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## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The 2010-2011 fraternal year is underway. As leaders of our Order, we must set goals for ourselves and for our councils. 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 new membership theme "I am my Brother's Keeper" is a continuation of our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson's commitment to encourage volunteerism within our order and to help the increasing number of citizens still affected by the lingering economic turmoil and devastating natural disasters that have plagued our world. We must work hard to help those in need and with the help of our members nation-wide, we will see them through these most difficult times.

In his 2008 Papal visit to the U.S. Pope Benedict said: "The Catholic community in this nation has been outstanding in its prophetic witness on the defense of life, in the education of the young, in care of the poor, the sick and the stranger in our midst. On these solid foundations, the future of the Church in America must even now begin to rise!" The Knights of Columbus is a big part of that solid foundation in the history of the church in America. The call to volunteerism 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 and function. Activate the Fraternity in Action Program by setting up committees to contact every member to enlist their help 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, willing and able to assist you in your efforts. We are only a phone call away.

My Brother Knights, now is the time that we all must profess that "I am my Brother's Keeper".

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 86th Anniversary
- 2-4 129th Supreme Council Meeting – Denver, Co.
- 7 Major Degree at Garden Plain #2937 Host DD#31
- 6-14 Knights of Columbus Family Week
- 14 121th 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
- 25 Deadline for receipt of Knights-Lite articles
- 28 Major Degree at Dodge City #2955 Host DD#50
- 31 Deadline to order Tootsie Rolls

### **SEPTEMBER:**

- 1 Form # 468 Columbian Squires Officers & Counselors Report due at Supreme
- 10 Fourth Degree Exemplification in Colby
- 11 Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace
- 18 Major Degree at Overland Park – Holy Cross #11534 Host DD #8
- 25 Major Degree at N. Topeka – Sacred Heart #2608 Host DD #19

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Kansas Knight of the Month is Ron Lehman of Manhattan, Council #1832.

“Family of the Month” Winners of a Holy Family Plaque from Supreme were:  
Gary & Joan Fraser family of Council #1142- Concordia;  
Alan & Vicki Hein family of Council #2093- Nortonville;  
Charles & Marilyn Huslig family of Council #3400-

Ellsworth; and Michael & Fredia Colbert family of Council #9242- Galena-Baxter Springs.

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 MEMEBERSHIP DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE**

Hello Brother Knights,

Here we are already starting our second month of this fraternal year. Are you in the game? Does your council have their game plan all mapped out? Do they have their membership director, recruitment chairman, and retention committee appointed? How many degrees does your council have scheduled? If you want your team to be successful you need to get these things in place. Let’s condition the attitude of our councils to recruit. Positive people cause positive results. Always be positive when talking to your council.

Has your council looked at all of the offensive plays and picked four to run? How about the defensive side, are you using the three defensive plays you can put into place now. Refer to your play book for great ideas and concepts that your

council can tailor, to fit the needs and wants of the council. Remember the only number that’s important is the number **ONE**; one new member each month that you need to recruit.

Starting the first week in August you District Deputy’s will be getting a phone call, once a month, from one of the membership team. They are going to ask you a few questions about each of your councils. We want to know what council are doing well and which councils need help in the membership area. If you need help please ask, we don’t know if you are having trouble unless you report it. Each of our state membership team members are ready to go any place to help with any council. Please call on any of us for any reason.

Vivat Jesus,  
James Gerber, State Membership Director

## **STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE**

### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES - Adopt a Seminarian**

Mike Johnston, Church Activities Director, has requested an updated list of Seminarians from each Diocese and will send the compiled list of Seminarians 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Mike encourages every council to consider adopting two or more seminarians, as the number of seminarians is increasing in answer to our prayers. Equalization of pledges among all seminarians 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. Please verify that the request form gets to the appropriate Parish individual (Pastor or Priest), and that 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! Please contact Religious Ed Fund Chairman Tom Schmeidler 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 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, Rod Hoffman, reminds all councils should order their Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Contest Kits right away. Order forms for the kits may be found in the Council Report Forms Booklet. They may also be found on the Supreme Council Web Page by a link from the Kansas State Website, which is [www.Kansas-KofC.org](http://www.Kansas-KofC.org). Also, councils should reserve basketball courts now to conduct their free throw contests in January 2012.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. All councils are encouraged to plan a family activity during that week. The **Marian Prayer Program** will be taking place this Fraternal Year and will focus on Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. An icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be sent to each district during the year. All of the councils in the district are encouraged to hold a prayer service and invite the entire church membership to participate. More details will be coming.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Commitment to Humanities (Tootsie Rolls)**

Chairman Gary Wondra reminds all councils of the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for ordering Tootsie Rolls. The minimum order to receive free shipping is 33 cases so be sure to team up with other councils if necessary to get the free shipping. Place your order early to assure that you have your Tootsie Rolls for the Tootsie Roll Drive dates of October 14, 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. We need every council to order and distribute more Tootsie Rolls in order to meet our goal and 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. With flood, fire, and tornado possibilities throughout the State we need to start now to be ready when the call is made. Any questions contact Rick Weigel Pennies From Heaven Chairman. Please start your fundraising efforts at your next meeting.

### **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. Now is the time to start planning some of the activities for the Evangelium Vitae Award. You must start this month with a Rosary before or after each Mass in your parish(es) to qualify for the Evangelium Vitae Award. Has your council donated towards the ultrasounds machines to be placed in Ottawa and Wichita? If not it is a good time to host a fundraiser to help save the lives of the unborn. Call Ron or Paula if you have questions or need ideas.

### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

#### **Athletic Events**

Chairman Steve Abels 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. Remember we as Knights of Columbus reach out to help those in need.

#### **Fraternal**

Remember to sign up to receive fraternal e-mail notices. Go to the State's website to receive these important notices.

Every council should select a Knight of the Month. We would like to see more councils selecting a deserving brother as Knight of the Month and for the council to submit his information by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to Fraternal Activities Chairman Doug Wietharn. See the Program and Membership Guide for instructions for submitting his name. This will ensure that your deserving brother is eligible for the State Knight of the Month drawing, where a K of C Crucifix is awarded every month.

### **Publicity**

It's time for all councils to select a Public Relations Chairman in order to help "get the word out" about the many excellent programs that are conducted around the state in our parishes and communities. Make sure you add his name to the Service Program Personnel report form 365, when you submit it to Supreme. Help spread the news; it will get more men interested in joining our great order.

### **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, District Deputies, and council Grand Knights. All District Deputies and Grand Knights are encouraged to review the council information and forward any changes to Todd Bachamp. Please make sure there is a valid street address for the meeting location. The Calendar of Events and the Program and Membership Guide will be updated soon.

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 25<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline to submit articles for publication. Please be prompt so the issue won't be delayed.

### **History**

Is your council one whose history is not current? We must continue to 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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## INSURANCE AGENCY MESSAGE

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: David Soukup wrote \$1,450,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

Central Kansas Agency: Wade Greif wrote \$1,175,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

Western Kansas Agency: J.J. Deges wrote \$1,306,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in June.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$26,443,061 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 2011.

R. J. Meyer	Shaun McGovern	Wade Greif	Luke Henry
Doug Martinek	Adam Bruna	Kirby Schmelzle	Jim Zuperku
Darin Reed	Justin Deges	David Soukup	Joe Cummings
			Dan Reed

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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