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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The 2008-09 fraternal year is underway. As leaders of our Order, we must set goals for ourselves and for your council. Have you met with your council officers, directors and chairmen to put together a plan of action that will lead your council to the prestigious Star Council Award? Set your goals high for membership and programs, work hard toward them, and the rewards will be great! Be sure to review and utilize the information & tools given you at the recent regional meetings. The tools have been provided, now it is up to you as Grand Knight to rally and motivate your troops.



Our membership theme "Follow Me: Help Us Build Up the Church" is centered around our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. In his recent Papal Visit

to the U.S. he said: "The Catholic community in this nation has been outstanding in its prophetic witness in the defense of life, in the education of the young, in care of the poor, the sick and the stranger in your midst. On these solid foundations, the future of the Church in America must even now begin to rise!" He described what the Knights of Columbus have been doing for the past 125 years! The challenge to "Build Up the Church" has been set before us. We must call men to join our Order in numbers greater than ever before. With greater numbers our membership and programs will be stronger and enable us to help those in need in numbers greater than ever before. A larger and stronger Order can support the efforts of the Church and help our respective societies, which so greatly need men and families like ours.

As Grand Knights, you might wonder, "How can I accomplish successful goals in both membership and programming? You can't do it by yourself. Enlist help from your council officers, directors & chairmen, District Deputy, Field Agent and Council Chaplain. Discuss membership recruitment at every council meeting. Activate the Fraternity in Action Program by setting up committees to contact every member to enlist their help as well and then --- keep them busy! Set your goals high and the rewards will be great! Set a date for your first degrees and then ask your council members to recruit toward them. Our State Officers and Program and Membership Teams are always ready, able and willing to assist you in your efforts. We are only a phone call away.

Won't you join me in following Pope Benedict XVI and together we will all "Build Up the Church."

Francis G. Drouhard
State Deputy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST:

- 1 Deadline for receipt of Form #365 at Supreme **(REQUIRED FOR STAR COUNCIL AWARD)**
- 2-3 9th Annual State Men's Golf Tournament in Emporia
- 4 Columbian Squires 83rd Anniversary
- 5-7 126th Supreme Council Meeting - Quebec City, Quebec
- 9-17 Knights of Columbus Family Week
- 14 118th Anniversary of the death of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- 15 Deadline for receipt of Form #1295 (Semi-Annual Audit) at Supreme
- 15 Deadline for ordering Soccer Challenge Kit
- 31 Deadline to order Tootsie Rolls

SEPTEMBER:

- 1 Form # 468 Columbian Squires Officers & Counselors Report due at Supreme
- 1 Deadline for receipt of Knights-Lite articles
- 14 Major Degree at Wamego #1370
- 20 4th Degree Exemplification in Wichita
- 21 Major Degree at Sharon #2224

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas Knight of the Month for June, 2008 is Donald L. Magill of Lansing Council #10834. .

"Family of the Month" Winners of a Holy Family Plaque from Supreme were:

Robert & Jane Mullen family, Council 1832, Manhattan; Patrick and Leana Baker family, Council 2608, Topeka; David and Debbie Snapp family, Council 2955, Dodge City; and Richard and Jane Belt family, Council 3114, Clonmel-Schulte.

The forms from the Council Report Forms Booklet are now available on the Supreme Council's Website at www.kofc.org. The forms can be accessed by selecting the "For Officers" option on the homepage.



STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful time to be a Knight in the State of Kansas. The year is off and running with new members being reported at the DD meeting in Wichita. Early 1st Degrees are scheduled for August & September. Major Degrees are being set for this fall. **See the Calendar of Events for Degrees in the month of September. Several more are set for October & November.**

HAVE YOU ASKED FOR A KNIGHT THIS MONTH? This will be, if you will, our battle cry this year, followed by an exciting discussion on membership at every council meeting in the state this year. If we want an increase in membership we must talk about it often.

