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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Brothers All and Ladies,

As we journey through the wonderful season of Easter, I remind you of the words of the great St. Augustine of Hippo in the fifth century: "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song." Theresa and I wish you all the hope, faith and love that this celebration brings. What distinguishes us as Knights, and as Catholics, is that we are truly an Easter people.

The days of this Council year are dwindling down. As of this writing, there are still openings for officer positions, including Grand Knight. As many of you know, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Gower was injured in a fall this winter and cannot complete his term as DGK. In most instances, the DGK would be elected to succeed the current Grand Knight, but Brother Gower will be unable to do so. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Jim for all he has done for our Council and pray for his speedy recovery. See the article inside about the positions available and run for an office. It is truly a rewarding experience.

In April, we were blessed with three Knights who took their First Degree. Jim Flad, Clint Bauch and Conrad Laska were welcomed into the Order on April 14. Welcome Brothers! Our membership goal established by Supreme is 15 new members and seven insurance members. We have four new members and two insurance members. It is imperative that we recruit new members to keep our Council a dynamic and growing organization.

If you were at the last business meeting, you know that we will not be hosting a Sisters Appreciation Night this year. If anyone is interested in coordinating this event for the next fraternal year, please get in contact with me or Brother Dan Kelly. In place of Sisters Night, we will be hosting a fraternal benefits night on May 14. The featured speaker will be Tom Luchi, our Council's insurance agent. All members, wives and friends are welcome. Our insurance program is competitive and is the source of the funds that make so many of the

K of C programs possible. Our insurance representative is here to help – not just sell. I think you will find the meeting informative and of value, even if you choose not to purchase insurance, or perhaps have already.

Also, remember this year is our third annual “Pre-Antiques and Plant Sale” to be held at the clubhouse Memorial Day weekend. See the article inside relative to aiding this fine fundraiser spearheaded, ably as always, by Brother Bariola.

May also contains the holy days of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. Our Lord ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. His Apostles were sent to teach all nations what He had commanded them. We must now cleanse our hearts from sin and store up good deeds, performed in the state of grace. These will speak for us when we appear before God. The Knights of Columbus is just the place to store up good deeds and visibly express our Catholic faith. We can become even better Catholics and Knights if we use this special season to be at peace and listen closely to the Risen Lord in our hearts.

Pax Christi Tecum,

Brian J. Elliott  
Grand Knight

**FOR WHOM WE PRAY**

Please include in your daily prayers the following Brother Knights, spouses and family members:

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Jim Tracy           | Bob Aulik            |
| William (Bill) West | Alleta (Leon) Wagner |
| Harold Berg         | Edward Boyer         |
| Anita (Ed) Boyer    | Wes Brush            |
| John Zwettler       | Gwen Kingston        |
| Gary Emerson        | Annette Mason        |
| Homer Ellis         | Marianna Monahan     |
| Howard Brunmeier    | Jim Gower            |
| Eileene (Joe) Kuno  | Walter Wipperfurth   |
| Henry Curran        | William Leigh        |
| Ray Genin           | John Kosel           |
| Delores Trameri     | Hugo Indra           |
| John Rosecky        | Buford Hernan        |
| John Colby          | Jerry Quinn          |
| Tom Parslow         | Frank Matuszak       |
| Eleanor Watson      | Jim Heerey           |
| Msgr. Schmelzer     |                      |

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

“There is more hunger for love and appreciation in the world today than for bread.”

-Mother Theresa

**2008-2009 OFFICERS**

- Grand Knight.....Brian Elliott\*
- Deputy Grand Knight.....Jim Gower
- Chancellor.....Chris Knapp\*
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- Warden.....Joe Statz\*
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- Lecturer.....Open
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- Outside Guard..... Open
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**KC 4527 BIRTHDAY BOYS - MAY 2009**

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Robert	Wirka	5/5
John	Kaiser	5/7
Melvin	Griffith	5/11
Charles	Lewandowski	5/11
Robert	McDonald	5/11
Warren	Schroeckenthaler	5/11
Allan	Schmid	5/12
Michael	Mach	5/13
Howard	Heusinger	5/15
Frederick	Halverson	5/17
Joseph	Statz	5/19
James	McCarthy	5/20
Terence	Steiger	5/22
Leroy	Berigan	5/23
James	Zirkel	5/23
Gregory	Kopish	5/24
Cornell	Meinholz	5/24
Frederick	Carson	5/27
Bernard	Watson	5/27
James	Heerey	5/28
Paul	Maly	5/28

**GRANDMA'S & GRANDPA'S WISDOM**

I tried hard to be cool about the looming first grandchild . . . buy my subconscious tricked me into misreading the nameplate on a Pontiac as "Grand Ma" when it was clearly "Grand Am."

