how broad and deep is Christ's love. (Eph 3: 17-18)

## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### *Membership Musings*

“The third time is the charm!” I have heard this quote many times in the past. This will be my third attempt at a concise, succinct Membership Musings for 2008. Hopefully it will be the “charm”.

The topics for discussion this month are:

- **The Spring Membership Blitz (a.k.a. The W.R.A.P)**
- **80% Diocesan Membership Incentive**
- **The B.O.R.E.D. Report**

**The Spring Membership Blitz (a.k.a. The W.R.A.P)** – By now every Grand Knight and District Deputy should have received a mailing signed jointly by our Worthy State Deputy, Robert Abb, and the State Membership guy. The purpose of the letter is to remind all G.K.s and D.D.s to conduct some sort of Membership Recruitment activity within your Council during the latter half of March 2008. The official date is 29-30 March 2008. But, if this weekend is not convenient, I encourage you to schedule a Recruitment Program either prior to and/or after the date suggested above.

The letter also included two inserts. The Wisconsin Recruitment Activity Project (W.R.A.P.) Report form is intended for District Deputies and includes all the information needed by the State Membership guy in order to provide a report on Membership Recruitment for the State of Wisconsin. Please pay close attention to the reporting dates. The second insert is a blank Membership Prospect List. Every Council Membership Committee should have a copy of this form (but preferably not *blank!*). It is one of the most important “tools” for a working Committee devoted to recruiting Members. It will be in your best interest to make multiple copies and fill them with the names of potential Members, who ultimately will be New Members of your Council! I wish you all Good Luck on your recruitment endeavors.

**80% Diocesan Membership Incentive** – The first of April 2008 is fast approaching. And, by the time you read this note, that date will be even closer. Just as a reminder, Worthy State Deputy Robert Abb is just itching to write out five \$500 checks to the (Arch)Bishops of Wisconsin. There is just one little stumbling block that is holding him up: New Membership Recruitment!!

As a quick refresher, for any (Arch)Diocese that achieves 80% of their Membership quota by 1 April 2008, a check in the amount of \$500 will be given to the (Arch)Bishop of the respective (Arch)Diocese. The use of this special remuneration is at the personal discretion of the (Arch)Bishop. Now here is the status for the five Dioceses. The table below includes the 80% Goal, Current Status (as of 1 March 2008), and the number of New and/or Reactivated Members needed to satisfy the 80% Goal. It should be noted that this incentive has been in force for the last three years and this is the first time that at least two Dioceses have a realistic opportunity of achieving the 80% Goal. With a little extra nudge by all Councils in the State of Wisconsin I am certain this milestone can be reached.

(Arch)Diocese	80% Goal	Current Status	Number Needed
<b>Green Bay</b>	238	130	108
<b>La Crosse</b>	224	136	88
<b>Madison</b>	238	191	47
<b>Milwaukee</b>	252	190	62
<b>Superior</b>	168	73	95

**The B.O.R.E.D. Report** – Here is just a brief summary from those dazzling digital data documentarians. In general New Membership Recruitment was down slightly in February compared to January 2008. But, the good news is that Suspensions and Withdrawals decreased by nearly two-thirds over that same period (92 versus 33). One nagging statistic that continues to be a perplexing problem is the number of Councils that have yet to bring in a New and/or Reactivated Member for the current Fraternal Year. As of 1 March that number stands at 100, which is approximately 35% of the Councils in the State. If this ill-famed notoriety has your Council in its grips, I encourage you to do whatever you can to have your Council purged from this list as soon as possible. Just think of the positive impact at least One New Member will have on your Council and your ability to accomplish all the projects, programs, and fund raisers you have planned in your Parish and Community for the remainder of the Fraternal Year. If one is not enough, why not go for two, three, four....