We have an exciting incentive in addition to the ones listed in the Program & Membership Guide. A CRAFTSMAN 3 – STACK, 17 DRAWER TOOL BOX goes to the top recruiter in our state this fraternal year. **Please** promote it at every meeting. The more the council leadership gets enthused about this prize, the larger the results we will see. **To qualify, the recruiter's name & membership number must be listed on the recruits form 100 when it's forwarded to Supreme Council.**

Let us see the "Shining Armor Award" program is used in every council. This award is designed to get the results every council desires. It is great for membership growth & retention. However, it must be followed up each **month** by the Grand Knight during the council meetings. What a wonderful tool if it is used properly. Please don't hesitate to call a membership team person if you need help in making it effective.

The tools for success in recruiting have been identified & available. The membership team is at your beck and call. Let us roll with the greatest increase in membership this state has ever seen. Vivat Jesus.

Gary Hoppe
State Membership Director

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Scott A. Maurath, State Program Director

The 2008-2009 Fraternal Year is off to a great start! The District Deputies were educated on all of the State Programs in Wichita on July 12th & 13th. They are sharing their excitement with the Councils at the Regional District Meetings held across the state from July 19th through July 27th. Grand Knights, Officers, and Council Program Personnel will take the message back to their councils for implementation. Our goal for this year is to be #1 in programming but this can only be accomplished by having 100% participation from **all** councils.

After having filed your form #365 at Supreme by August 1, your next quest is to file the semi-annual

audit by August 15. Make this your next priority. All forms may be obtained via the State Website at www.kansas-kofc.org.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Adopt a Seminarian

Vincent Melvin III, Church Activities Director, has requested an updated list of Seminararians from each Diocese and will send them to the Grand Knight of each Council as soon as he receives them. The Postcard Questionnaire / Pledge Forms were provided to the Grand Knights via the District Deputy and are required back to Vince right away. Vince encourages every council to consider adopting two or more seminararians if possible. Equalization of pledges among all seminararians is a priority and will be aided by prompt submittal of your council's pledge form.

Religious Education

The Religious Education Raffle tickets and request forms have been dispersed. Make sure that the request form gets to the appropriate Parish individual (Pastor, Religious Ed Director, CCD Director, RCIA Director, etc.), and the form gets returned to our State Chaplain Reverend David Metz by October 1st. The Raffle Tickets fund this program, and it is never too early to start selling them. With **\$68,000** in prize money available, this raffle is sure to be a big hit! Get your councils on board today! Contact Religious Ed Fund Chairman Dean Haselhorst if you need more tickets!

Don't forget to help your parish in its sponsorship of Campus Ministries Sunday! Each council should help distribute and collect campus information cards at a mass during the first couple of weeks of August. This program will allow Newman Centers, Catholic Campus Centers, and parishes near college campuses to get in touch with Catholics attending school away from their home town.

Father McGivney Guild

Canonization of our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney is closer to becoming a reality with each passing day. However, your continued prayers are needed to keep the process moving. John Kasper, PSD & State McGivney Guild Chairman, encourages all members to join the Fr. McGivney Guild, which has been set up by Supreme to further this cause. Applications may be obtained from the Columbia Magazine, the Supreme and Kansas K of C websites, or by contacting John Kasper at 785-658-2276.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Activity

Youth Activities Director, Tom Schmeidler, reminds all councils to order their Soccer Challenge & Free Throw Contest Kits right away. Order forms for the kits may be found on pages 3 & 5 of the Council Report Forms Booklet received in your Surge with Service Packet.

Columbian Squires

Chairman Jeremy Rabe is ready, willing, and able to assist your council in starting a Squires Circle. This is a great way to get the young boys involved and prepare them for K of C membership when they reach age 18. **Call Jeremy at 785-227-2395 for more information on starting a Squires Circle in your area.**

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Life

With the start of a new fraternal year Family Life Director Dennis Schrick reminds all councils to keep the Knights of Columbus families growing and strong. One way to acknowledge those families who contribute to your council, community and church is to select a family each month as your council's Family of the Month and present them with a certificate # 1843 at church or at one of your council meetings. Also, you can send the name of your nominee to Supreme before the 15th and if they are selected as one of the 100 nominees received by Supreme each month, they will receive a letter from Carl Anderson and a very nice gift. This is a very worthwhile program and I encourage each council to use it every month.