-Anne Bernays

**NEW MEMBERS**

Congratulations to three new members who received their first degree on April 14, 2009:

James Flad; Chad Laska; and Clint Bauch

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord, give your Church dedicated men and women to serve as priests, sisters, deacons and brothers. Help them spread your Word and show your love, so that all people may know your name. And guide me, Lord, that I may love you more and serve you faithfully all my life.

Amen.

**HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS**

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to mow the clubhouse lawn. This job usually takes about an hour and fifteen minutes a week depending on rain. If you are interested, please contact Tom Wildenborg at 608-268-2962.

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ALL OFFICER POSITIONS!**



Officer elections are just around the corner. Leading and running our Council is a wonderful opportunity to grow your Council experience. If you are interested in expanding your leadership qualities, you must be a 3rd Degree in good standing. Elected officer positions in the Council are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Treasurer, Warden, Chancellor, Advocate, Inside and Outside Guard, and Recorder. Every 3rd Degree member is encouraged to consider running for an office. An active council needs active and concerned members to become involved in directing its future. If you are so disposed, please contact Grand Knight Brian Elliott (belliot6838@charter.net) or call 238-6838. You can also call the clubhouse at 288-9357. Run for an officer's position and climb the ladder to your potential!

*There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.*

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**STUART B. CRAWFORD PGK**

Brother Stuart Crawford PGK passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2009.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in May 1947 in Mineral Point, Wisconsin. In January of 1958 Stuart became a charter member of Our Lady of the Lakes Council 4527. In July of 1961 he became the fourth Grand Knight of our Council. Stuart was very active with golf especially the OFO in Mineral Point every August for a number of years.

Our prayers and condolences go to his wife, Marian, his seven children and his extended family and many friends.

He will be missed and remembered by his friends in the Council.

Semper Fi Marine

**CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences and prayers are extended to Brother Knight Bernard Stein, PGK Council 531, on the death of his wife, Barbara, on March 30, 2009.

**NOTES**

*Remember to give the gift of life  
... "Give Blood."*

I hope everyone has mailed your dues to the Financial Secretary, Dan Kelly.

Please notify the Clubhouse and/or the newsletter editor (Bob McDonald) when you know of a Brother Knight or spouse who should be placed on the sick list. Also, notify him when there has been a death in the family of a Knight member or the death of a Knight.

**Material for the newsletter is due by the 10th of the month.**

**REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SHOP THROUGH ONECAUSE**



Help our Council raise funds!! Remember to always shop through OneCause!

You will save money and earn up to a 20% contribution for our organization on every eligible purchase you make, at no extra cost to you! If you still haven't joined OneCause, get started today! It's simple:

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**FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT**

Join us for a fraternal benefits night during the May 14th membership meeting. Insurance Agent Tom Luchi will be on hand to discuss the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. This is an open meeting, so anyone can attend. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

*People don't care how much you know until they see how much you care.*

**PRE-ANTIQUES & PLANT SALE**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
OUR LADY OF THE LAKES  
COUNCIL #4527**

**Memorial Day Weekend - May  
22, 23, 24, & 25, 2009**

KC Clubhouse - 5256 Verona Rd. (Enter off of Anton Dr.)

Do you have extra items in your home that could be donated for our Garage Sale?

Do you have plants that are overgrown and need thinning? If so, consider donating to our Pre-Antiques Garage and Plant Sale.

We need volunteers to help with the set up and to help with the sale on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, & 25th. If you can help at a certain time call, Paul Bariola at 273-0369 and let him know when you are available to help. All help is greatly appreciated.



Intake will be the week of May 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you need to drop off donations before the week of May 18th, call Paul at 273-0369 or leave the items in the garage area or the back room of the Clubhouse.

Friday, May 22nd - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 23rd - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 24th (Bag Sale) - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 25th (Bag Sale continues) - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**GOLF LEAGUE**

**NON-GOLFERS: DON'T FORGET  
THE 10TH HOLE AT THE CLUB-  
HOUSE OPEN TO ALL KNIGHTS  
WHETHER GOLFERS OR NOT!!**



Our gourmet chefs at the clubhouse serve up a variety of wonderful foods at a low price for all Knights who want a delicious meal and an opportunity to converse, confer and otherwise hob-nob with their Brother Knights. We also play cards and, of course, the bar is always open. The golfers start arriving at the clubhouse around 6:00 p.m. with the evening ending around 8:00 p.m.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009**

**Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

A thank-you event for any Knight (and their spouse, or significant other) who has volunteered in any capacity for our Council this past year. This includes everyone-officers, event chairmen, helpers, workers at the Stadium and Kohl Center, kitchen crews, set-up and clean-up crews, Tootsie Roll volunteers, creche workers, mailing volunteers, etc., even if you helped pick up dishes or stuff after (or during) our social events, or prayed for us. Each and every one of you is appreciated.

The catered dinner is absolutely free to you and your spouse (or significant other), compliments of Paul's Tip Fund.

But we do need an accurate count of people attending, so that even the last person served will get the same portion as the first person served.

Call the reservation line @ 288-9503 with your reservation.