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So, based on these numbers and the information in the Wisconsin Membership Summary Table following this article, where do we stand relative to our State and Diocesan goals? In short they are all within reach, although the effort required will not be from every District Deputy, nor every Grand Knight, nor every Council, but every K of C Member in the Badger State!!! And, if you find you have questions or reservations about whether you and your Council are able take on such an endeavor, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember, **Your Goals are My Goals!**

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

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

By Schreiner, The Salivating Sasquatch

#### **Chapter Eight – *Quiet before the Storm***

*[A Brief update: In our last episode we read how the infamous Dick “The Retentionator” Garvey was last seen hulking around the Armadillo pit area while Dave “The Red Neck” Hallada, Ed “Too Tall” Cross, and Geary “Spike” Spykerman were frantically trying to get the Armadillo mobile back on the track. Abb’s Avenging Armadillo was suffering from a severe case of “Suspensionitis” and “Withdrawalitic Fever” as noted by the Freelance Yetis reporting from the Armadillian pit.*

*At the same time Genthe’s Growling Gazelle has pulled just a little bit further away from the Rabid Rabbit with Ransom at the helm for the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Guski’s Galloping Gopher is hanging a little further back in third place. The back of the pack is populated by the aforementioned Abb’s Avenging Armadillo, just ahead by a sliver over Hull’s Howling Heifer from Superior.*

*A flurry of rumors continue to permeate from numerous sources within pit row and the Sasquatch Associated Press Service (S.A.P.S) has yet to verify any of them. So let’s get back on the track, where the real action is going on....]*

Abb’s Avenging Armadillo, after a furious but brief pit stop, is back on the track. Amazingly the Armadillo Automobile lost only a modicum distance to the three competitors in front of the “armored reptile” while still managing to stay just slightly ahead of Hull’s Howling Heifer. This is much to the dismay of Tom “The Sage” Rudolph, Dennis “The Kingpin” Ashbeck, and Chris “The Lone Ranger” Seeber, the Heifer’s devoted crew. And, for the moment anyway, “The Retentionator” has quietly moved back to his private lair. I think this Sasquatch speaks for everyone when I say, “I hope this is the last we see of him!!”

From the Sasquatch Perch, near the Start/Finish line, this keen spectator gets the feeling all five racers are getting ready for the final pit stop scheduled to take place sometime in the next three or four laps. This is based on the fact there have been no “mad dashes” or “bumping” incidents by any of the competitors. Also, the S.A.P.S. has reported a whirlwind of activity in the pit areas for all five racers. This final respite may be the crowning opportunity for pit crew and racer to tune, refuel, and strategize for the final sprint to the checkered flag held by Fr. John “The Friar” Potaczek.

The heightened intensity can be witnessed all around pits. The roving Yetis report that “Red Neck”, “Too Tall”, and “Spike” are frantically preparing and rehearsing amongst themselves their routine as Green Bay’s Avenging Armadillo will belly up to the pump looking for a tank full of New Members to carry it up to the leaders. Similarly, Max “The Rhymester” Bachhuber and his new and agile assistant, John “Smokin” Sustar are at the ready for Guski’s Galloping Gopher. Their past Recruiting efforts have pushed the “Gopher” to within a whisker of the lead pack at least twice in previous pit stops. And, who can argue with the dominant team of Mel “The Drill Instructor” Feit and his stalwart side kick, Dave “The Enforcer” Fisher. This Dynamic Duo has been the model for efficiency and effectiveness in keeping Genthe’s Growling Gazelle from Madison in the lead for three-fourths of the race.

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*Race to the Kalahari continued...*

There are two more teams that have been observed from the Sasquatch Perch. “The Sage”, “Kingpin”, and “The Lone Ranger”, working on a tight budget and squeezing every drop of energy they can from each New Member recruited for Hull’s Howling Heifer in the Superior Diocese are in last... for the moment. But, the Roving Yetis and this Salivating Sasquatch have noticed numerous secret consultations in preparation for the final scheduled pit stop. The S.A.P.S. has yet to prove or disprove a rumored secret “weapon”. Finally, Dan “The Hipster” Montaine and Francis “Cool” Kohlmann are barely second to the Dynamic Duo from Madison. “The Hipster” and “Cool” are the only other team to “recruit” their racing automaton, Ransom’s Rabid Rabbit (Milwaukee based), to the front of this lean, mean group of speedsters.

As the pit crews ready themselves for the final “hurtle”, the leader board is as follows: First, Genthe’s Growling Gazelle; second, Ransom’s Rabid Rabbit; third, Guski’s Galloping Gopher; fourth, Abb’s Avenging Armadillo; and fifth, Hull’s Howling Heifer.

What positions will be witnessed following the Spring Membership Blitz? You will have to check back next time....