K of C Family Week is August 9th-17th. All councils are encouraged to plan a family activity during that week.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Rolls)

Chairman Pat Winchester reminds all councils the deadline for ordering Tootsie Rolls is August 31. Don't wait until the last minute-place your order early. The Drive will be held the weekend of October 10-12. The goal is to raise \$325,000 in Kansas to support our dear friends.

Pennies from Heaven

EDAP funds have been heavily drawn upon the past 3 – 4 years due to floods and tornadoes. Chairman Dale Weber requests that your council start early in its drive to help replenish the fund.

Pro-Life Update

Protection for the unborn is a primary goal for the Knights of Columbus. If we are to be successful in our Pro-Life endeavors, every council must participate in Pro-Life activities. Does your council have a Pro-Life road sign? Be sure to send Pro-Life Chaircouple, Jim and Theresa Pritchard, a picture of your Council Road Sign so it may be included in the state photo album. Now is a good time to start planning some of the activities for the Evangelium Vitae Award. Call Jim or Theresa if you have questions or need ideas.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Athletic Events

Chairman David Koch advises the State K of C Golf Tourney will be held in Emporia on August 2 & 3, 2008 at Emporia Municipal Golf Course. Contact Former State Warden Vince Hammerl if you have questions.

Fraternal

Knight of the Month entry forms are to be received by Fraternal Activities Chairman Greg Lix by the 15th of each month to be eligible for the K of C Crucifix awarded to the drawing winner.

Publicity

It's time for all councils to select a Public Relations Chairman to "get the word out" about the many excellent programs we conduct in our parishes and communities. Make sure you send his name to Supreme on the Service Program Personnel report form 365. Did you know St Ignatius Council 13354 of Fort Leavenworth has a news brief in the "Knights in Action" section of the July Columbia Magazine?

Website Update

Have you visited the state website at www.kansas-kofc.org since July 6? If not, you have yet to see the new layout! Contact information is available and up-to-date for State Officers, Directors and Chairmen, Insurance Personnel, Past State Deputies, Degree Team Captains and District Deputies. All forms are updated and ready to be used to report on council activities.

The Calendar of Events and the 2008-09 Program and Membership Guide have been updated but work continues on the section for the 4th Degree. A new area, Knights in Action, will feature information from Kansas councils on special or unique activities that others may be interested in doing.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please contact Todd Bachamp at webmaster@kansas-kofc.org.

Knights-Lite

Duane Engel, Editor, reminds everyone that **September 1st** is the deadline to submit articles for publication. Please be prompt so the issue won't be delayed.

History

Is your council's history up to date? We must preserve our history for future generations. Please be sure to appoint a Council Historian and make sure your council's history is filed with State Historian Larry Marstall.

Centennial Book

Centennial Book Chairman, Larry Marstall, is asking all Grand Knights to make sure **every member of your council** has the opportunity to purchase a copy of the history book, "**Fraternalism and Leadership – The Second Fifty Years of the Knights of Columbus in Kansas**".

Scott A. Maurath
State Program Director
stateprogramdirector@kansas-kofc.org

AUGUST EXPLORER INSURANCE REPORT

The Knights of Columbus Agency Department is proud to congratulate the following men for achieving the honor of Field Agent of the Month for their respective agencies:

Eastern Kansas Agency: Mark Locke wrote \$2,095,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

Central Kansas Agency: Marty Gerleman wrote \$1,082,500 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

Western Kansas Agency: Darin Reed wrote \$887,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in May.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$18,107,300 in life insurance during the month of June.

Please join us in congratulating the following men for their outstanding performance. These men lead the state for the Knights of Columbus insurance program in 2008.

Doug Martinek	Dave Soukup
Mark Stallbaumer	Mark Locke
Steve Schmidt	J.J. Deges

If you or someone you know would like to join our winning team of Field Agents please call 1-866-391-8781 for more information.