On March 12, over 30 Knights and friends listened to a presentation by Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Gableman. Justice Gableman was elected to a 10-year term in 2008 and he reflected on being a newly elected justice and discussed the duties of his office. He also provided an introduction to and comparison of the the state and federal court systems.

Justice Gableman is a former Grand Knight and he spent considerable time meeting with those in attendance after his presentation. Thank you Justice Gablemen for an enlightening and interesting evening.

## CONCESSION STAND OPERATIONS - CALLING ALL HANDS

**We greatly need Members to fulfill their obligatory concession stand duties. Please sign up today!!!**



Our concession stands are our main source of fundraising. Without the concession stands and the hard working people who volunteer to staff them, we could not afford to keep the clubhouse since we would be running into debt of about \$10,000 - \$15,000 each year based on current expense/revenue figures. If we do not do something quickly we will be burning out the few volunteers that participate in this fund raiser and may lose this revenue so necessary to keeping our clubhouse going.

It should be noted that the Council requests "volunteers" to assist at concessions. However, it is obligatory on members to participate as it is the members who have determined that the Council should undertake this type of fund raising activity. For a smooth concession stand operation, we need between 8 and 12 persons per event. These individuals should sign-up with Brother Bariola in advance. While those who show up unscheduled are more than welcome, this can sometimes create a situation where we have more than enough assistance at some times, but not enough at others. So prior registration is highly recommended.

Remember too that we are a family organization. Assistance at the concession stand is open to wives, children who are at least 16 years of age (especially those needing service hours), siblings and grandparents. All are welcome and what a great way for families to work together for a good cause. It's also a great way for new First Degree members to become acquainted with their Brother Knights.

No experience is necessary! And remember: If you don't volunteer, another Knight will have to do both their part,

as well as yours. So be generous with your time and let us know where we can use YOU! Are you a current concession volunteer? If so, our deepest thanks and appreciation go out to you for all of your efforts -- no matter how large or small! Are you interested in becoming a volunteer? It's easy! Call Brother Bariola at 273-0369. If you are on the Council's e-mail list -- simply respond to Brother Bariola's regular e-mail on upcoming events. Sign-up sheets are available at all Council meetings and K of C clubhouse events.

Thank you Paul for all your hard work!

Respectfully,

Tom Simmons, LLC President  
Jim Gower, LLC VP  
Mel Griffith, LLC Secretary  
Don Wersal, LLC Treasurer

### CONCESSION ACTIVITIES - MAY 2009

Elton John/Billy Joel Concert - Kohl Center - Booth #126 - May 7th

UW Graduation - Kohl Center - Booth #126  
May 15th, 16th & 17th

WIAA Tennis - Nielsen Tennis Stadium  
June 4th, 5th & 6th

High School Graduation - Kohl Center - Booth #126  
June 12th & 13th

Help is needed for all events. For more information, call Paul Bariola at 273-0369.

### A BLESSING AND PRAYER TRIBUTE TO ALL MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Blessed be all mothers  
Who have come into our lives  
Whose kindness, care and loving  
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us  
Made us strive in every way  
Especially to remember  
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute  
Flows directly from my heart  
You are so loved and cherished  
Invaluable, one and all, you are.

-Susan Kramer



## FROM INSURANCE AGENT

### Joy From Children

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children (or grandchildren). It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget. Call me – let's talk.

Tom Luchi, PGK, FICF, Field Agent  
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## K C LADIES

Ladies (and gentlemen), you still have a few days to make your reservations for the Seniors Spiritual Outing at the Redemptorist Retreat Center on Wednesday, May 6th. The deadline for reservations is May 1st - call Alice at 271-4056. We will carpool from the clubhouse at 8:45 a.m. and return by 4:15 p.m. The day includes spiritual talks, opportunity for confession, lunch, prayer, and closes with a Mass. This one day program will help us reflect on the goodness of God and the gifts God has so generously given us. The cost is \$15.00 per senior which you can pay on arrival. This event is for everyone, men and women. KC members, you are most welcome to join us.



We are all looking forward to our Ninth Annual Celebration Lunch at the Edgewater on April 16th. Since the deadline for the Knight Letter is the 10th of the month, we will have to tell you all about that celebration in the next Knight Letter.

On Thursday, June 4th, we have arranged for a tour of the Epic Center in Verona, and will have lunch in their cafeteria after the tour! We hear their food is delicious and reasonably priced. We will carpool from the clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. and really don't know when we will return. Sometimes our lunches together take hours because we so enjoy visiting with each other. But, ladies, reservations are needed two weeks ahead of time. So please call Sharon Hurtgen, 273-6086 ASAP but no later than May 21st. This sounds like a fabulous day, so don't delay in making your reservation, and join us.


Ladies, if you have any suggestions of places to visit, or activities, please call Betty Blumer at 277-9621. We have no membership roster nor dues, which means you are all part of the KC Ladies and welcome to join us at any time.

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