### 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	198	130	65.5	121	9	21	27	57
La Crosse	280.0	187	136	72.9	41	95	19	60	36
Madison	297.5	198	191	96.3	60	131	18	61	33
Milwaukee	315.0	210	190	90.5	60	130	18	45	34
Superior	210.0	140	73	52.1	25	48	24	39	28
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>188</b>

Circle of Honor	Current Status (i.e. Needed)
835	422

Change in Membership
-169

Deceased Members
582

Membership at Beginning of FY	Current Membership
38,577	38,408

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

### Diocesan Family of the Month—February 2008

I want to thank all the councils who submitted a nomination for the Family of the Year.

Grand Knights please continue to encourage your council to submit a Family of the Month Nomination. They should submit a form to Supreme to participate in the drawings for the Holy Family Plaque. They also should submit a form to me for the State Family of the Month Program which is based on merit. Remind them that we are not looking for the Knight of the Month; we are looking for Families that pray together and work together in activities for their Council, Community, Church and Youth.

These nominations should be on the 1939A Supreme Form that can be filled out on line or the form that is in the Family of the Month Booklet.

Please do not send me your newsletters and expect me to find the name of the Family of the Month in it. Instruct your Family of the Month Committee to submit the nomination on a form giving us information on the families’ activities so we have something to evaluate in selecting a diocesan winner. Some councils are just sending an email giving us a name only and no information. There are so many worthy families in our councils that should be recognized for all their efforts and they don’t have a chance to be honored unless we have information on them. Send nomination forms to Joe Oberweis, State Family Coordinator, 524 W Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 or email them to [joeoberweis@yahoo.com](mailto:joeoberweis@yahoo.com)

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## Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

### State Charity Raffle

Grand Knights should continue to promote ticket sales at your monthly meetings and in your Council newsletter. Some members may have been selling tickets for a few months, but we still have a month 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. Make sure that all members of your Council know that they must send their sold tickets to your Raffle Chairman by **April 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to get the stubs into the large drum at the State Convention.

Please send your raffle stubs and money to your Diocesan Coordinator in early April. The latest date for you to send these stubs and money through the mail is **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Any stubs and money that is not sent in by April 10<sup>th</sup> must be hand carried to the Convention in Wisconsin Dells. If no one from your Council is attending the Convention, get the money and stubs to your District Deputy so he can bring them and your Council will get credit.

Think of the magic that our charitable grants will bring to a Brother Knight or others who may be in 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 so that we can continue to perform our works of charity.

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

*Dennis Rakowski*  
State Charity Chairman

### State Charity Grants

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

\$2,000 to a blind Brother Knight who is 88 years old and lives in Minocqua to help him purchase a reading machine so he can read a book.

\$1,000 to a 22 years old mother who lives in Portage with a 1 1/2 year old and is 8 months pregnant. A fire destroyed her rented home and lost all of her personal belongings.

\$2,000 to a 41 year old woman who has been out of work for a year and lives in Platteville who has spinal meningitis to help them catch up on bills.

\$3,000 to a 60 year old disabled Brother Knight who lives in Menasha. He has Renal Disease because one of his transplanted kidneys failed.

\$1,000 to a 25 year old man to help a child from the Ukraine.

\$2,500 to a family with 3 children who live in Colby. The father has epilepsy, the daughter has Celiac Disease and a son who is autistic to help pay for medical expenses.

\$2,000 to a 55 year old man from Wonevot who was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2005. He has been battling cancer for 2 years and is now experiencing heart problems.

\$1,000 to a 30 year old woman who lives in Keshena with her 8 year old son who was diagnosed with Alports Syndrome and has been on dialysis for 5 years.

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

*Dennis Rakowski*  
State Charity Chairman

*Diocesan Family continued...*

### Diocesan Family of the Month February 2008

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#### **La Crosse Diocese**

John and Susan Kiraly  
Council 3249/24  
Stanley WI

#### **Madison Diocese**

Larry and Ann Esser  
Council 9082/47  
Madison WI

#### **Milwaukee Archdiocese**

Carl and Marge Mahnke  
Council 8172/68  
Waterford WI

#### **Superior Diocese**

Joseph and Anna Kusilek  
Council 7030/81  
Baldwin WI

*Joe Oberweis*

*State Family Coordinator*

#### Badger Bulletin

Look for the next issue of the Badger Bulletin in your mailboxes soon. Let the State Office know if members of your council do not receive this issue.

There will not be a WI Knights of Columbus Notes in April.

Reminder; send your completed Convention Forms to the State Office soon!

See you at the Kalahari Resort in April !!!



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



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