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July 1, 2008

Brother Knights:

The 2008 -2009 Membership Team is made up of experienced and powerful Knights with great ideas to help us attain the goal of 1600 new members in this great state of Kansas this fraternal year. To attain this goal it is necessary to start by conducting many first degrees in the month of August. Most races are won in the Starting Blocks. Major degrees will be conducted in the months of September, October and November like never before.

The first challenge for the Grand Knights is to select the most important position on his team, Membership Chairman. This individual should be the person in the council who always attracts a crowd, the one people look to for leadership, a "People Person". To constantly be looking for people to ask "**Are you a Knight?**" Every Knight who attends a meeting should be armed with a Form 100. Have the tools ready when a prospect agrees to join us.

"FOLLOW ME – HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH" is the theme we will use to build our membership in the Knights of Columbus this upcoming fraternal year. Your membership team has the tools necessary to help you accomplish this task.

You are not alone in this effort to grow the Knights of Columbus in the state of Kansas. The membership team is very aggressive and wants nothing short of success for each council. We will be in touch with you to help you make it happen. However, you must accept the invitation to ask for help. You can do this by keeping the following information handy.

State Membership Director: Gary L. Hoppe, Wichita	316-722-4008
State Recruitment Chairman: Jim Gerber, Merriam	913-831-2644
Retention Chairman: Richard A. Broz, Jr., Spearville	620-385-2539
New Council Development/Roundtables: Neil Daugherty, Wichita	316-684-6881
Council Growth and Development: Jamey C. Roth, Victoria	785-735-9236
Council Growth and Development: Andrew T. Gilner, Tonganoxie	785-840-8844
Ceremonials Chairman: Paul Lenherr, PSD, St. Marys	785-437-2915

Fraternally,

Gary L. Hoppe
State Membership Director
2008 -2009 Fraternal Year

Vivat Jesus

My Brother Knights:

Some time back, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, outlined in the *Leaven* a request of Governor Kathleen Sebelius to not present herself for Holy Communion, due to her continued pro-abortion stance. Following the *Leaven*'s printing of his request, the *Kansas City Star* printed numerous "letters to the editor" and several columnist stories condemning his actions. Since the Knights of Columbus are in total support of our Bishops and Priest, the Officers of the Kansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus had this ad printed in several local sections of the *Kansas City Star*.

Don Wagner
Immediate Past State Deputy

“IN SOLIDARITY”

In light of recent, widely publicized events in Kansas, we wish to declare our firm support for Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, and our commitment to the sanctity of unborn human life. As a Catholic lay organization, we wish also to emphasize the inescapable conflict between support for legalized abortion and the teaching and sacramental discipline of our Church. It is impossible to be pro-abortion or even pro-choice and remain in full communion with the Catholic Church.

By no means, however, is the sanctity of life a matter of concern only to Catholics. For people of conscience this is a fundamental moral issue inseparable from the "unalienable" right to life grounded in the universal natural law and enshrined in America's Declaration of Independence.

Like millions of other Americans, non-Catholics and Catholics alike, we were uplifted and challenged by the recent pastoral visit to the United States of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Time and again, he recalled us to our highest ideals and our most deeply held convictions as a nation. Speaking on April 16 at the White House, Pope Benedict said:

Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons to personal responsibility....
The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, sacrifice for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate. It also demands the courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate....A democracy without values can lose its very soul. (*Address on the White House South Lawn*, April 16, 2008)

Taking these words to heart, we are deeply distressed as Catholics and as citizens that, as Archbishop Naumann points out, Kansas has acquired a reputation as "the late-term abortion center for the Midwest." We call for the re-enactment of the Comprehensive Abortion Reform Act, already adopted twice in both chambers of the state legislature by overwhelming majorities, and we urge Governor Sebelius to sign this popular and urgently needed measure into law.

The reign of virtually unrestricted late-term abortion now prevailing in our beloved state is a blot on the reputation of Kansas and an offense against principles of morality central to the common good. Rather than perpetuating a scandalous state of affairs, the time has come for all Kansans to join in taking swift and effective steps toward the elimination of this anti-life blight.

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