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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Happy New Year!! I hope 2009 was very kind to you and that 2010 will be even better! With the New Year comes new experiences and new responsibilities. With the tough economic times facing our nation, there are a lot of people with needs in our society and we need but look a very short distance from home to find them. Our membership in the Knights of Columbus is a great way to see that these needs are being met. To him to whom much is given, much is expected in return. This should be the foundation of our work in the Knights of Columbus. We all have a great deal to be thankful for and we have all been given a tremendous amount of talents and treasures by our Lord. Now is the time to use those talents to make better the lives of those in need around us. Challenge your council to find these needs and then do your best to see that these needs are fulfilled. In this **"Year of the Volunteer"** let us renew that spirit that brought us to the Knights of Columbus by seeking out ways in which to help our fellow man.



Membership recruitment must also continue to be a high priority as we try to accomplish the work the Lord has set out before us. With a larger and stronger membership, the programs our councils conduct will be better and farther reaching, and greater will be the number of lives who are touched by our charitable acts. Now is the time to build up our membership to numbers great enough to minister to the needs of those around us.

At this time let us not forget the challenge issued only a year and a half ago by our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI: **"FOLLOW ME, HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH"**. It is by helping our fellow man in these troubled times that we help build up the church. It is also by recruiting more men to help us accomplish these tasks that we help build up the church. Now is the time to re-evaluate your game plan and your goals that were set six months ago. If the goals have already been met, set them higher to challenge your council(s) to accomplish, not what is easily accomplished, but to accomplish what is possible. In this manner will we truly be helping to **"Build up the Church"**.

In reviewing the major degree schedule, I am pleased in the number of scheduled degrees, however there are certain areas of the state that still need to schedule one. State Membership Director Gary Hoppe will be working with District Deputies to make sure all areas of the state are covered. Make sure that you're part of the contagious momentum sweeping across Kansas and schedule those first degrees and major degrees and then get your recruitment team into action.

As we progress into this New Year of 2010, please remember to be charitable in your works, united in your programming & recruitment efforts, and fraternal toward your brother knights. Vivat Jesus.

Francis G. Drouhard – State Deputy

JANUARY: Support Pro-Life Activities

- 1-31 Council Free Throw Contests completed by end of month
- 1-31 Conduct 11th Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower
- 3 Major Degree at Garden City (#2795 & #8491)
- 10 Major Degrees at Winfield (#4713), Hoisington (#1521), Oakley (#2866)
- 17 Major Degree at Wichita (#10483)
- 22 37th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade decision
- 22 March for Life – Washington D.C. & Topeka
- 23 Deadline to file Request to Host 2011 Men's Bowling, Sporting Clays Tourneys
- 23 Deadline to file Request to Host 2011 & / or 2012 Men's Golf Tourneys
- 30 Major Degree at Overland Park (#10932)
- 31 Deadline--Form #1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities due at Supreme

FEBRUARY:

District Free Throw Contest (First Two Weeks)

Regional Free Throw Contest (Second Two Weeks)

- 14 Major Degrees at Atchison (#723), Salina (#601)
- 15 Submit Squire, Circle & Counselor of the Year Applications to Squires Chairman
- 15 Form #1295, Semi-Annual Audit Report, due at Supreme
- 15 Deadline for Council Substance Abuse Poster Contest Winners to DD
- 20 Major Degree at Manhattan (#8488)
- 21 Major Degrees at Plainville (#1857), McPherson (#5222)
- 21 Regional Free Throw Tourneys at Tipton, Meriden, Quinter, Garden Plain, Chanute & Ulysses
- 20-21 66th Annual Men's Bowling Tourney in Newton (1st Weekend)
- 27-28 66th Annual Men's Bowling Tourney in Newton (2nd Weekend)
- 28 Major Degrees at Paola (#1149), Pittsburg (#883), Olpe (#1589)
- TBA Major Degree at Augusta (#5328)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas Knight of the Month is Joe Winter of Andale Council #2217

Family of the Month winners of a Holy Family Plaque from Supreme were:
 Dan & Jessica Aubert Family of Council #657-St. Mary's; Larry & Joan Drees Family of Council #1187-Ellinwood; and Louis & Janet Wahlmeier Family of Council #2647-Colby

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

WOW, BOOM, BANG, we have broken through a new calendar year! As of this writing we are NET **337** for the year. Our goal is to start this new calendar year by breaking through the 400 Net barrier. **WOW, we have 2 councils over 200% of quota & we have 4 more councils over 100% of quota.** "Have you asked for a Knight this month?" The most productive time for many councils to add new members is just starting. I am hearing the good news that many of you are not only **asking** but **getting** YESES. My, what a wonderful time to be a Knight in the State of Kansas! We are going GREEN, we're GROWING.

