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## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The new 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 for your council? To have a successful year we must all work together. Take time to use the information given to you at your regional meetings and utilize the information given you from the Supreme Council.



“Year of the Volunteer” is our membership theme this year. What a great theme for our Order in these trying and challenging economic times. Our Supreme Knight has stated, “that while donations to other volunteer organizations have decreased, the Knights of Columbus donations and volunteer hours have actually increased substantially”. By sponsoring our programs for our Church, Family, Youth, Community, Council and Pro-life, we set an example for all Catholic men to follow. A prospective member wants to know why he should join our ranks. You have the opportunity to let him know what it means to be a Catholic and a Knight.

By continually growing the Order in Kansas, we will have plenty of help to raise these funds. Recruit new members by showing them the benefits of the Knights of Columbus. Utilize that new member's talents and implement the Shining Armor program. Remember, you are not alone. The State team is available to assist you and your council at any time.

Be proud to belong to the greatest Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization in the world today.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark W. Roth  
State Deputy

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **AUGUST:**

- 1 Deadline for receipt of Form #365 at Supreme **(REQUIRED FOR STAR COUNCIL AWARD)**
- 4 Columbian Squires 85th Anniversary
- 3-5 128th Supreme Council Meeting – Washington, D.C.
- 7-15 Knights of Columbus Family Week
- 14 120th Anniversary of the death of 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
- 31 Deadline for receipt of Knights-Lite articles

### **SEPTEMBER:**

- 1 Form # 468 Columbian Squires Officers & Counselors Report due at Supreme
- 13 Fourth Degree Exemplification in Seneca
- 19 Major Degree at Louisburg #12437 Host DD #12
- 26 Major Degree at Gardner #10407 Host DD #10
- 26 Major Degree at Haysville #6761 Host DD #32
- 26 Major Degree at Topeka – Sacred Heart #2608 Host DD #19

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Kansas Knight of the Month for June, 2010 is Alvin Kroupa of Pilsen, Council #3423.

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

Timothy & Beth Scanlon family of Council #900-Leavenworth; Richard & Phyliss Hein family of Council #3423- Pilsen; Matthew & Audra Rutt family of Council #8411- Topeka; and Barry & Melani Ward family of Council #11692- Wichita..

The forms from the Council Report Forms Booklet are now available on the Supreme Council's Website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). The forms can be accessed by selecting the “For Officers” option on the homepage.



## **STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Brother Knights, we had great success last year with hard work and determination from all involved. We must keep our momentum going to attain all our goals again this year. This should be an exciting year. We have many goals to achieve and with your help and determination we will accomplish all of them.

Our main goal is for Kansas to attain the coveted Circle of Honor status again this year. We also need every council to be active in both programming and membership this fraternal year. Our state goal is 1650 new members by June 30, 2011. How can we achieve this? We must ask and invite every eligible Catholic man and their family to join us. We need to start the recruitment process NOW!!! Schedule monthly first degrees, record these dates on the calendar and recruit toward these dates. At your next meeting ask every member present to write the names of as many potential candidates as they can in five minutes then get those names to the council's membership director and recruitment chairman. Make personal contact with each of these potential members by month's-end and sign them up to be a Brother Knight. We also must not forget to invite our inactive insurance members. Ask your Financial Secretary for a list of these members and invite them to re-join the Knights of Columbus.

It has been said that we cannot grow if we continue to suspend members. We must work with our delinquent members, find a suitable solution for both the council and member, and resolve the problem. Keep your members informed and get them active within your programs and in the recruitment process.

Brother Knights, we must have another banner year in Kansas. It will require a lot of hard work from dedicated members, but if you look at the end results in June, Kansas will be number one in membership and programming!

If you need any assistance with the membership program, please call any of us and we will be happy to help your council succeed. We are here for you.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Gerber  
State Membership Director

## **STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

The 2010-2011 Fraternal Year is off to a great start! The District Deputies were educated on all the State Programs in Hays on July 10th & 11th. They are sharing their excitement with the Councils at the Regional District Meetings held across the state from July 17th through July 25th. 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](http://www.kansas-kofc.org).

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

### ***Adopt a Seminarian***

Mike Baxa, Church Activities Director, has requested an updated list of Seminararians from each Diocese and will send the compiled list of Seminararians to the Grand Knight of each Council. The pledge card provided to the Grand Knights via the District Deputy is required back to Mike by August 31st. Mike encourages every council to consider adopting two or more seminararians, as the number of seminararians is increasing in answer to our prayers. Equalization of pledges among all seminararians is a priority and will be aided by prompt submittal of your council's pledge card.

### ***Religious Education***

The Religious Education Raffle tickets and request forms have been dispersed. Make sure 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 Ken Schuckman 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 Kelly McKinney 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, 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 at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org).

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

### ***Youth Activity***

Youth Activities Director, Andy Gilner, 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. It can also be found on the Supreme Web Page via the State Website, which is [www.Kansas-KofC.Org](http://www.Kansas-KofC.Org)

### ***Columbian Squires***

Chairman Jeremy Rabe is ready, willing, and able to assist your council or assembly 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 Greg Lix 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 of the following month and if they are selected as one of the 100 winning families drawn by Supreme each month. They will receive a letter from Carl Anderson and a Holy Family Plaque. This is a very worthwhile program and one Greg encourages each council to use every month.