Let us look at the Division Leaders, by % of quota as of December 1st.

<u>DIV</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>% OF QUOTA</u>
1	14218 Ft. Riley 11735 K.C. Holy Name	67% 67%
2	10321 Effingham 1181 Chapman	33% 33%
3	3218 Hanston – Jetmore 12093 Prairie Village-St. Ann	125% 60%
4	8511 Manhattan – KSU 13354 Ft. Leavenworth	275% 233%
5	1370 Wamego 12049 Wichita- St. Jude	100% 57 %
6	7485 Andover 10279 Sabetha – Fidelity	129% 57%
7	1901 Greeley 2408 Bonner Springs	78% 60%
8	12577 Leawood – St. Michael 8196 Salina	136% 36%
9	976 Newton 8411 Topeka – Christ the King	68% 22%
10	4458 Derby 6673 Lenexa – Holy Trinity	81% 55%

Many of you have been waiting for the New Year to **explode** in membership growth. Well, believe it or not, the New Year is here. Let us continue to carry the spirit of Christmas into the New Year by helping more good catholic men become Knights. In this **"THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER"** we are like HIS voice in the desert, calling for the help we need, **"FOLLOW ME, HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH"**.

Let us make sure there is a minimum of one 1st degree in each District every month for the balance of this fraternal year; whether it be a 1st Degree on its own or part of a Major Degree. We cannot afford to let the momentum we have built up to slip away. We simply control that by setting dates for degrees and recruiting to those dates. Many of you will have more than 1 degree per month, which will insure against those who cannot make it on a certain date. We have to allow for those busy family schedules.

By now I am sure you have had the opportunity to attend District meetings to learn from your District Deputies & State Officers what was suggested at the State Mid- Year meeting in Hutchinson a few weeks back. There was a tremendous amount of work that went into that meeting by all who presented the latest GAME PLAN. If you are a Grand Knight and missed out on the boat load of information presented at that meeting and, if your District meeting has already been held, please contact one of the Membership Team members for some powerful

information. Just like getting new members, all you have to do is ask.

Who will win the two Traeger Grills (\$1300 value each) for being the top 2 recruiters in the State of Kansas? The field is still wide open for anyone who steps up to the challenge to be the top recruiters in the state. The top recruiter not only wins the grill but also \$300 in steaks that goes with it. Good luck and Happy Recruiting!!

With a **STATE-WIDE TEAM** effort we can win this battle and all enjoy the fruits of our hard work during the State Convention in May in Wichita, Ks., Vivat Jesus,

Gary Hoppe, Kansas State Membership Director

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Grand Knights Don't Forget Star Council Report Requirements: The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (Form # 1728) is one of those requirements. Although the **deadline** for receipt of this form at Supreme Council is January 31, it would be of great assistance to have it there by **January 15**. In doing so, you will eliminate the need for follow up phone calls at the last minute. Be sure to send a copy to our State Deputy at the same time. The report form can be found on pages 17 & 18 of the Council Report Forms booklet and also on the Kansas K of C web site. This information assists Supreme in providing documentation to retain our non-profit status. Your DD was asked to provide copies of the form to you prior to the District Meeting.

Your council's scrapbook(s) in one or all **six** programming areas should be well under way. Supreme Council recently added Pro-Life as the sixth service program category. Thus scrapbooks can now be submitted in the six service program categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Pro-Life. Scrapbooks should be a year-long process, not something thrown together right before the State Convention. Be sure your Directors and Chairmen are working on this. The deadline to submit is **April 1**.

Be sure to draw your attention to the Food For Families Reporting Form in this issue of The Explorer. Look for more details for this program under the Community Activities Section.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Adopt a Seminarian

Church Activity Director Vincent Melvin III reports that \$165,480.00 has been pledged by the Councils and Assemblies reporting thus far. 196 Councils and 33 Assemblies have reported their participation in the Adopt-a- Seminarian program. If your council has not sent your yellow pledge card to Vince, please do so immediately. We must have all council's participation in order to have all 89 seminarians adopted with equal monies pledged to them. Councils are also asked to fulfill their pledges as soon as possible, as the seminarians need money now to pay for school bills and expenses.