K of C Family Week is August 7th-15th. All councils are encouraged to plan a family activity during that week.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

### ***Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Rolls)***

Chairman Dean Haselhorst reminds all councils the deadline for ordering Tootsie Rolls is August 31st. The minimum order to receive free shipping is 33 cases so be sure to team up with other councils if necessary to reach the 33 case order to get the free shipping. Don't wait until the last minute to place your order early. The Drive will be held the weekend of October 8-10. The goal is to raise \$345,000 in Kansas to support our dear friends with intellectual disabilities.

### ***Pennies from Heaven***

EDAP funds have been heavily drawn upon the past 3 – 4 years due to floods and tornadoes. Chairman Gary Wondra 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. What is your council doing to ensure that Pro-Life candidates are elected this fall? We must inform the members of our councils and parishes of the Pro-life candidates that will be running. Now is a good time to start planning some of the activities for the Evangelium Vitae Award. Call Ron

or Paula if you have questions or need ideas.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

### ***Athletic Events***

Chairman Marcel Braun advises that August is an excellent month for Councils to participate in one of the Health Service Programs. Blood Donor Program, Blood Pressure Clinic, CPR Training, Organ Donor Program are some examples of Health Services Programs activities.

### ***Fraternal***

Knight of the Month entry forms are to be received by Fraternal Activities Chairman Doug Wietharn 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.

### ***Website Update***

Have you visited the state website at [www.kansas-kofc.org](http://www.kansas-kofc.org) ? 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 2010-11 Program and Membership Guide will be updated shortly.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please contact Todd Bachamp at [webmaster@kansas-kofc.org](mailto:webmaster@kansas-kofc.org).

### ***Knights-Lite***

Dale Weber, Editor, reminds everyone that August 31st 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 Stan Krier.

### ***Centennial Book***

Centennial Book Chairman, Stan Krier, 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". An order form may be found on page 87 of the "Official State Directory" or you may contact Stan by e-mail at [historian@kansas-kofc.org](mailto:historian@kansas-kofc.org).

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## AUGUST/2010 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: Luke Henry wrote \$3,170,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

Central Kansas Agency: Wade Greif wrote \$3,289,822 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

Western Kansas Agency: Shaun McGovern who wrote \$2,329,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$41,552,405 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 June of 2010.

J.J. Deges	Mark Stallbaumer	Dan Reed	Bill Roggenkamp
David Soukup	Luke Henry	Kirby Schmelzle	Marty Gerleman
Darin Reed	Mark Locke	R. J. Meyer	Matt Rutt

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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# 2010 Silver Rose Run

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A Anderson expanded the program by beginning the Running of the Rose from the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Supreme Council in Ontario.

Throughout this year there will be three roses traveling simultaneously, starting in London, Ontario and then moving to west coast, central United States and the east coast. All three roses will meet at the same time in Texas to travel over the International Bridge and be handed over to Knights from Monterey.

The State of Kansas will receive one of the three roses starting September 5 and move on to Missouri on September 26. Each day there will be a mass and/or prayer service with the rose. Below is the date, location and district deputy in charge.

Sept. 5	Axtell	John Deters DD #21
6	Concordia	Kenneth Hammerbacher DD #27
7 & 8	Salina	David Fox DD #28
9	Hays	David Leiker DD #45
10	Great Bend	Dan Esfeld DD #39
11	Dodge City	David Littler DD #50
12	Liberal	John Nondorf DD #54
13	Greensburg	Michael Gillen DD# 40
14	Pratt	Michael Gillen DD #40
15	Hutchinson	Michael Jury DD #29
16 & 17	Wichita	Bruce Luehring DD #32
18	Chanute	James Carlson DD #14
19	Parsons	John Mazurek DD #16
20	Pittsburg/Ft. Scott	John Mazurek DD #16
21	Paola	Tim Renfro DD #12
22	Tonganoxie	Paul Haverkamp DD #18
23-26	Kansas City	Ed Vogrin DD #7

“The ‘Running of the Rose’ is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus” said Supreme Knight Anderson. “Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the order, but we also reaffirm the Order’s dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the culture of death that grips our society. As we think in terms of ‘One Life, One Rose’ it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made know her will through Juan Diego and the Miracle of the Roses.”

# **Knights of Columbus** **New Haven, CT Trip**

**October 18-21, 2010**

**Open to any Knights of Columbus member  
and their family.**

Direct flight out of Kansas City into LaGuardia Airport  
in New York City.

## **“Tentative” Planned Activities**

Tour Knights of Columbus Home Office

Tour Knights of Columbus Museum

Celebrate Mass at St. Mary’s Church where Fr. McGivney was pastor.

Visit Fr. McGivney’s Family Burial Plot

Visit Glebe House Museum and Gertrude Jekyll Gardens  
in Woodbury, CT

Tour Hollister House Gardens &  
Litchfield Hills and its Covered Bridges

**Cost is \$1175 per person.**

Price includes air fare, 3 nights motel accommodations, five meals,  
motor coach bus for transportation, tour guide, liability insurance,  
baggage handling, admission fees, tips and taxes.

**Capacity of only 45 people - first come, first serve.**

**For more details contact Bill Baalman, PSD**  
**785-222-2869**