Vocation Poster Contest:

This year's theme is **"A Year for Vocations"**. Plan the details for your council's vocation poster contest at your January meeting so your council's posters can be easily completed, judged and forwarded to your District Deputy by the March 15th deadline.

Religious Education

Fr. David Metz, Religious Education Fund Chairman, has processed all the Religious Education Fund requests. Checks for the program were dispersed to the Grand Knights in December. He asks that you present the checks quickly so the Religious Education groups can make use of

the money in a timely manner.

Religious Education Fund Raising

Religious Education Fund Raffle Ticket sales were a great success again this year. Religious Education Fund Raising Chairman Dean Haselhorst reports all tickets were sold. The Raffle drawing was held at the Mid-Year DD meeting on December 5 and a list of winners was sent to all Grand Knights. **A Special Thanks** to all Brother Knights for their hard work in selling the tickets. Because of this great effort, nearly **\$90,000** was dispersed for Catholic Education in Kansas this year.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Free Throw Contest

Council Free Throw Contests should be held during the month of January. District Contests will be held the first two weeks of February and All **Regional Contests** Are Scheduled for **February 21, 2010**.

The **State Free Throw Contest** will be held **3/7/2010** at the Sacred Heart High School Gym, Salina, KS at 1 p.m.

Youth Activities Director, Tom Schmeidler, reminds all Grand Knights to be sure the **Official Contest Rules** from Supreme are **followed to the letter with no exceptions**. Meet with your judges and scorers ahead of time to insure everyone is well prepared. Immediately after the contest, complete the **Council Winner Free Throw Report – Advancing to District**, provided to you at your District Meeting, and forward it to your District Deputy. At the same time, be sure to file the **Form FT-1 participation report** with Supreme and our State Deputy by **January 31**. It is found on page 11 of the Council Report Forms Booklet or on the Kansas K of C web Site.

Substance Abuse Poster Contest

Grand Knights be sure your Substance Abuse Poster Contest is completed by the end of January so they can be judged the first week of February and the **winning posters sent to your District Deputy by February 15th**.

Columbian Squires

Columbian Squires Chairman Jeremy Rabe reports that the State **Columbian Squires Convention** will be held in Wichita, KS, **March 27th & 28th, 2010**, in St. Jude Parish. We ask all councils to make arrangements for their Squires to attend. Be sure to contact Jeremy for assistance in setting up your new circle today.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Life

Family Life Director Dan Wimberly reports that now is the time to start thinking about your Family of the Year. Select a family, complete the form in the Family of the Month booklet, attach a supplemental write up and forward it to your District Deputy before March 10th. He will select a District Family of the Year, which will be forwarded to the State Family Life judges. Dan will report the names of the State Judges in his January mailing. From these District Families of the Year, Diocesan and State Winners will be chosen and then recognized at the State Convention.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Pennies from Heaven

Pennies from Heaven Chairman Gary Wondra, is looking for several nice donated items for the Country Store and Pennies from Heaven Auction. If you have a member who is talented in woodworking or crafts items, encourage them to make an item to donate. The sale price of these items will be credited to your Council's Pennies From Heaven donation. Please contact Gary as soon as possible so he can plan accordingly.

Tootsie Roll Update

Has your council filed its **Tootsie Roll Report? It was due December 15**. If not, please file it immediately. The original, along with the check from your fundraiser, goes to

State Treasurer Ron Zishka and the yellow copy goes to Commitment to Humanities Chairman Dale Weber. Grand Knights be sure to file **Form #4584—Partnership Profile with Special Olympics** with Supreme and a copy to the State Deputy by the **January 31, 2010** deadline. Kansas receives money from Supreme for Special Olympics based on the number of these forms filed so please make sure this form is filed by the deadline. The Special Olympics Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 18, 19, and 20, 2010 in Hays. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event should contact Dale Weber.

Food For Families Update

Food For Families Chairman Dean Haselhorst encourages all councils to donate goods or services to your local food bank. Supreme Council has set aside a \$1 million fund which will be split

among all states with at least 25% of councils participating in this program. To insure Kansas receives part of the fund, please be sure to complete the reporting form in this issue of The Explorer and file it with Supreme by March 1 and a copy with the State Deputy. Participation in this program fulfills all four requirements for the Community Activities reporting on the Columbian Award application. For additional information contact Dean at 785-628-1916.

Pro-Life Update

Has your council began your "Pro-Life Baby Shower"? If not, there's still time in January, February or even March. Once concluded, be sure to document the value of the items before donating them to a pro-life center(s) of your choice. To insure your council receives proper credit and is eligible for recognition at convention, make sure that all copies of fundraising reports are included with and reported on the Pro-Life report form, which is due April 1st. This year at the mid-year meeting held in Hutchinson, \$1177 in items were raised to kick-off the Pro-Life Baby Shower. The Evangelium Vitae report is due March 20th. The March for Life this year will be held in both Topeka and Washington, DC on January 22.

Supreme Council recently took the pro-life program out from under Community Activities and created a new service program category for Pro-Life. This now adds a new Pro-Life category on the Columbian Award Application. Some suggested activities to report under Pro-Life are:

1. Participation in the "Silver Rose Relay".
2. Pro-Life "Baby Shower" program.
3. Pro-Life "Bottles for Life" program.
4. Pro-Life articles in your church bulletins.
5. Lead rosaries at church and/or at Kof C meetings for Pro-Life.
6. Fundraisers to help buy an ultrasound machine.
7. Take part in the pro-life chain
8. Enter a scrapbook in the Evangelium Vitae and/or the Pro-Life Program.
9. Pro-Life fundraiser for a Pro-Life center of your council's choice.
10. Pro-Life chair couple for your council.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council Activities

The 66th Annual Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament will be held at Play-Mor Lanes in Newton, Kansas on the weekends of Feb.20-21, Feb. 27-28, and March 6-7. All Brother Knights are encouraged to participate. You need not be a league bowler to participate but a current K of C membership card is required. Information was sent out in November however if you did not receive this or if additional

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information is required, please contact Athletic Events Chairman, Marcel Braun at 785-537-0026 or by e-mail at councilactivitydirector@kansas-kofc.org. **Parking is limited so carpooling to the bowling alley is encouraged.**

Hosts are needed for all upcoming sporting events. There has been only one request submitted to host the 2011 golf tournament, Emporia. No other submittals requesting to host the 2011 bowling tournament, the 2011 sporting clay tournament or the 2012 golf tournament have been received. All requests to host any tournament need to be submitted in writing by January 23, 2010 to Marcel Braun, Council Activities Director, 2112 Seaton Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Publicity

Many councils participate in special projects during the Christmas season. If your council adopted a family or child, collected food for the local shelter, delivered Christmas meals or did some other special activity during the season of our Lord's birth, please remember to publicize the information. A picture is worth a thousand words and draws attention to the article. Include the story in your council or parish bulletin and submit copies to the local or diocesan newspaper. If you need help, contact State Publicity Chairman Greg Lix for assistance.

History

State Historian Larry Marstall still needs updated history from several councils. Please don't delay any longer—Do it now before it slips your mind.

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

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: David Soukup wrote \$1,035,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in November.

Central Kansas Agency: Jim Zuperku wrote \$920,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in November.

Western Kansas Agency: Darin Reed wrote \$2,177,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in November.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$32,593,963 in life insurance during the month of November.

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 2009.

Darin Reed Justin Deges Kirby Schmelzle
David Soukup Steve Schmidt Jaime Cunningham
Bill Roggenkamp Dan Reed Wade Greif

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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FOOD FOR FAMILIES REPORT FORM

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

LOCATION _____
CITY STATE/PROVINCE

Council collects food for local food banks _____
Y/N

Number of Food Collection events the council has sponsored _____

Number of volunteer hours contributed by council members/families _____

Number of council members who participate in Food Collection events _____

Describe, in the space provided, the outreach your council provides to local food banks

Council has an organized program of volunteer outreach to local soup kitchens _____
Y/N

Number of times the council has prepared and served a meal at a soup kitchen _____

Total number of meals prepared and served by the council _____

Number of volunteer hours contributed by council members/families _____

Number of council members who participate in outreach of soup kitchens _____

Describe, in the space provided, the outreach your council provides to local soup kitchens

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM BY MARCH 1, 2010 TO:

Knights of Columbus

attn: Robert Ennis, 12th Floor

1 Columbus Plaza

New Haven, CT 06510

Form may also be e-mailed to: robert.ennis@kofc.org

Copy to State Deputy